

**MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM ABOUT THE  
CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Dear Parishioners:

St. Greg's has always been a responsive, generous, and giving community. Not only do we meet our own parish needs, but also contribute to the greater good through our support of the **Catholic Stewardship Appeal**. And for that I thank you.

This year's theme, *Amazing Grace*, serves to remind us to be thankful, grateful for how the wonder of God's infinite grace affects and changes us. Grace helps to deepen our faith, make us more loving, caring people and, most importantly, better servants to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ's name.

Each year we are asked to put our faith to the test; united in an effort to ensure the Church not only sustains, but grows ministries that will strengthen and expand its support to parishes, Catholic schools and religious education programs, the formation of priests and deacons, parish lay leaders, and lifelong faith formation for people of all ages.

I want to strengthen our parish's support to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal by making an even greater push for increased participation in this year's campaign. We want to ensure our parish is doing its fair share to support the mission and good works of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The Appeal was founded on a tradition of hope, faith, and gratitude some 80 years ago. Supporting it is a demonstration of our humility and generosity that is firmly rooted in the biblical concept of stewardship and in our obligation as Catholics, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to share our blessings with others.

A request for Appeal support from the archdiocese, which includes a pledge card, has or will arrive in your mailboxes very soon. You can make a one-time donation or divide your donation into 2-5 payments. Please take time to reflect on and prayerfully consider that request and decide what part you want to play in ensuring the continued strength and vitality of our beloved Church.

Thank you to those of you who have been faithful contributors to the Appeal in the past. I hope you will consider renewing your support this year. And, for those of you who have not made a gift before, please think about doing so this year to help us reach our parish goal of \$33,350.

If you would like to view the video presentation about the Appeal, it is available on our website. Your Appeal gift does make a difference! So please help assist a family... train a seminarian... educate a child... change a life... or save a soul.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. May God bless you all!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Tom Demse, Pastor*