

GRATEFULNESS

Stewardship Renewal 2021



ST. BENEDICT
CATHEDRAL

St. Benedict Cathedral

“A grateful heart is spontaneously impelled to serve the Lord and to find expression in a life of commitment to our work. Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self-sacrifice, of working for Him and for others, becomes a privileged way of responding to His great love.”

— Pope Francis



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“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). God’s gifts to us can be summed up in one word — *everything*. How easy it is to forget this truth in our fast-paced world where we have little time to “stop and smell the roses,” let alone be grateful to the One who created them for us!

Yet, gratefulness is both the key to a stewardship way of life, and the secret to a joy-filled life. When we do take a moment to reflect on God’s goodness and His passionate love for each of us, we cannot help but be filled with gratefulness and a surge of joy that comes from recognizing how abundant His blessings are.

Our annual Stewardship Renewal is that moment for us — as individuals and as a parish family — to pause and allow our hearts to be filled to overflowing with gratefulness to God who has spared nothing in His love for us, giving us even His own Son as our Savior. As this gratefulness overflows from us, it “demands” an outlet in our lives. Stewardship gives us that outlet. It offers us a concrete way to express our gratefulness to God, to thank Him with our very lives for every good and perfect gift.



“Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.” – Psalm 136:1

STEWARDSHIP OF *Time*

Grateful Moments

Pope Francis says, “To be able to offer thanks, to be able to praise the Lord for what He has done for us: this is important!” Our good God has given each day to us as a gift, and He waits for us to turn to Him daily in prayer. There really is nothing more important or necessary than spending time with God. How much of my God-given time do I devote to Him each day? How often do I stop to think of Him, even briefly, to offer thanks for His constant care for me? Have I fostered a grateful heart by counting my blessings at the end of the day?

After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my loved ones. Here Pope Francis encourages us to “waste time” with our families — to set aside time to simply enjoy one another without distraction. This requires a commitment in our digital world. Can I commit to this use of my time?

- † Try reflecting each morning on the daily readings of the Catholic Church (found as usccb.org/bible/readings) to ask God what He wants to teach you in the day ahead.
- † Take a moment to pray in your car on the way to or from work or errands, offering your cares and your gratitude to the Lord.
- † As a family, give each member a chance to say a “please,” “thank you” and “I’m sorry” prayer to God at the end of the day. End with an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*.
- † In addition to Sunday Mass, make Sunday dinner a priority as a time to reconnect before the start of a busy week.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Talent*

Grateful Living

Our good God has created each one of us with unique strengths, personalities, interests and challenges. All are His gifts to us. And all are meant for our good, the good of others and His glory. Isn't that an amazing truth! Consider these words the Lord is speaking to you today, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another" (John 15:16-17). During this moment of Renewal, think about the gifts the Lord has given you and your family and ask Him how you can use them to love others in gratefulness for His goodness to you.

- † Spend some time prayerfully reading the ministry catalogue to consider an area of service that will truly stretch you or an area where you can provide a real strength.
- † If you are already involved in one ministry, pray about an additional way you might serve. For instance, if you are involved in assisting with the Liturgy in some way, volunteer in an outreach to the community.
- † If you are not active in a prayer or faith formation group, join one so as to become a more effective servant of the Lord.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Treasure*

Grateful Giving

Just as time and talents are gifts from God, so too, are material things, or Treasure. And just as our time and talent are meant to be used for our good, the good of others and God's glory, so too, is our treasure. Does this mean we serve a "greedy" God, who wants to give, and then take back what He gives? Of course not! Anything He asks us to do is meant to make our joy complete in Him. Returning a portion of our treasure to Him teaches us to depend on Him and brings a peace and contentment the world cannot give. Will you take a leap of faith to try it and see for yourself?

- † Consider your current budget and spending trends. What habits may be preventing you from giving more selflessly?
- † Commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory and be faithful to your tithing commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.



2021 Ministries

ADOPT-A-SPOT

Volunteers choose a particular space on the campus for landscaping, planting and maintenance, coordinated with our maintenance department.

*Contact: Dennis Lamey, 812-204-7704;
Gene Schmidt, 812-459-5685*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Volunteers typically take a weekly one-hour time for adoration.

*Contact: Lisa Roth, 812-473-1702,
lisaroth1969@gmail.com*

ATHLETICS VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed each time a game is held at St. Benedict Cathedral School Gym or for other specific needs, such as organizing uniforms.

Contact: School Office, 812-425-4596

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GREETING MINISTRY

Volunteers assist in creating electronic and paper birthday or anniversary greetings to parishioners.

*Contact: Gini Combs,
virginia.combs100@gmail.com*

BOY SCOUTS/CUB SCOUTS

*Contact: John Payne, 812-483-4095,
j5payne@yahoo.com*

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Buildings and Grounds Committee coordinates maintenance projects and budgeting for these projects under the auspices of the Finance Council.

*Contact: Andrew Howard, 812-480-5861,
knotstressn@gmail.com*

CAJE — CONGREGATIONS ACTING FOR JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

Volunteers attend meetings to make a positive difference for those most in need in our community. Meetings generally held every other month.

*Contact: Jane Leingang, 812-477-8285,
jeleingang@gmail.com*

CANTOR

Cantors sing at the weekend Masses.

*Contact: Jeremy Korba, 812-425-3369,
ext. 162, jkorba@evdio.org*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Occurs during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass, during the school year. Catechists teach one of two groups of children ages 3-7 for about 15 minutes. Depending on number of catechists, service is every two to three weeks.

Contact: Joy Timmons, 812-204-0718, joylitatimmons@yahoo.com

CHOIR

Our SATB Adult Choir (women's and men's voices) rehearses every Thursday (except in the summers) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in church, and sings every other week, typically at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Contact: Jennifer Korba, 812-573-1530, jrkorba@evdio.org

CHURCH DECORATING

The church is decorated for Easter and Christmas. Volunteers are needed on announced days to help with the major portions of decorating. Help is also needed

at the end of these seasons for teardown. Decorations for other feast days are also needed.

Contact: Tami Orr, 812-459-1432, rrorr@sbcglobal.net

COOKIE DISCIPLES

As requested, volunteers bake five to six dozen cookies for parish events, on average, three or four times a year.

Contact: Donna Halverson, 812-425-3369, dhalverson@evdio.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Commissioned by the bishop and trained in the parish, EMHCs distribute Holy Communion at the daily and weekend Masses — typically scheduled by Ministry Scheduler Pro every month or so.

Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, 812-425-3369, gmullen@evdio.org

FOOD MINISTRY

As requested, volunteers prepare food and serve the meal during





parish events. Teams are called upon, on average, a few times each year.

Contact: Barb Hargrove, 812-484-9240, b.hargrove47714@gmail.com; Becky Heerdink, 812-589-1585, dabeda123@aol.com

FUN-RAISING COMMITTEE

The Fun-Raising Committee works together to plan and carry out social events for community building in our parish. They've helped host events like Movie Night, Pickle-Ball, Bowling and Oktoberfest.

Contact: Patti Hall, 812-483-2525, pattibhall@yahoo.com

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

As requested, volunteers prepare food and others serve the meal, following the funerals of parishioners. Teams are called upon, on average, every second or third month.

Contact: Kelley Coppens, 812-425-3369, kcoppens@evdio.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Volunteers assist in the building of homes for the homeless.

Contact: Steve Titzer, 812-459-1062

HALLMARK MINISTRY

Volunteers agree to send encouraging seasonal notes to assigned senior parishioners who are homebound or in care facilities.

Contact: Carol Burns, cburns312@gmail.com

HEAVENLY DUSTERS

Particular areas of the church are cleaned each week by teams of volunteers — some take particular areas of the nave of the church and others oversee the cleaning of other rooms. Typically an hour or two every third month.

Contact: Kelley Coppens, 812-425-3369, kcoppens@evdio.org

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Proficient musicians on keyboard and other instruments accompany the assembly at weekend Masses, along with weddings and funerals.

Contact: Jeremy Korba, 812-425-3369, ext. 162, jkorba@evdio.org





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A fraternity of Catholic men who work to build up the Church and serve the broader community.

Contact: Mike Primus, Grand Knight, 317-400-3813, primus.michael@gmail.com

LEAGUE OF ST. BENEDICT

The League of St. Benedict is a group of individuals, businesses and foundations who support the mission of our parish school by contributing at least \$1,000 per year, in addition to their commitment to Sunday giving. Their commitment is honored by mention in various modes of communication throughout the year.

Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, 812-425-3369, gmullen@evdio.org; Kari Ford, 812-425-4596, kford@evdio.org

LECTOR

Proclaim the readings at weekend Masses, typically scheduled by Ministry Scheduler Pro every month or so.

Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, 812-425-3369, gmullen@evdio.org

MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS

Maintenance volunteers typically work together on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to assist the maintenance staff with various projects. Volunteers may serve at other hours and days as well.

Contact: Flavien Elpers, 812-604-8980, felpers20@gmail.com

MASS GREETERS

The Mass Greeters arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass to greet

people joyfully as they enter church for Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Individuals, couples and families may assist with this ministry. Assigned by Ministry Scheduler Pro to weekend Masses every month or two.

Contact: Kelley Coppens, 812-425-3369, cathedral@evdio.org

MASS SERVER

Mass servers are assigned by Ministry Scheduler Pro to weekend and Holy Day Masses about every four to six weeks.

Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, 812-425-3369, gmullen@evdio.org

PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY

Volunteers take pictures and/or video at parish events. Other volunteers create and manage a repository of these pictures and videos to document the history of our parish photographically.

Contact: Parish Office, 812-425-3369, cathedral@evdio.org



PRAYER CHAIN

Volunteers agree to be contacted to add particular intentions to their prayers.

Phone Prayer Chain Contact: Nancy Vaught, 812-491-1786

Email Prayer Chain Contact: Mike David, mdavid1407@gmail.com; www.saintbenedictcathedral.org/prayer-intentions

QUILTERS

Quilting takes place on Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m. in the basement of the parish center to make quilts for the raffle at the Summer Social.

Contact: Barb Rogge, 812-475-8579

RCIA

Learn more about the faith as you sponsor an adult seeking to be baptized or received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Meet weekly, August-Easter.

Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, 812-425-3369, gmullen@evdio.org

SACRISTAN

Set up for weekend Masses about once a month — set out hosts, chalices with wine, and all that is needed for Mass.

Contact: Kelley Coppens, 812-425-3369, kcoppens@evdio.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Vincentians visit families in need in their homes to assess need and then meet on Monday evenings at the parish to distribute assistance.

Contact: Phil Gamble, pagamble51@gmail.com

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

As-needed or regular service in our school office, classrooms or cafeteria.

Contact: Kari Ford, 812-425-4596, kford@evdio.org;
Ami Pitt, 812-425-4596, apitt@evdio.org



SUMMER SOCIAL

Parish festival in the late summer. Volunteers chair and work in booths, help with dinner, etc.

Contact: Daniel and Jennifer Ziemer, 812-204-8248, jennifer@ziemerfuneralhome.com

TOUR MINISTRY

Parish volunteers offer church tours on a monthly basis after the weekend Masses.

Contact: Jane Hackert, 812-499-4603, jlhackert@hotmail.com

USHERS

Ushers assist parishioners with seating at weekend Masses, take up the collection, and place the collection in a safe place after Mass. Teams are assigned for a particular Mass a month at a time, three to four times a year.

Contact: Jeff Marx, 812-430-5622, jeffmarx@wowway.com





VISITING MINISTRY

Volunteers visit homebound parishioners every two to four weeks in their homes or in nursing homes. If these volunteers are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, they may also bring Holy Communion to them.

*Contact: Sr. Pat McGuire, OSB,
812-425-3369, ext. 160,
pmcguire@evdio.org*

WELCOMING MINISTRY

Volunteers focus attention on welcoming new parishioners to our parish.

*Contact: Mike David,
mdavid1407@gmail.com*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A seasonal women's Scripture study and spirituality group that meets on Sunday, 9 to 10:15 a.m. or Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 p.m., following the program named Walking with Purpose.

*Contact: Kim Early, 812-453-5448,
kimberlydawnearly@gmail.com;
Audra Douglas, 812-202-3471,
audra.douglas@yahoo.com*

Councils & Other Ministries

(Appointed by Pastor or Principal)

COLLECTION COUNTERS

The Collection Counters are appointed by the Pastor. They count and deposit the Sunday collection on rotation, working in teams, to insure internal controls for the safety of everyone's stewardship of treasure.

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council is appointed by the Pastor. It meets monthly to review the financial well-being of the parish, to budget annually for the school and parish, and to provide healthy direction for the parish's finances. They also are consulted when expenditures outside of budget are necessary. They are an advisory council to the Pastor.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is elected and appointed. Meeting monthly, they advise the Pastoral Staff on the direction of the parish.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council is appointed by the Principal, in consultation with the Pastor. They focus on the school's Catholic identity, strategic planning, facilities and technology, and academic excellence, along with enrollment and retention. They are an advisory council to the Principal and Pastor.



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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2021 Commitment Card

First & Last Name

Phone

Email

Spouse: First & Last Name

Spouse: Phone

Spouse: Email

Address

City **State** **ZIP**

After completion, please bring this card to Mass on **Oct. 2/3**, or mail using the envelope provided.
Thank you and God bless you!

Talent

**USING MY TALENTS
IN PARISH MINISTRIES**

Find out more about these programs in our Stewardship Handbook. When you sign up, the leader will call to explain how to get involved.

- Currently Involved - Interested in Joining

↓ Please clearly write the first name of interested family member on the line.

*St. Benedict Cathedral
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_____ Adopt-A-Spot

_____ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

_____ Athletics Volunteer

_____ Birthday/Anniversary Greeting Ministry

_____ Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

_____ Buildings and Grounds Committee

_____ CAJE — Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment

_____ Cantor

_____ Children's Liturgy of the Word

_____ Choir

_____ Church Decorating

_____ Cookie Disciples

_____ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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Treasure

**SHARING MY TREASURE
THROUGH THE OFFERTORY**

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Benedict Cathedral is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the biblical tithe:

**5% to God through
the parish offertory**

1% to the diocese (through the parish)
4% to other charitable causes

My Offertory pledge to St. Benedict Cathedral
Percentage of household income: _____ %

Please complete either a weekly or monthly offertory gift:

Weekly gift \$ _____ x52 = \$ _____ annually

or

Monthly gift \$ _____ x12 = \$ _____ annually

Weekly giving based on
proportion of income

Weekly Giving Chart

% of Hshld. Income	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	\$96	\$48	\$38	\$10
\$70,000	\$135	\$67	\$54	\$14
\$100,000	\$192	\$96	\$76	\$19
\$200,000	\$384	\$192	\$154	\$38

Please bring your completed Commitment Card to Mass on **October 2/3**, or mail it to the parish in the envelope provided.

Please keep until Fall 2022

Stewardship Involves Commitment

It's difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent, or treasure if we do not first give Him 100 percent of our hearts. For this reason, our Stewardship Renewal is a time for growing closer to God above all else. It is a time to make God our top priority, and then express this growth through written commitments. How will you turn more readily to Him with your whole heart?



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