The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

2026-2027 Fall Stewardship

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8, NRSV

Week of October 4

Pledge Packets Mailed Home

Sunday, October 11

2026-2027 Fall Stewardship Launch

Plenty Good Room Pledge Campaign and Food Donation Drive

Sunday, October 18

Kelly Olds - Personal Reflection

Sunday, October 25

Christy & Patty Herrmann - Personal Reflection

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 8

Justin Ehrenberg - Personal Reflection

Sunday, November 15

Carol Foote - Personal Reflection

Sunday, November 22

Ingathering to Bless our Pledges, Celebrate our Shared Ministry

and Fill "Blessing Backpacks" During Coffee Hour

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The spiritual "Plenty Good Room" proclaims the goods news of God's abundant and inclusive love. The table is set, the place is prepared, and all are welcome. It reminds us that in God's kingdom there is room for everyone, and that we are called to reflect that same hospitality and generosity in our life together.

- Each of us has gifts to share, whether through service, generosity, leadership, prayer, encouragement, or simply being present for one another.
- No one has every gift, but everyone has something to offer. Together, our gifts help reflect God's love and build a stronger community.
- Stewardship is a year-round practice; an invitation to join in God's work by sharing the blessings we have received and helping others experience welcome, belonging, and hope.

As we begin our *Plenty Good Room* journey, you will hear from others in our parish about the difference generosity can make. You/your family are encouraged to spend time in prayer, considering both the many blessings God has given you and the ways you might share those blessings in support of our common mission and ministry.

How is God inviting you/your family to participate in God's work through the gifts entrusted to you?

Children's Sunday School Teachers	Office Angels	Building & Grounds Ministry
Pizza Church Volunteers	Camera Acolytes	Finance Team Ministry
Youth Acolytes (Cross/Torches)	Money Counters	Fundraising Ministry
Eucharistic Minister/Crucifer	Sound Technicians	Stewardship Ministry
Eucharistic Visitors	Ushers/Greeters	Columbarium Ministry
Altar Guild	Building Sextons	Creation Care Ministry
Designers Guild	Music/Choir	Beyond Bias Ministry
Bread Bakers Guild	Order Daughters of the King	Men's BBQ Ministry

There is *Plenty Good Room* at God's table, and through our stewardship we help extend that welcome to others. May this season inspire us to share our gifts with joyful hearts, making room for all to know they are loved, valued, and welcome.

MAKING A PLEDGE COMMITMENT

WHAT IS A PLEDGE: A pledge is a prayerful commitment to support the life and ministry of the church through a financial gift in the coming year. It is a personal expression of faith and stewardship, offered with confidence, joy, and hope. Through your pledge, you participate in God's work and help sustain the ministries that nurture our parish and serve our wider community.

WHY PLEDGE: A pledge is more than a financial commitment. It is a prayerful act of faith, gratitude, and hope. By making a pledge, you join in the shared work of ministry and help provide a strong foundation for the church's mission in the coming year. Your commitment enables St. John's to plan faithfully, steward resources wisely, and continue proclaiming God's love through worship, fellowship, outreach, and service.

WHEN TO PLEDGE: As we look toward the coming year with hope and trust in God's abundance, we invite you to make your pledge by November 22, 2026. Together, we will celebrate and bless these commitments, giving thanks for all that God has entrusted to us.

WAYS TO PLEDGE:

- Fill out a pledge card received by mail or pick up a pledge packet on the ministry table. Return your pledge card in the offering plate during worship, mail or drop off your pledge card in the church office.
- OR pledge online on St. John's website: www.stjohnsoflodi.org/Stewardship-Campaign

or click on this QR code:

PLEDGE PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. **Direct Bank Transfer**: An automated bank transfer from your checking or savings account. You may schedule weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments. Schedule this yourself with your bank OR fill out Automatic Funds Withdrawal form in the pledge packet. 100% goes to St. John's.
2. **Check or Cash**: Using the envelopes in our pews, place in the offering plate during Sunday services, mail to or drop off in the church office. 100% goes to St. John's.
3. **Givelify App**: Pay pledge by credit or debit card, sent on your timeline. Scan QR code. Transaction fees apply.
4. **Other:** A donor advised fund, stock, or securities. Please advise the office if need assistance.

WHAT IF MY FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE AFTER PLEDGING? Pledging is a flexible commitment. Should your financial circumstances change, schedule a confidential pastoral visit with Rev. Betsy or confidential conversation with our Treasurer, Stephanie Pilcher Goossens (209-365-3615).

HOW MUCH SHOULD WE PLEDGE?

- A pledge is a commitment made in response to the love which God has shown for us in Christ, as well as in event of daily life. It is an offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies.
- We ask you to consider pledging proportionally. Proportional giving means that a share of our personal monetary resources is being devoted to the church's mission on a regular schedule.
- Tithing is a standard in the Episcopal Church, by which we measure our offerings. Within that context, the biblical tithe (10%) becomes a minimum goal in deciding what portion of our resources will be given.
- Recognizing that everyone's financial circumstances are different, we are simply asking you to make a commitment to proportional giving. If not currently pledging, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a 5% pledge this year. Those currently giving, we prayerfully ask you to consider raising your pledge by 1% .

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond the Tithe		Tithe	Proportional Giving								
		15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
$20,000	$385	$58	$46	$38	$35	$31	$27	$23	$19	$15	$12	$8	$4
$40,000	$769	$115	$92	$77	$69	$62	$54	$46	$38	$31	$23	$15	$8
$50,000	$962	$144	$115	$96	$87	$77	$67	$58	$48	$38	$29	$19	$10
$70,000	$1,346	$202	$162	$135	$121	$108	$94	$81	$67	$54	$40	$27	$13
$80,000	$1,538	$231	$185	$154	$138	$123	$108	$92	$77	$62	$46	$31	$15
$90,000	$1,731	$260	$208	$173	$156	$138	$121	$104	$87	$69	$52	$35	$17
$100,000	$1,923	$288	$231	$192	$173	$154	$135	$115	$96	$77	$58	$38	$19
$120,000	$2,308	$346	$277	$231	$208	$185	$162	$138	$115	$92	$69	$46	$23
$150,000	$2,885	$433	$346	$288	$260	$231	$202	$173	$144	$115	$87	$58	$29
$200,000	$3,846	$577	$462	$385	$346	$308	$269	$231	$192	$154	$115	$77	$38
$250,000	$4,808	$721	$577	$481	$433	$385	$337	$288	$240	$192	$144	$96	$48

Thank you for your faithful generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Together, as a community of faith at St. John's, we are blessed to serve, grow, and share in Christ's ministry and love.

With grateful hearts, your Vestry,

Beth Elwood - Sr. Warden, Eric Goossens – Jr. Warden, Rosemary Cress, David Diekman, Phyllis Duarte, Robert Elliott, Katie Howard, Christina Soria, and Dani Wilson