

December 2024

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Parish Families,

Our parish is so blessed by the gracious generosity and stewardship of time, talent and treasure of all our parishioners. Generosity is the heart and soul of our parish. And as you can see from the ministries picture page (on back of this page) your loving generosity makes all of these activities a reality, and we are so grateful to you all!

Our generosity is always rewarded and blessed by God. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38). Certainly we should give without expecting anything in return, however God always turns toward us and sees and blesses our generosity – this is fundamental to the nature of God.

Beloved, this is the time of year when we annually make our commitment and Stewardship Pledge to support our parish for the coming year, 2025. Your financial giving supports and sustains our entire parish program (see enclosed), our ministries, philanthropies, facilities, utilities and maintenance of our buildings.

If you are able to increase your pledge from last year that would be greatly appreciated, as our parish expenses increase every year. The average annual stewardship pledge amount last year was \$1,000 ('Pacecetter"). All Christians are humbly encouraged to consider giving according to the Biblical teaching of "tithing" by considering the many beautiful giving categories listed on the pledge card.

We ask that you carefully review all of the enclosed stewardship material and prayerfully fill out our 2025 Stewardship Commitment/Pledge Form, using the return envelope, and mail/bring it to Church by December 31.

Also, to make your giving easier, you may contribute weekly, monthly or any way you wish, using the stewardship envelopes you receive in the mail as you see fit. You may also choose to contribute via our online giving platform. And please know that your giving to the Church is always tax deductible.

Thank you so much for your generosity, love and support! With much love in Christ for a blessed and Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year,

Fr. Christopher John Vitale, Council President, Carol DiPietro, Stewardship Chair