



*God's Economy*  
*Rooted in Christ,*  
*Abounding in Thanksgiving*

-Colossians 2:6-7

October 2024

Greetings to our beloved faith family from your Annual Giving team! We are grateful for all of you – your gifts, your time, your work, and sharing with all of you the worship that sustains us through each day of our lives. God is good and we are abundantly thankful for you.

On September 8, in his sermon, Father Howie asked us to meditate on what it means to acknowledge that our lives are God's gift to us, a gift of love that we are asked, in turn, to share freely with others, never fearing that God will run out of gifts to give. If we are fearful that someday we might not have enough, we can hold on to the knowledge of God's abundance that never stops giving and sustaining us. We can pray with our whole hearts at the end of every Eucharistic service that God will grant us strength and courage to love and serve Him with GLADNESS.

As we do each year, we ask that you prayerfully consider how your financial gift to St. Thomas's can help us accomplish all that we hope to do, serving each other and those outside our doors who need us. Since Covid, our parish has lived on the brink of deficit spending. Needs for major property repairs face a nearly empty reserve fund. Our goal is to raise \$280,000 to fund our 2025 budget; 290,000 would be better. This goal would require a 15% increase in parish giving.

The cards in this envelope are for you to share what you intend to give, and to return them by **October 27**. Please ask God for guidance as you decide what you intend to do to support our work and worship. If you have given before, we thank you. If you are new to giving and choose to do so, we thank you. If you have put a gift in the plate as you can, we thank you. If you choose to make your intended gift larger than it has been, we thank you. **There is nothing we cannot do**, if we do it together giving thanks to God for all our many gifts, and for the work and worship we engage in together. Let us live into God's Economy: Rooted in Christ, abounding in thanksgiving.

In Christ's Love:

Joy Lynam, Chair

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