From your Treasurers…

Stewardship represents a time of financial renewal and promise to St. John's. As stewards, or caretakers, of all of God's gifts, we are blessed by God's trust in us to manage these gifts, to share what we have with others, and to always show gratitude. Stewardship presents that opportunity to share with others while giving thanks.

We remember that in calling a full time PIC (Priest-in-Collaboration), parishioners acknowledged the financial investment needed to fully support this effort. This 'leap of faith 'has paid off mightily – a growing and energized congregation, rich and fulfilling services, a robust music program, community outreach and much more.

Now we have the opportunity to fulfill our financial commitment for the coming year. The Stewardship Committee has set a goal of $180,00 – an increase of 10% over last year and a number that will cover the cost of a full time priest. We'd like to see everyone in our parish also increase their pledge by 10%.

There are many ways to give besides using traditional pledge envelopes. We will be offering ACH payments in 2026 (no fees compared to PayPal and credit cards). We also accept gifts of stocks and other securities.

If you are at least 70½ years old, you can make tax-free charitable donations directly from your IRA. By making what's called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), you can benefit St. John's. These gifts, also known as "charitable IRA rollovers," would otherwise be taxable IRA distributions.

For those over 73, making a QCD counts towards your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and reduces your taxable income.

Taking advantage of this program benefits both you and St. John's. You will need to work with your financial advisor to participate. For general information on QCD contact Sue Lupo.

Thank you,
Karen Kasper, Treasurer
Sue Lupo, Asst. Treasurer