



New Parishioner
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Dear New Parishioner:

This September, members of our St. Mary Faith Community will receive two letters -- one from the parish and another from the Archdiocese. First is this letter from the parish, inviting you to renew your annual stewardship pledge to support the ongoing operations of the parish and school. The second letter is from the "Love One Another Capital Campaign." If you have not already been contacted, this second letter will arrive shortly. Ideally, by receiving both at about the same time, you will be able to consider how to best respond to each need.

What is the difference between stewardship renewal and a capital campaign?

Stewardship renewal is the annual pledge (typically in October) to support the operations of the school and the parish. It is the primary funding we need to keep the doors open and pay our teachers and staff and provide for our daily operations. Your annual pledge to operations keeps St. Mary's going. This letter allows you to pledge your operating support for the calendar year of 2023. Our annual operating budget is set to break even as we work hard to never spend more than we take in.

A capital campaign is Archdiocesan-wide and goes above and beyond the operating budget addressing the larger items we cannot afford in the break-even annual operating budget. Capital campaigns occur every 8 to 12 years and pay for things like large building repairs, roofs, boilers, parking lots and investments to ensure the future of our parish and school. Key to me in this campaign is reinvesting in post sacramental evangelization and you will hear more about that in the weeks ahead. The second letter will arrive at your home in the next two weeks from the Love One Another Capital Campaign with further details. The Capital campaign will request a larger commitment over the next 5 years to support investments and reinvestments in the future of the parish and Archdiocese. Capital campaign funds are restricted to the types of investment described above and may not be used for operating budget expenses or salaries.

What do I do next?

As you discern how you can support St. Mary Parish, I encourage you to bring this to prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit for the gifts of wisdom and courage as you discern how best to share your gifts to build the Kingdom of God. Please consider how you may be able to support our critical ongoing annual operations. Then further consider your ability to support our additional capital needs above and beyond that over the next 5 years. No matter your level of giving, you will be supporting the spiritual renewal of our parish and parishioners. Please know of my own prayers of gratitude for you and your gifts. I find myself very thankful that I have the blessing of your generosity. Thank you for being a disciple of Jesus Christ and thank you for being such a wonderful member of our parish family.
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Aaron R. Laskiewicz
Administrator

2022 Operation Pledge: \$ 0.00

2023 Annual Giving Renewal

Please return your pledge envelope to Mass or to the Parish Office by **October 15, 2022**

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In 2023, I/We will support the mission of St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

with a gift of: \$ _____ per month x 12 = \$ _____ annual amount.

_____ I have auto withdrawal on the 1st 15th of each month. (circle one)

Adjust my amount to meet my new pledge. _____

Signature/Date