



CHAPEL of the CROSS

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*Welcoming the stranger,
nurturing one another, and
guided by the Holy Spirit, the
Chapel of the Cross strives to
live the mission of Jesus Christ
through prayer, traditional
liturgy, Christian education,
active outreach, and love of all
God's creation.*



 **SCAN TO PLEDGE**

September 20, 2026

Dear Chapel Friends,

Another September has arrived, and once again our hearts are full of gratitude for this place we call home. The Chapel of the Cross has a way of meeting us wherever we are: in worship, in friendship, in quiet moments and busy ones, and reminding us that we belong to something bigger than ourselves.

This is our second year serving as co-chairs of Stewardship, and if last year taught us anything, it is how deeply this community's generosity flows from its genuine love for God, for one another, and for this parish. This year, that generosity carries even more meaning as we begin a year-long countdown to the 175th anniversary of the consecration of the Chapel of the Cross. What an incredible milestone to anticipate together and a fitting moment to reflect on nearly two centuries of God's faithfulness to this community.

Stewardship isn't just about budgets or numbers. It's about considering how we are called to give back, with gratitude, from the abundance God has given us. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our financial giving is one tangible way we place our hearts in God's work here at the Chapel.

We return to this role not only as co-chairs, but as fellow parishioners deeply rooted in this community. For both of our families, the Chapel is not simply a place we go on Sundays...it is where our faith is lived out and where we are blessed to serve alongside you, year after year.

Your pledge makes a difference. It sustains our worship, supports our clergy and staff, fuels ministries for children, youth, and adults, and allows us to reach out to our neighbors in Madison County and beyond. *One of the many fun ways we are commemorating the 175th year of the Chapel is to invite everyone to prayerfully consider increasing your 2026 pledge by at least \$175 in 2027. That's one dollar for every year of God's ministry through the Chapel of the Cross.*

Over the next few weeks, you'll hear more about how our shared generosity shapes lives and about the year of celebration ahead. For now, we simply invite you to prayerful reflection: How has the Chapel blessed your life this past year? And how might you respond in thanksgiving through your pledge?

We are excited for this season and so grateful to walk it with you again. Thank you for all the ways you give and serve. With each of us doing our part, we look forward to a faithful and joyful year ahead and to celebrating 175 years of the Chapel of the Cross.

With gratitude,

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