



Dear parishioners of the Northwest 8 Family of Parishes,

November is a time of gratitude and thanks. We began the month celebrating All Saints and remembering and praying for our loved ones who have died, cherishing the blessings they shared with us. Later in the month we gather for Thanksgiving, enjoying a day filled with gratitude for family and friends and all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Thanksgiving is followed by the craziness of Black Friday and Cyber Monday but then our nation and the world turn back to giving thanks on Giving Tuesday, November 29th. Giving Tuesday is a day of shared humanity and radical generosity to help build a better world.

Over the past several years, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati participated in Giving Tuesday by providing opportunities for local parishes to receive funds for parish needs with the added benefit of being free of the archdiocesan assessment that supports the offices and ministries of the archdiocese. Many NW8 parishioners were very generous on Giving Tuesday in the past and the funds received have been rich blessings helping us provide for the needs of parishioners, grow our ministries, maintain our beautiful churches and facilities and to continue the mission of Jesus by our outreach to others. Unfortunately, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is not participating in Giving Tuesday this year.

Recognizing that parishioners may still want to contribute Giving Tuesday funds to their local parish we encourage you to consider the following opportunities. You may simply wish to include with or increase your regular offertory giving. Other opportunities may include end of year gifts to the parish that can be beneficial to you for tax purposes and your parish. Tax donation letters are available for any amount by contacting your parish office. Our NW8 Finance Committees have provided a list giving opportunities on the back side of this letter.

No gift is too big or too small. In Luke Chapter 21, we hear the story of the poor widow's contribution. "When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her livelihood." We are all invited and encouraged to participate in the work of God in the world through the church, regardless of wealth. The widow had so little to give, but she gave freely because she knew the Lord would use her offering to further the kingdom of God on earth.

Thanks for all the ways you support each of our NW8 Family of Parishes through the generous sharing of your time, talent and treasure. Each are tremendous blessings that help us continue the gift of faith and the mission of Jesus to "go and make disciples."

Blessings and prayers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Ken". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Ken Schnipke, C.P.P.S.
Pastor

Below is a list of giving opportunities prepared by the Finance Committees of the Northwest 8 Family of Parishes. Each of our Finance Committees and local parishes are committed to being good stewards of the gifts provided, with the goal of using funds to provide for the needs of the faith community. We are grateful for all the ways you enrich and bless your local parish and beyond by sharing your time, talent and treasure.

- Cash – use your envelope or loose cash to deposit your gift of cash into the collection basket at church.
- Check – make your check payable to your local parish, and deposit it into the collection basket at church or drop it off at the parish office when convenient.
- Online Giving is simple, convenient, safe, and completely secure. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your ACH checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time. Visit your parish/cluster website or contact your parish business manager to see which options your parish offers.
- Gift of appreciated stocks or mutual funds – allows you to gift the full value of the security without having to pay any capital gains taxes. The church does not have to pay capital gains taxes either.
- Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA – if you are required to make Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA, you do have the option to make those directly to your local parish. This can fulfill your IRA Required Minimum Distribution and allow you to avoid having to report this income on your tax return. Please contact the custodian of your IRA to understand their process.
- You can name your local parish as a beneficiary of your will or trust. Your estate planning attorney should be able to assist you with this process.
- Name your local church as a beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy or as a Beneficiary of your IRA or annuity.

Please contact your financial consultant/tax advisor for more information or your local parish business manager.