

Dear Friends,

Supporting parish ministries is crucial for the spiritual health of our church family. Our ministries, from liturgical services to outreach programs, are the heart of parish life and are essential to fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ. Our world is created that in order to have vital ministries, financial support is needed. Monetary support is essential to sustaining and expanding the ministries of our parish. While much of the work of in parish ministries is carried out by dedicated volunteers, financial resources are necessary to ensure these ministries can function effectively and reach more people.

Here is why monetary support is so important:

- **Operational Sustainability:** Parish ministries require funds to cover basic operating costs, such as salaries for staff, maintenance of church facilities, utilities, and necessary supplies.
- **Program Development:** Financial resources enable the development and expansion of ministry programs. Whether it is a youth group, religious education, outreach, or adult faith formation, money is needed to fund materials, training and event costs. Without adequate funding, our parish may struggle to offer high-quality programs that foster spiritual growth.
- **Maintaining and improving our buildings/grounds:** We are constantly maintaining and improving our facilities. Monetary donations allow us to keep our church and grounds beautiful and welcoming, and provide to a functional atmosphere for worship and ministry.
- **Mission and Evangelization:** In an age of secularism and shifting cultural values, our parish is called to be more active in evangelizing and spreading the gospel message. Financial contributions allow us to invest in social media outreach that draws people in and helps them encounter Christ in new ways.

You may have noticed our Sunday collection is lower than it used to be. The main reason for this is the passing of a few parishioners who were significant contributors to our church. In order to continue our ministries, I am asking for a donation to the ministry of your choice, separate from the regular Sunday collection. By doing so, this will help us to stay in budget.

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving Day is called "Giving Tuesday". I encourage you to consider donating to our Parish ministries on Giving Tuesday this year, December 3. If you donate online or write a check, you can make a general donation or indicate which ministry you want your donation to go towards.

Some of the ministries in need of financial support:

Administration (website, livestream, office expenses like postage, paper ect.)

Adult Education (Christmas/Easter books, Advent/Lent prayer materials)

Bell Choir (sheet music, servicing the bells to keep them in good condition)

Building & Grounds (general upkeep, mowing, lawn care)

College Ministry (care packages, cards, etc)
 Community Outreach (Farmers markets, logo items, radio advertising, Christmas/Easter postcards)
 FACT
 Family Faith Formation
 Flower Fund (General Altar flowers, Easter & Christmas)
 Good Shepherd
 Memory Tree
 OCIA
 Other Parish
 Activities (Guest Speakers, catering, Volunteer appreciation.
 Parish Mission
 Prayer Garden
 Rescue Project
 Sacramental Preparation
 Senior Scholarship
 Tuition Assistance/BHCS
 Subsidy
 Vacation Bible School
 Visiting Priests

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In conclusion, I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for your very generous contributions to our parish. The financial contributions are crucial for the ongoing success and growth of our parish ministries. I invite you to reflect on the ways our parish has touched your life and the lives of others. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to be a place of refuge, support, and love. Your generosity and involvement are key to our shared mission of building a vibrant and thriving community of Sacred Heart.

On Thanksgiving Day, let express our gratitude to God for all the blessings He bestows on us.
 Happy and blessed Thanksgiving,
 Fr. Krzysztof Kardzis