



“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also ...” Matthew 6:19-21



## 2023 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM

October 16, 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

As a cherished member of the St. Francis community, we invite you to submit your pledge of financial support to the church for 2023. Your support is essential to the church and its ministry, especially as we emerge from two years of difficulties that brought much sadness and distance between us. Our collective contributions to St. Francis and its missions are our best way to reconnect and move forward as a community of believers whose faith endures stronger and with greater conviction than ever.

We sincerely hope you will join our effort to secure our budget for 2023 and:

- **Consider what God has done for you and what St. Francis Church is doing for our community of faith.**
- **Prayerfully consider the amount you can give and consider increasing your annual gift.**
- **Return your pledge form in the enclosed envelope OR email it to [treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org](mailto:treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org) on or before Pledge Sunday, November 20.**
- **Consider signing up to use your talents and time for one or more of our church ministries.**

In 2023, with God’s help, I/we pledge to give St. Francis Episcopal Church \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive pledge envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

I do NOT NEED pledge envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

Children are encouraged to make a pledge of their own as they discover the importance of God and the church in their lives.

For record-keeping purposes, the bookkeeper and treasurer have access to the amount pledged by each parishioner. For pastoral reasons, the rector, who is bound by pastoral confidentiality through his ordination, may be privy to pledge amounts as well.

Additional forms are available online at [stfrancisgreatfalls.org](http://stfrancisgreatfalls.org) or through the church office at:  
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## Your Pledge Supports:

### **1. Vital Worship, Pastoral Care, and Fellowship in the Anglican Tradition**

- 12-member choir, directed by trained musician and organist
- Baptisms of new church members who covenant themselves to Church life
- Pastoral care through weddings and funerals
- Eucharistic sharing
- Daily offices of prayer and readings via zoom services
- Annual Blessing of the Animals
- Multiple weekly Bible Studies
- St. Francis weekly Social Hours

### **2. The Creche School – *St. Francis' primary ministry to our surrounding communities***

- Pre-school formation for 60 children aged 2 to 5
- Nature's Classroom exploration of our local environment
- Creche School director and highly qualified teachers
- Weekly Chapel
- Annual Christmas pageant

### **3. Outreach Ministry – *Domestic and International***

#### **-Domestic:**

- Afghan Refugee Families support
- Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington setting clients on the road to full employment
- Second Story – Backpacks, school supplies, Sunday night dinners
- Cornerstones – Food source, Emergency Shelter, and Job Counseling
- Habitat for Humanity

#### **-International:**

- Benefit for Ukraine
- Diocese of Ezo's Bishop's fund and well water project
- St. Francis Basic School in Juba

### **4. Care of God's creation on our grounds**

- 7.9 acres of fields, trees, and buildings
- Three buildings for worship, meetings and events, pre-school, and Scouting
- Memorial Garden for spreading of ashes and contemplation
- Labyrinth for quiet meditation
- Technology improvements – audio/video improvements and equipment