



23 October 2022 + Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commitment Weekends

This weekend begins our general pledge commitments for our parish/diocesan capital campaign, and will continue through next weekend as well. Our goal is to reach out as far and wide as we can to all of our registered parishioners, to make a five-year pledge for our capital improvement fund - equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

We have heard from some parishioners wanting assurances that the money that is sent to the Diocese of La Crosse will be applied to our parish capital improvement fund. I want to assure you that this will be the case. It is important for all of you to know that the Diocese of La Crosse is monitored and audited regularly by an outside, independent accounting firm, making sure that all monies are properly collected and distributed to where they are intended. The same is true for our parish. We are regularly audited by the same accounting firm and have a group of parishioners who do an internal audit each year.

Those of us who have already made our pledge have received notification from the diocese that our pledge and initial gift was received. I have already received my first monthly statement. Each month I will be notified as to what I pledged, what I have paid, and how much remains on my pledge. In addition, the parish will receive a regular report on what is deposited into our capital improvement account from our contributions.

It is so important for you to be assured that your hard-earned money you contribute to the Church is properly monitored and accounted for. One of the principal responsibilities of those parishioners who serve on our parish finance council is to oversee both the accounting and proper use of all contributions. I cannot thank our finance council members enough for their work to do so. One of my responsibilities as pastor is to appoint members who have some level of expertise in accounting and finance. I always welcome parishioners who have a background in accounting and finance who are willing to serve in this capacity. If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding our parish accounting and finances, know that you are always welcome to ask our finance office or members of the finance council.

I conclude by giving special recognition to Lori Setzer, our parish finance officer. Lori has done an incredible job helping to make the transition from three separate parishes to one single parish. She has been diligent in her accounting and reporting of funds restricted for use in each church location, and those funds that can be used for the All Saints Parish in general. Lori oversees the strict application of policies and procedures set by our finance council, the diocese, our independent auditors, and government agencies. This is not an easy task! I cannot thank her enough for her dedication and due diligence regarding the care of our parish finances.

Deepest thanks and appreciation to all of you for your continued financial and spiritual support of our parish family!