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Luke 5:4

Hello Cathedral Family!

We send our annual stewardship newsletter to you with prayers and faith that your family is doing well. As we begin a new year, we're glad to see our family beginning to come back into our beautiful Cathedral joining our prayers all together in celebration of the Lord. We look forward to a time when all of us can return to celebrating Mass together on Sunday.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be taking time to reflect on what we as members of our Cathedral family can do to become more engaged in the many activities that keep the Cathedral thriving. Thank you to all the Lectors, Hospitality greeters, Servers, Musicians, Office workers, Lunch servers and so many other ministries who over the last two years have kept the Cathedral running. Many of these ministers are helping cover more than one Mass a weekend, so maybe you could consider making that first step in engagement? Please reflect on your future parish involvement, consider What you can do, When you can do it and How much you can do?


During all the Masses on the weekend of February 12 and 13, several members of our par-

ish will tell their story and why they love participating in their ministry. The following weekend, February 19 and 20 after each Mass we'll have a stewardship fair. This is a great opportunity to talk to members of different ministries to identify what ministry catches your eye and heart.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Stewardship form that will help you select your new ministry at the Cathedral. If the Holy Spirit doesn't lead you in that direction at this moment, we understand. We'd still like to have you return the form with your census information completed. This form is also available online. Having this data is important so we can reach out and communicate with our Cathedral family.

The Stewardship committee thanks you for your dedication and love of the Cathedral of the Assumption and we look forward to seeing you at Mass!

Your Stewardship Committee
Carolyn Miles, Chair



*Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men.*

Luke 5:10



Dear Cathedral Family of Faith,

The Stewardship Committee has chosen the theme for our 2022 Stewardship Renewal Process, ***“Put out into the deep ...”*** We will hear this tremendous portion of Saint Luke’s Gospel on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time as we embark on our pilgrimage of faith for this year. This is the story of Jesus commanding Saint Peter to let down his nets after a fruitless night of fishing on the Sea of Gennesaret. It was a summons to faith and vocation, about taking a risk in following Jesus. To put our nets out into the deep water is to embrace the call to follow Jesus Christ. It is our summons too! Raw and real. Confusing and confident. Painful and promising.

It reminds me of Saint Paul’s words in Romans 5:3-5, *“suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”* I have witnessed your endurance, the shaping of character, and, in the end, I’ve sensed the hope in Christ. Throughout another year that has brought too many crosses to bear, you proved to be faithful and forward looking, gracious and generous, patient and persistent. On behalf of the Cathedral Staff and other leaders of our Cathedral parish, I say thank you.

I am beginning to determine my financial commitment for 2022. Just a few days ago, I

received my “tax letter” with my contribution total for last year. I feel the summons to “put out into the deep” and do more this year than last. My pockets may not be so deep, but there is great joy and satisfaction in giving. It is the only way that we will have the money to do what we need to do to build on the mélange of ministries that not only serve you – the family of the Cathedral – but the many we serve beyond our sacred place on 5th Street. It is the mission entrusted to us in this place and time. I always feel the obligation to remind all of us, “Jesus’ love is free; everything else costs.”

For many years, I have had a great devotion to Saint Padre Pio. He has worked small and large miracles for me. The 20th anniversary of his canonization is this year. I returned to meditating on his spiritual writings. One in particular caught my attention this year. *“The most beautiful act of faith is the one made in darkness, in sacrifice, and with extreme effort.”* I suspect Saint Peter and the other disciples on the Lake that night would agree. We, too, will be astonished at the catch!

God bless you – one and all. It is an honor to be your pastor. I count on your prayers. And I ask for yours.

I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Martin A. Linebach, V.G., KHS
Rector

Major Areas of Ministry

Worship

Social
Concerns

Parish
Life

Stewardship

Music

Formation

Administration

Special
Talents

Critical Needs

12 Weekend
Hospitality
Ministers

Weekend
Altar
Servers

Building
&
Grounds
Maintenance

All Weekday
Noon Mass
Liturgical
Ministers

Furniture
Arranging
for Special
Events

At-Large
Parish
Council
Reps

Technicians
to
live-stream
liturgies

Members
for
IT Support
Team



Time & Talent



I volunteer ... because...

shared by...

Daily Lunch Program *It is an opportunity for me to serve my brothers and sisters.*

Sharon Horn



Stream the Mass *It brings the Cathedral into the homes of those who cannot attend in person.*



Ron Tamez

Hospitality Minister *I love to welcome people to our beautiful Cathedral.*

Michelle Owings



Social Concerns *I have come to feel we are a close community and I am trying to help keep the Cathedral relevant and to enable us to grow to become more inclusive and welcoming to all people.*



Brenda McWaters

Choir *I sing in the Choir as my form of prayer.*

Carolyn Miles



Lector *I always pray that the word I proclaim will fire up the heart and mind of anyone who hears it.*



Theresa Dogbe

Who is Missing?



“Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” Luke 5:5

Never underestimate the need for each of us in our Cathedral family.

Help us all stay connected.

Help us reconnect.

Be that link for someone who cannot be here physically with us.

When you are sitting in your regular space at Mass, are you missing someone who used to sit near you? If you are active in ministry at the Cathedral and a friend you serve with isn't there anymore, do you know if he/she is okay?

So many things changed with Covid, that missing someone became the norm - an understandable reason for all of us not being together. And for some folks' health and safety, that is still a valid reason. Whatever the situation may be, it's time to reach out and let those members of our parish family who aren't here know that they are missed.

If you don't have contact information for someone you are missing, let the Parish office know and we will get your message to them for you.

If you cannot be here, let us know how you are and what would help you feel more connected.

We are a stronger, healthier family when we know each of us is valued and loved. Let's help us all stay connected.

Bishop Flaget Society of the Cathedral of the Assumption

The Bishop Flaget Society is a planned giving, legacy society for individuals who have committed life income or estate gifts to support the important work of the Cathedral of the Assumption. The Bishop Flaget Society is driven by the spirit of the larger Cathedral Family where this collective support has generated much needed funds for some of the Cathedral's most critical needs. Founded in 2002, the Society has expanded to include all contributors to the Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly Permanent Legacy Fund. Persons enrolled will have lifetime membership.



Membership is as simple as including the Cathedral as a beneficiary of your will or through other estate-planning directives and informing the Cathedral of this gift. Gifts of any amount are welcome. All gifts are confidential.

Gifts can be made by naming the Cathedral of the Assumption as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA, life insurance policy, bank or brokerage account. A bequest in your will is a powerful expression of your belief in the Cathedral and its mission. Suggested language for a bequest can be: *I give and bequeath ___% of the residue and remainder of my estate (or the sum of ___ dollars, \$ ___) to the Cathedral of the Assumption.*

Gifts can be unrestricted to support the mission of the Cathedral or designated to a specific area.

For more information about Bishop Flaget Society membership contact the Cathedral of the Assumption at 502-582-2971 or administrator@cathedraloftheassumption.org.

Stewardship 2022 Put Out into the Deep

February 5/6

Start of 2022 Stewardship at the Cathedral with Father Linebach's homily based on the Gospel reading of "Put out into the Deep."

February 12/13

Members of our congregation will speak at all Masses on the stewardship theme as it relates to active membership and ministry. Since there will be different speakers at each Mass, recordings of their talks will be available on our website .

February 26/27

Please return the enclosed Stewardship Form at Mass, mail in, or use the online version available on the homepage of our website.

