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The celebration of Easter coincides with springtime, which is a season of rebirth for our gardens, the trees in the forest and many other natural processes. It is also a time of our spiritual rebirth. During Lent, we strive to become closer to God through prayer and sacrifice. Following the joy of Easter, our goal should be to make our Lenten spiritual progress a permanent part of our lives. This month one of our longtime parish ministries will also be undergoing a rebirth of sorts. After being inactive for the last year, the west church cleaning team will begin meeting again on Friday mornings at 9:00. The first session will be on April 9. The group needs a few more individuals to help out. The parish is also starting a liturgical environment committee, which will be responsible for all things related to decorating the altar, the sanctuary and other areas of the church to coincide with the various liturgical seasons. Contact Andy Gerhardt or the parish office if you are interested in either of these ministry opportunities.

Each month, the Human Concerns Commission researches a number of deserving charities and selects one for us to contribute to. The charity for this month is highlighted on the opposite side. We thank you for your continued support of the parish. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Your Stewardship Commission

Here is how I want my contribution for the month to be split/distributed

Monthly contribution.....	\$.....
Cathedral Center.....	\$.....
Vincent de Paul Society	\$.....
Building maintenance	\$.....
Total (for the month)	\$.....

Check No

CATHEDRAL CENTER

The mission of The Cathedral Center, Inc. (CCI) is to provide a safe environment for women and families while working to end homelessness, one life at a time. Located in the heart of downtown Milwaukee, CCI is an emergency shelter and case management provider that serves those who do not know where they will sleep next, are doubled up, moving from house to house, or who have a pending eviction. For over 10 years, CCI has transformed the lives of women and families by offering access to safe shelter and compassionate and supportive services that replace despair with hope, uncertainty with stability, and offer a brighter future for nearly 1,000 vulnerable women and families with children each year.

We serve individual women and families with children who are homeless or experiencing a housing crisis. CCI clients live in poverty and are either unemployed or under-employed. The majority are individual women and single mothers with children, though more single fathers and traditional families have found their way to our doors in recent years. While all clients have a unique story and circumstance, the common thread that binds them all is that they have lost a healthy network of support—or they never had one at all. In 2014 The Cathedral Center provided shelter and supportive services to 453 single women and 69 families (157 children) which translates to over 19,000 shelter nights (heads on beds). In addition, 85 Milwaukee families (200 children) and 23 single women received community case management services; most avoided shelter altogether.