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## Happy New Year! Stewardship

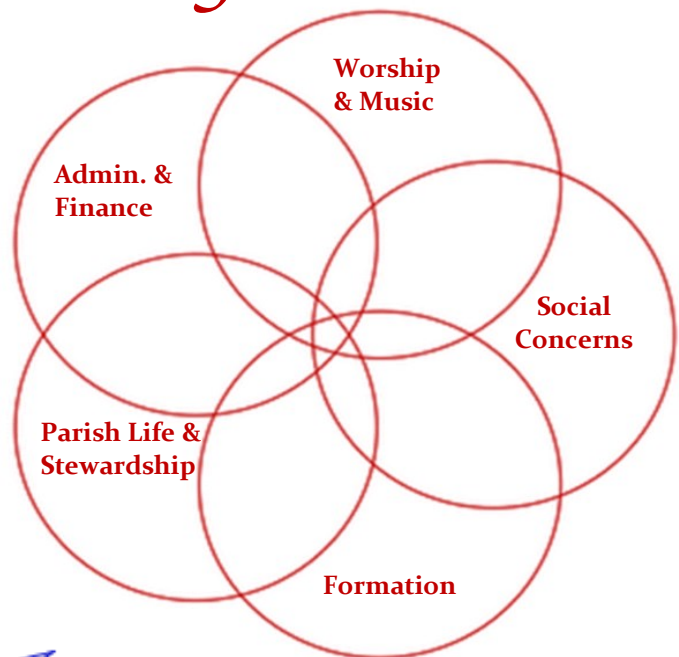
### Stewardship Fair

*By: The Stewardship Committee*

Over the next few weeks, we encourage you to reflect on some very important themes – our service to others, our commitment to building bridges that bring others closer to God and ways we can illuminate the gifts in others.

This month, we will have an opportunity to put our reflections into action. After all Masses on the weekend of January 27 and 28, we will have a Stewardship Fair. Members from a variety of different service programs and committees will be present to answer questions and help us get involved.

Members of the Formation team will be on hand to demonstrate the many offerings of Formed, the online Catholic content program we as parishioners have access to for the coming year. You will have an opportunity to have your photo taken for the parish online directory. Please prayerfully consider attending.



*In the life of a parish, much like a person's life, there are interconnected roles. When we look at the major parish committees: Worship & Music; Parish Life & Stewardship; Administration & Finance; Social Concerns; and Formation, many of our activities and ministries have a basis in more than one area. So we might see our parish as the many parts of the one functioning body, or perhaps a tapestry designed by our interweaving of worship and encounters and activities and outreach. As the Cathedral parish community, we have a depth and a richness, and we are ripe with possibility for being an even more vibrant worshipping community. Thank you for what you bring to our family!*

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# Blessings revisited and blessings to come!

*By: Fr. Michael Wimsatt*

2017 was a blessed year at the Cathedral, thanks be to God. One of the many blessings was the opportunity to participate as a pilot parish in the Archdiocesan Parish Discernment Process initiated by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz. This new year will see a number of the action steps emerging from parishioner feedback and parish reflection come to life.



Among the new opportunities to note will be the Christmas present offered to members of the parish through a year-long membership to Formed.org, an outstanding and universally acclaimed online faith formation program from the Augustine Institute. Details for accessing this online programming are related in this Stewardship Newsletter. You are heartily encouraged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to grow deeper in our faith in the upcoming year.

2018 will also feature six Sunday morning formation offerings between the 9:30 and noon Masses in the undercroft. The popularity of monthly coffee and donuts during this timeslot in the past year will continue combined with an opportunity on January 14, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6 and June 3 to hear a variety of speakers, beginning with Archbishop Kurtz,

cover topics to help our parish community grow in knowledge of our faith and the spiritual life.

On the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> I will be speaking to you at all the weekend Masses as part of the 2018 Stewardship Drive on the importance of our collective involvement in building up the Kingdom of God in our faith community. The following weekend we will all be invited to take part in the Stewardship Fair offered in the Undercroft. Last year's event was a great success, and again this year we will highlight the various ministries and service opportunities offered at the Cathedral. Your vitality, giftedness and perspective are the lifeblood of our Cathedral community. The Stewardship Fair presents an opportunity to invest these attributes here at the oldest inland Cathedral in the United States.

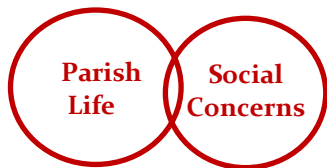
As a young Pastor I am still very new to the responsibilities associated with my role, but I am very heartened by the varied and profound experiences of my time here since June of 2016. In looking to the future, and in a special way to the coming year, I am buoyed by great hope at the possibilities awaiting us, and the chance for all of us to live deeply and integrally the faith of our Church in Jesus Christ our Lord. 2017 was a blessed year at the Cathedral, thanks be to God. The same will be true in the year to come. May 2018 be a year of abundant blessing for you and your loved ones. May God continue to bless you for your kindness.

## Everybody has been touched by it

*By: Misti Grover*

The Social Concerns and the Faith & Health Ministry will collaborate on a presentation to address drug addiction. The addiction problem has been growing in recent years and now has reached a point of epic proportion. A presentation to address this societal and world-wide epidemic will be offered to the Cathedral community in the coming year.

The presentation will include education, referral, and outreach. Since the Cathedral is not an Emergency Room, Narcan and care will not be available. We hope you can come and join us. The dates and times will be provided in future bulletins.



## We Got a Robe Up in the Kingdom, Ain't that Good News!

*By: Carolyn Miles*

The Cathedral is truly blessed to have a rich musical tradition represented at our Liturgies every weekend. The Cathedral Choir, which sings primarily on Sunday at 9:30 Mass, is made up of a diverse group of 35 members with service ranging from only a few months to thirty plus years in the loft. It is a big commitment to the Cathedral as Choir members average about 4 hours a week in their service to the Cathedral with required rehearsals on Wednesday in addition to Sunday mornings.

In 1998, the Choir was honored to be invited

to sing for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican for the celebrated Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. It was the beginning of a choir tradition of traveling in the summer (every 3 years) to the great cathedrals of Europe. What an awesome opportunity to sing and share our faith in the great Churches around the world that truly reveal the expression of the faith of the Universal Church, all the while being keenly aware of the fact that we were representing this parish, the Archdiocese of Louisville, and our greater community. It has been nine years since our last trip.

But now it is time to celebrate, in the same way, the great shrines here in North America.

The Choir is thrilled to announce our traveling days are back, domestically this time, with a four-day pilgrimage, July 19-22, to our nation's capitol, Washington D.C. Our spiritual journey will include St. Matthew Cathedral where we will present a concert to people of Washington, a tour of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, and culminating in a private tour of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where the choir has been invited to sing the Sunday evening Mass. While we're there, we will also visit the great national monuments and have some great fun! A trip like this takes a lot of planning and commitment by the choir. The trip is only four days so we'd love to have you join us on our pilgrimage, it makes our trip that more meaningful to us.

Our goal, as on previous trips, is to leave no

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chorister behind due to cost. So we could use your help. We will have several fundraisers that you can participate in including our upcoming *Bourbon and Grub Speakeasy* event on January Nineteenth at Evan Williams Experience. Contact Deve Vetter at 502.439.5151 or DeveVetter@gmail.com for more info on our pilgrimage or fundraising events. The Choir asks for your prayers this summer so that our journey will be successful, spiritually rewarding, and safe.



## Communal Worship

*By: Joe Hagerty*

Communal Worship is how we honor and revere God by praying with others. We praise God, we express our love, we ask for help. A most important part of this worship is “we.” We gather as an assembly to help each other in praying, and the central act of our praying together is the Eucharist. Ordained ministers preside at our rites, memorialize Christ’s words and actions, and lead our prayers. How do all these services come to take place? By the efforts of many members of the assembly. Getting together to worship requires not only a time and place, but organization so that we give glory to God “in excelsis,” in the highest.

We need to feel safe and welcome when we come together, and Ministers of Hospitality provide that welcome, worship aids, and guidance to seats and other facilities, and collect our offerings. Lectors continue the

ancient ministry of reading from scripture as was done among early Christians. Our worship includes music, to amplify our prayers and increase their beauty, and Cantors, Choirs and Instrumentalists help us to “pray twice.” At the center of our liturgy is Holy Communion, and Eucharistic Ministers assist the presider and deacon in feeding us. Servers prepare the altar and, with Cross Bearers, facilitate the rituals surrounding our celebration. Our Sacristan organizes all the activities of the ministers and guarantees the supply of the material goods for the liturgy.

Who are these people who minister to the needs of the assembly and each other? *They are you!* Search your heart, asking God how you can serve. Pray and consider deeply how your abilities and talents can help others, and respond to the Worship Committee who work to describe ministries, train those interested in becoming ministers, and schedule their activities.

*Our parish needs your help.*



## Help Wanted!

Lectors for Saturday 5:30 pm Mass

Weekday Cantors for Noon Mass

Music Administration—Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon—Dr. Brisson and veteran Music Administrator Janet Lee will be happy to train.

Contact the Parish Office if interested.

# Take the Time

By: Margaret Brosko

When was the last *time* you took the *time* to think about what you do with your *time*? If you are like most busy Catholics, it's probably been awhile. Every year the Bureau of Labor Statistics spends a whole lot of time figuring out exactly what we are spending our time on.

So let's take a few minutes to see if we fit the trend:

- 8.8 Hours Working
- 7.6 Hours Sleeping
- 7.6 Remaining



Of those 7.6 remaining hours, what are you doing?

What are others doing?

How much time are people spending doing God's work?

The Pew Research Center found out. It discovered that 79% of Americans affiliated themselves with a particular religious group and spent an average of 19.2 minutes a day in some sort of organizational civic or religious activity. But the group is quick to point out that the minority of people are doing the majority of the work. Amazingly, 13.8% of people spend 2 hours and 20 minutes a day serving.

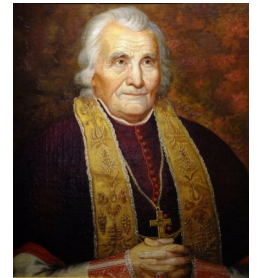
Can you increase your role to make our Parish stronger?

During Stewardship Month in January, we ask you to please prayerfully consider opportunities to use the gifts God has given you to help others.

# Discerning Financial Tithing

Financial tithing is more than putting an envelope in the collection basket every week. It is an act of worship and obedience. We encourage you to prayerfully reflect and determine an intentionality to your giving.

Greater than just a general sense of gratitude, tithing is a tangible response of gratitude for God's blessings, and an acknowledgement of God as the giver of our blessings. Tithing is a trust offering of our "first fruits" knowing that it is ultimately God that "gives us our daily bread."



# Planned Giving

The Bishop Flaget Society is the legacy society for those who have made life-income gifts or estate provision to support the Cathedral of the Assumption. Persons enrolled have lifetime membership. Founded in 2002, the Society is driven by the spirit of the Cathedral family. The collective support generates much needed funds for some of the Cathedral's most critical needs. Generous gifts to the Cathedral of the Assumption endow the tradition of outreach to the community, the mission of service to those in need, and the liturgical, spiritual and educational ministries begun by Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget. If you have included the Cathedral in your estate plans, but have not notified us, please contact the parish office at 582-2971 so that we can welcome you to the Bishop Flaget Society.



# There's an App for That, and That, and That!

Currently up and running are two apps—*The Cathedral* online directory and the *Cathedral* parishioner subscription of *Formed*, an online Catholic content resource. And soon, another app is on the way!



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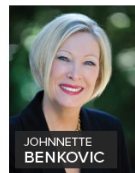
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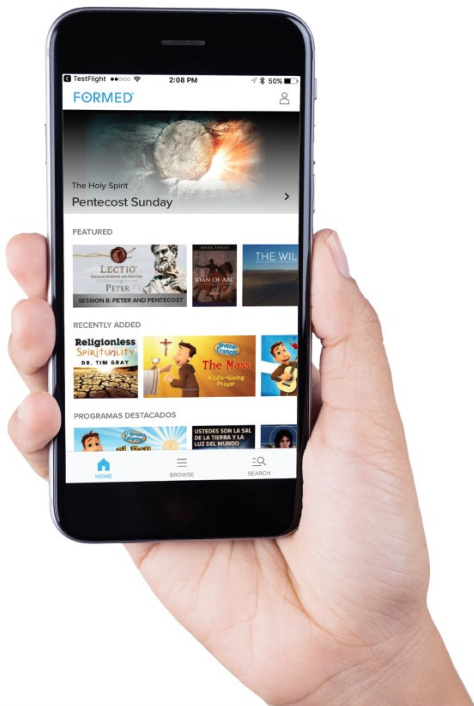
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# There's an App for That, and That, and That!

## Online Directory

By: Morgan Sprigler

The Cathedral of the Assumption is so much more than just a Sunday service. It is a place where you can not only come to worship, but can develop relationships that strengthen and enrich your journey with Christ. The best way to stay connected with your fellow parishioners, is through our Online Directory! Through this portal, you can obtain information about the people you come into contact with during Mass or church events! Our directory even offers an app that can be downloaded on your smartphone. This app will enable you to place a face with a name in an instant. Please help us in growing this important piece of fellowship for our Cathedral. We want you to know that there is a place for you, right here. Simply email a request to join to [cotaonlinedirectory@gmail.com](mailto:cotaonlinedirectory@gmail.com).



## Online Giving (Coming soon)

By: Patti Birk

We are aware that some parishioners and visitors would like a convenient way to toss something into the basket via their mobile phone, be it at collection time or when there is a special collection after Mass. We have contracted with WeShare, an entity of LPI (our bulletin and newsletter provider) and are in the process of working out the technical details. There will be options for a one-time gift as well as recurring donations.

An added bonus with this tool will be the ability to sign up for Cathedral social and formation events online. We will keep you posted!

A demonstration will be available at the Stewardship Fair!



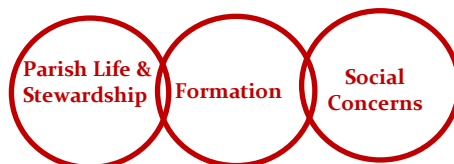
## What's New?



**THE SALAAM NETWORK**  
*Striving to make our Beloved Community of Louisville Whole*

The Cathedral of the Assumption has begun to partner with The Salaam Network, an interfaith group of educators, peacemakers, artists and supporters from a wide range of backgrounds. The Network is committed to building bridges of understanding and harmony from a knowledge-based foundation. The word salaam is an Arabic word that means peace, good will and wholeness and is often used in greetings. In December at St. Agnes there was a devotional presentation on *Encountering Mary in Catholicism and Islam*.

This Lent, watch for an event at the Cathedral on fasting in different faith traditions.





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## Stewardship Fair

Saturday  
&  
Sunday,  
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After all  
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## What's New?

### Jail Ministry

Although there are long-established programs of the diocese serving our prison populations, most service in the jails has been done by a handful of dedicated deacons. A much more comprehensive program is being established, which involves training lay members of the diocese to participate in jail ministry. Because of the Cathedral's proximity to the downtown jails, Deacon Steve Marks and those he has trained so far come to the Cathedral to take Eucharist to the inmates. The Cathedral is also a "storage facility" for bibles and other formational material the ministers use. Last month, after a period of instruction, two jail inmates were baptized and their records have been entered in our parish sacramental books. If you are already a commissioned Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic or if you have an interest in jail ministry in some other capacity, please call the parish office and we will be happy to connect you with Deacon Steve Marks.

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