

2024 Seasons of Giving at St. John's In The Mountains

Every year St. John's asks each of us to make a pledge to support the mission and ministry of St. John's in the coming calendar year. Our mission, "Daily, we strive to be a welcoming Christian community of faith: loving and forgiving, questioning and learning, inviting and serving", is being realized, and in many ways. Here are some examples – Wednesday Eucharist and supper, Flood Relief, Sunday 8 a.m. services, Art Ministry, and Childcare Sunday.

There are new faces in our midst, seriousness about personal spiritual growth, and we have many opportunities to learn and deepen our faith. We continue to reach out to our community in service and witness. The Gospel is proclaimed, the sacraments are administered, we make beautiful music, and our mutual joy turns into hugs and laughter. We have so much to be thankful for as a community of God's people and we truly have an amazing church.

One of the ways that we live thankfully is to return a portion of the material gifts God has entrusted to our care to the church for the yearly ministry and witness of the church. During the month of October, you have been hearing parishioners share their journey in faith toward being good stewards of God's gifts. Fr. Rick will continue to share his story and perspectives on Seasons of Giving via his sermons. You will also find in the bulletins and online reflections, passages from scripture and other material for you to prayerfully consider. We ask God to guide each one of us in growing the mission of the church through our pledges.

Here is a prayer for you to think about as you consider your pledge for 2024.

Dear God,

At Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus. Be with us as we progress on our faith journey. Send us your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom for the journey. Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards, that we may use them in love and service in your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Enclosed with this letter is a pledge card. Please bring your pledge card to the Ingathering on Sunday, November 12th during the 10 O'clock services. If you are unable to attend the Ingathering, please mail or drop off your pledge card.

We prayerfully ask you to consider participating in the 2024 Seasons of Giving at St. John's In The Mountains.

Yours in Christ,

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