



*And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. Luke 9:16-17, NRSV*

November 1, 2022

Dear Family and Friends of St. Francis:

Leading the annual Fall Stewardship Campaign is never easy, but it has its own rewards. One of those is to witness the power of how your gifts fund the mission and ministries of St. Francis – within the parish, in our community, and beyond. Because of you, we can share God’s message of love with many, and this is the greatest gift!

Our theme this year is *More Than Enough* which calls us to remember that when we share what we have with the world, miracles happen – like Jesus feeding the five thousand. This Fall, we have been focusing on sharing our gifts of *Wealth, Works, and Wisdom* and today it falls on us to talk about *Wealth*. We know each household has had a different financial experience of the pandemic, and this year’s turbulent market and inflation have been rough on all of us. Even so, we are inspired by the ways you made and continued to make your financial gifts to sustain our ministries.

Thank you. Thank you for all that you do for the Church and for the world. We cannot stress strongly enough how important your sharing of your Wealth is to keep the mission and ministries of St. Francis moving forward. The Narrative Budget you received highlights that almost 70% of St. Francis’ income is from the generosity of its members – members like **you!** And given the uncertainty of 2023, your continued/increased generosity is essential for the life of St. Francis.

Enclosed please find your Commitment Card for 2023, a step-chart, and a percent-giving chart. We ask you to *prayerfully* consider how you will contribute your gift of Wealth in 2023. The two charts can help guide you should you feel called to increase your giving. We request that Commitment Cards be returned to the church by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

We ask that you pray with us as we proceed through our Fall gathering of gifts and gratitude. We appreciate your presence and participation in our Fall Stewardship Campaign as we seek to share or *Wealth, Works, and Wisdom* as God intends.

In the spirit of gratitude,

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