

Fall 2026

My beloved family,

It is time for our Annual Stewardship Appeal. Commonly, "stewardship" is understood as just asking for things, mostly financial things. But the complete definition of stewardship is: the careful and responsible management, oversight, or protection of something entrusted to one's care. I understand that stewardship is not just defined by what you give, but also by how we manage those gifts. I wish to highlight that understanding of stewardship with the same emphasis as asking for your support.

This has been a whirlwind year and much of the conversation has been around the cost of things. Gas is high, food costs more, and our budgets are tighter and tighter. With any expense, it is natural to ask if we are getting our money's worth. With the year's financial challenges, I am reluctant to ask you to be generous, but I know being generous doesn't start with a checking account, but from the heart. When it comes to our relationship with God, it is not transactional. Our relationship with God, and therefore each other, is covenantal, it is familial. We do not give based on what we get. We do not give, asking what are we getting for our money. We offer from our first fruits of the many gifts God has graced us. Giving is actually giving back to God.

I am asking for you to be generous. To give according to your gifts, is the real ask of your contribution. But good stewardship requires that such generosity offered to our family parish is being used in a prudent manner. Conscious, careful use of the monies entrusted to our parish, is the mission of everyone who is compensated from your gifts. This year, aware of the fiscal pressures, we have been particularly attentive to spending. We have a Finance Council that routinely monitors both the generous gifts we receive and their use. We try to give back from your generosity with opportunities for you and your family to meet Jesus, to get to know him and to become him for the world. That has been the mission of St. Dominic Catholic Parish since before I started, and it is still our mission today.

Stewardship also does not just come with a dollar sign. As members of our parish family, we ask that you contribute your time and talent in ways that offers back to God a sharing of the gifts you have been given. This means that your and our stewardship does not end with an annual gift. You have been given life in abundance, and giving back doesn't make you poorer, but in fact makes you richer.

We will continue doing our job and I ask you to please continue your support of St. Dominic Catholic Parish.

Blessings for you and your family,



Rev. Dennis J. Saran
Pastor

ABUNDANT *Life*

The foundation of living an abundant life is daily acknowledgement of God's goodness and an awareness of our countless blessings, which fill our hearts with gratitude.

Living an abundant life is reflected in generosity and service, the ways we extend love and our resources to others, using our material blessings wisely to fulfill God's mission.

An abundant life is relational. Engaging in community for support, encouragement, and accountability, relationships are the way we are able to express love, generosity, and discipleship.

A true abundant life is measured by a transformed heart, meaningful relationships, generosity, service to others, and a deep abiding connection with God.

"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."

2 Corinthians 9: 7-10



"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10.

An abundant life is rooted in a close relationship with God and transformation by the Holy Spirit. It is a spiritually rich life filled with joy, purpose, and with an eye toward eternal life with Christ. The Greek word for "abundant" (perissos) suggests overflowing, excessive, or more than needed. This life is not focused on material or worldly success, and is not dependent on circumstances, but on the enduring presence of God alone, trusting in His promises and finding strength in adversity.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a gift given in abundance. To experience the Spirit's abundance, we are called to surrender our lives daily, to trust in God, and allow the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and transform us. This results in greater desire, dedication, and joy in serving God. A Spirit-filled life produces joyful worship, gratitude, alignment with God's will, and strength for witness and service.

Commitment Weekend: November 7/8, 2026

Please help us lower the cost of our appeal by returning your commitment by
November 16, 2026.

A DISCIPLES'S RESPONSE

An Abundant Life manifests in gratitude, generosity, and service. We encourage you to pray about how God is calling you to an abundant life by extending love, hope, and support through St. Dominic Catholic Parish.

Your generosity makes our mission come alive. Increasing your gift supports our efforts to radiate the love of God, draw others into a deeper relationship with Christ, and to form and equip disciples who bear witness to the Gospel by:

- keeping Catholic education affordable,
- offering teens more opportunities to personally encounter Christ,
- providing formation and sacramental preparation for all ages.

Generosity is a response to God's abundance and blessings. If you have not given before, take your next step of discipleship by giving. Please know that all gifts are appreciated.

Prayerfully consider the examples of giving levels below for 2027:

1. What percentage of your yearly income does your monthly gift represent?
2. Consider taking a step up by pledging your parish financial support at the next percentage level.
3. As a faithful disciple, strive to maintain giving in proportion to the gifts you have received.

Yearly Income	5% Monthly	7% Monthly	10% Monthly
\$25,000	\$105	\$150	\$210
\$50,000	\$210	\$300	\$420
\$100,000	\$420	\$590	\$840
\$200,000	\$840	\$1,170	\$1,680

2027 TREASURE COMMITMENT

Please bring this form to Mass on **Commitment Weekend, November 7/8**, or submit it online at **stdominic.net/stewardship-form**.

As members of St. Dominic Catholic Parish, I/we will **live abundantly** by supporting our mission through our financial gifts to the parish. To receive the member tuition discount, school families must make a gift pledge and a service commitment.

My/Our 2027 ANNUAL GIFT AMOUNT:

\$ _____

I/We will fulfill our annual gift by making a:

- ☐ One-time gift
- ☐ Monthly gift of: \$ _____
- ☐ Weekly gift of: \$ _____

To fulfill my/our 2027 commitment I/we will use:

____ **ONLINE GIVING: Visit stdominic.net/e-giving**

____ The contribution envelope program

____ I/We are unable to commit to a pledge, but I/we will pray for the parish.

Family ID: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ We intend to give gifts of stock or other assets.
- ☐ I/We are interested in including the parish in my/our will or estate planning.
- ☐ I/We intend to have a portion of my/our gifts matched by our employer.
- ☐ I/We are no longer members. Please remove us from parish records.
- ☐ Please contact me/us to discuss giving options.

2027 PRAYER COMMITMENT

☐ Daily prayer is as essential for Christians as breathing. I/We will pray every day, counting my/our blessings and surrendering to the Holy Spirit.

2027 SERVICE COMMITMENT

Please review the Service Handbook and indicate if your service commitment is NEW for 2027.

I will be generous in serving my parish and others:

Family ID: _____

Member Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Ministry/Ministries: _____

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Member Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Ministry/Ministries: _____

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Member Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Ministry/Ministries: _____

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More than 3 members? Download this form at stdominic.net/give/stewardship



ABUNDANT *life*

Service Handbook 2026-2027

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Prayer & Worship

Beloved,

What are you called to do? All of us, by virtue of the abundant gifts and talents God has given us, are fashioned to offer those talents and gifts to others. As the Body of Christ, when one part is in need, we are all called to help.

3
Discipleship &
Formation

In that regard, we offer this service handbook. It may be a tough year for you to take some time, give some expertise, or offer some consolation to others, but it is specifically in these types of times that our generosity needs to expand instead of contract. Being Christian means, we view the world with the lens of Christ. We don't linger with anxiety about whether we will have enough, nor fear that we need to get our share before someone takes it. We see need and respond, unfettered by any worry of what it will cost us. That is the essence of generosity as a member of the Body of Christ.

4
Pastoral Care &
Outreach

So, what is God calling you to do?

5
Administration &
Creative Support

This year, try stepping out of your comfort zone, just once. Try something you never thought you would; stretch your horizons and be Christ to another...and then, welcome to joy.

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Servant Helpers

Rev. Dennis J. Saran

Fr. Dennis Saran, pastor

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Parish School

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Contact Directory

Please communicate your service commitment by completing the 2027 Commitment Card and returning it in the collection baskets at Mass or to the Parish Center. You can also submit online at stdominic.net/stewardship-form.

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. ~Romans 12: 1-2

HOW TO USE THIS HANDBOOK

It is our hope that you take time to reflect on the abundant gifts God has given you and in gratitude, seek where you can offer yourself to St. Dominic, your spiritual home.

1. Center yourself in prayer. Ask God to reveal to you what He needs you to do to build His Kingdom.
2. God has bestowed you with particular gifts to accomplish His work. They are unique to you. Review this handbook to identify the opportunities

in which you feel called to serve. Opportunities are listed by ministry areas and teams.

3. See something that interests you? Contact the staff person indicated who will assist in answering your questions and getting you started. Staff contact information is on page 8 (back cover).
4. Have an idea but don't see it in this handbook? Contact Jill Fischer for guidance and direction.

Prayer & Worship

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Contact Paul Burzynski: paul.burzynski@stdominic.net

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Altar Server-Adult: Adults assist the priest at weekday, Holy Day, and Sunday 7:30 AM Masses. Training is provided.

Altar Server-Youth: Boys and girls in grades 4 and up are invited to serve at weekend Masses. Training is provided.

Art and Environment: Plan and prepare the liturgical environment to aid and reflect our prayer; once per month and holidays.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Assist the clergy at Mass by distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Christ to the congregation. Training is provided.

Hospitality Minister: Adults and teens greet and seat people at Masses, help with the Communion procession, collections, and bulletin distribution.

Lector: Adults proclaim the Word of God at Sunday and Holy Day Masses. Weekday lectors are scheduled for 8:30 AM Masses on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Training is provided.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir: Enthusiastic and gifted singers are invited to participate. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. Choir typically serves at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass.

Cantors: Singers who present advanced musical ability and leadership skills are called upon to be cantors. Cantors lead sung prayer at all Masses. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and Thursdays at 5:00 PM. An audition is required.

Instrumentalists: Instrumentalists are encouraged to bring their talent to the parish community. An audition is required.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Eucharistic Adorer: Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered every Tuesday from 1:00 - 7:30 PM. Sign up to be a regular (weekly) adorer or a substitute.

Intentional Prayer Team: Pray with others after weekend Masses. Training is provided.

Contact: [Deacon Jeff Kucharski](#)

Prayer Network: Join our prayer network and receive requests for prayers via email or phone. Adults, teens, and families are welcome to join and offer prayers for these needs. Contact: [Mary Lestina](#)

Discipleship & Formation

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. ~Matthew 28:19-20

Contact Jill Fischer: jill.fischer@stdominic.net

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CHILD MINISTRY

Contact: Stacey Irvine

Catechists: Plan and teach age appropriate lessons for small groups of children in K3 through Grade 5. Materials, training, and support are provided. All classrooms have two (2) adults present in the room. Classes are Sunday mornings, Monday late afternoons and Tuesday evenings.

Catechist Substitute: Fill in for a catechist due to an occasional absence. In most cases, these absences are known in advance. It is the responsibility of the catechist to provide the substitute with adequate lesson plans.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Leaders: Prepare sessions as well as facilitate small group discussions for children during the Sunday 9:00 AM Masses. Adults and high school students are encouraged to join our team.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Spend the last full week of July helping children learn and grow in their faith through games, Bible stories, conversation, and fun in small groups.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Middle School Contact: Karissa Tousignant

High School Contact: Sydney Fricke

Confirmation Contact: Claire Stoiber

Core Team: Journey with middle school or high school students to lead them closer to Christ through Edge, Emmaus, or Life Teen. Build relationships with teens and assist in planning, participating, and facilitating small group discussions, short talks, and activities. Training and support are provided through core team gatherings and ongoing adult formation. We'd love to tell you more and help you in discern joining our team!

Confirmation Core Team: Lead a small group of candidates during their confirmation journey. This includes a retreat experience and weekly small groups for a semester. Training, materials, and on-going support are provided.

Senior High Leadership: For high school students looking to go beyond their formation to cultivate deeper relationships with God and others through Bible studies, small groups, and leadership opportunities within student ministry.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Contact: Sydney Fricke

Young Adult Team: Help launch ministry opportunities to form disciples amongst those aged 19-35, single and married.

ADULT MINISTRY

Small Group Facilitator: After a period of formation and training, small group facilitators lead groups of 6-10 people in Holy Spirit-driven conversations with the goal of helping each member grow closer to Christ. Already leading a small group? Let us know about it!

Contact: Jill Fischer

Welcome Team: As we encourage disciples to extend a hand to the stranger, we invite parishioners to join the Welcome Team. This is a group of warm and welcoming individuals that extend a greeting to our new members and invite them into the life of the parish. We strive to have no strangers among us!

Contact: Jill Fischer

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Team (Journey to Become Catholic): Parish members act as catechists and sponsors, walking with candidates and catechumens through the various stages of the OCIA journey. Contact: Mary Lestina

Adult Confirmation: Help facilitate formation sessions for baptized Catholics who have received 1st Communion but have not been confirmed. Contact: Mary Lestina

Vocations Team: Help create a culture for vocations and provide awareness and enrichment opportunities related to ordained ministry, lay ministry, religious life, married, and single life. Contact: Mary Lestina

Pastoral Care

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." ~Colossians 3:12

Contact Mary Lestina: mary.lestina@stdominic.net

Bereavement Ministry: Serve parish families who have suffered a loss. Trained adult ministers provide comfort and support to grieving families. There are sessions offered during the year for bereavement in addition to providing support for individuals.

Called to Serve: Volunteers provide help to members in need of assistance such as raking, weeding, painting, and other tasks around the home.

Funeral Minister: Assist with funeral liturgies as acolytes and helpers to acclimate people with their role as readers, gift bearers, etc. Training is provided.

Helping Hands Ministry: Provide meals to parish families or individuals who are in need due to illness, a new baby, family death, etc. Members are typically asked to provide meals 2-3 times per year.

Hospital & Medical Care Facility Visits: Visit hospitalized and parishioners in nursing homes as appropriate. Trained ministers provide Communion when possible. Schedule visits according to your own

availability. Any level of commitment is welcome.

Training is provided. *(Due to HIPAA laws, we need to be informed when parishioners are in need of these visits).*

Marriage Prep: Trained sponsor couples provide support for engaged couples and meet with engaged couples to help them understand married life and the challenges that they will face. In addition, sponsor couples help on the wedding day and support the priest or deacon where needed. Additional volunteers can serve as Acolytes.

Pastoral Visits Ministry: Targeted specifically at parishioners who are homebound due to illness or age and unable to attend services at church. Members can visit socially, pray with them, and bring Communion. Training is provided. Confidentiality is required.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Make prayer shawls with others who love to knit for individuals who are ill, facing surgery, or in need of comfort. Members pray for the recipients and the shawls are blessed at Mass before distribution.

Outreach

Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers, you did it for me. ~Matthew 25:40

Contact Mary Lestina: mary.lestina@stdominic.net

Human Concerns has various ministries such as: human trafficking, meal programs, habitat for humanity, hunger task force, and many others in which all ages can be involved. Contact Mary for more information..

Giving Tree: Help with preparations and organizing gifts for this annual effort in which parishioners provide Christmas gifts for those in need served through outreach organizations and for elderly religious sisters.

Lenten Outreach: During Lent, parish members of all ages engage in service by cleaning, organizing, painting, and repairing for local parishes or organizations in need.

St. Dismas Jail Ministry: Bring Christ to the inmates of Waukesha County Jail by providing Communion services, bible study, and individual visits with inmates. Open to adults. Opportunities are varied, but rewarding. Training is required for in-jail services.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry: Help the poor in Brookfield and Waukesha County through home visits, financial help, food, clothing, etc. Confidentiality is essential and training is required. Meets twice a month to review impact and develop strategies. New members are always welcome.

Affiliated Ministry—Knights of Columbus: Through the Building the Domestic Church initiative, Knights and their families have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities and service that deepen their faith, promote the New Evangelization, and strengthen our parishes.

Administration

So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of faith. ~Galatians 6:10

Contact Michael Ricci: michael.ricci@stdominic.net



Opportunities to sign up to help work the Festival or the night of the Gala will be offered by the planning committee before these events.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Work in partnership with parish staff to oversee the repair, upkeep, and improvement of parish property and grounds.

Cemetery Committee: Work in partnership with parish staff to oversee the ongoing care of our parish cemetery at the intersection of Lisbon and Marcy Roads and our columbarium on campus.

Dominic Days Committee: Work in partnership with Festival chairs, committees, and parish staff to plan, coordinate, and oversee the annual parish festival.

Finance Council: Work in partnership with parish staff to oversee the parish budget, long-term financial strategies, and record keeping.

Gala Committee: Work in partnership with the Gala chairs, committees, and parish staff to coordinate and oversee the biennial dinner auction. **Contact:** [Molly Schmidt](#)

Human Resources Committee: A well-functioning human resources committee is a valuable asset to the parish, pastor, pastoral council, and staff, by helping to educate and advise in the broad area of human resource management.

Creative Support

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ~1 Peter 4:10

Contact Samantha : samantha.dresen@stdominic.net

Graphic Design: Assist with a wide variety of one-time design projects working within brand guidelines. Materials may include brochures, flyers, posters, banners, rack cards, signage, newsletters, displays, advertising, and more.

Marketing Team: Assist in developing ongoing marketing plans and strategies for effective parish communications and promotions. Participate in special projects and promotional events.

Photography: Capture key parish and school events and provide creative photography for promotional and

marketing materials working in collaboration with the Director of Marketing Communications.

Writers: Help share the inspiring stories of our parish, our members, and our ministries through interviews, capturing testimonials, and writing the stories.

Videography: Help create digital media to capture and share the stories of our parish, our members, ministries, and school through video interviews/testimonials, events, and creative promotions.

Servant Helpers

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones. ~Hebrews 6:10

Contact Michael Ricci: michael.ricci@stdominic.net

Event Hospitality Team: Provides assistance for parish-wide event hospitality and receptions. Serve in a variety of roles such as setup, food prep, welcoming, check-in, serving, and cleanup. Team members are notified of upcoming events and sign up to help in the role that best fits their gifts and schedule. **Contact:** [Molly Schmidt](#)

Handymen/Women: Offer your skills in project management, light electrical, carpentry, plumbing, etc. You will be added to a list based on skills for sporadic projects as needed.

Holy Dusters: Maintain our worship space by vacuuming and cleaning windows, woodwork, sacristies, etc. on Mondays at 9:30 AM on a rotating basis. A member is needed for scheduling the holy dusters.

Parish Center Receptionist: Receptionists are needed for four-hour shifts starting at: 9:00 AM or 1:00 PM on weekday. Work includes handling inbound phone calls, greeting and assisting guests, and completing various office tasks.

Livestream Tech Team: Assist in livestreaming Masses and other events on campus. Skills or willingness to be trained in camera operations, video editing, and production. Adults and teens welcome.

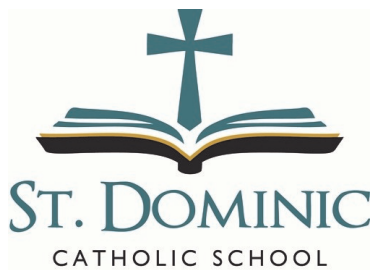


Parish School

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
~Philippians 2:1-2

Contact Mrs. Gloria Schumacher: gloria.schumacher@stdominic.net

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Alumni Association/Development: Help find classmates, develop communication strategies, and plan events to build alumni relations.

Athletic Board: Help organize and run the parish athletic programs.

Athletics: The St. Dominic Athletic Program offers an opportunity for building Christian community through participation in athletics. It is a parish and school-based program that is available to St. Dominic grade school and parish formation students. Sports include volleyball, basketball, track (open to students in grades 5-8), and baseball (open to students in grades K4-3). This program provides an environment where players are given equal opportunity to participate and develop their skills.

Classroom Helpers: Assist your child's homeroom and party planning for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's and End of Year. Additionally, there may be times throughout the year when our Home & School Association needs help. The majority of being a classroom parent can be done from home!

Family Fun Night: This is a fun family event that brings together the St. Dominic school community with games, music, concessions, and camaraderie. Family Fun Night is usually held in February/March. Students in middle school can volunteer and earn service hours for this event.

Forensics: Help organize, coach, and judge as part of the Forensics program. Forensics is an individual and team competition for students in grades 4-8 in various categories of speech.

High Interest Day: Assist in planning for this all-school spring event. Involvement begins in September with monthly meetings. Help by contacting presenters, scheduling classes, or by organizing the luncheon.

Home & School Association: Help support the school through four fundraising efforts. Involvement includes a variety of tasks such as promotional activities, organization, planning, data entry, to dancing with students.

Office Helpers: Help in big and small ways with a wide variety of opportunities based on your availability; everything from filing to phone calling.

Playground/Cafeteria Help: Assist our staff in supervising students and offering a helping hand from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM every school day. This is a great way to meet the kids and foster the community atmosphere at St. Dominic Catholic School.

School Advisory Commission: Works cooperatively to provide vision and leadership within the school community balancing the concerns and beliefs of parents, teachers, staff, students, and Pastoral Council.

School Marketing: Bring your St. Dominic pride and offer your assistance as a school ambassador, new family mentor, media liaison, or as a writer, editor, photographer, or graphic designer. We have opportunities for one-time projects or year round involvement.

Scrip: Members process orders, enter data in the system, and fill orders.

Teacher Appreciation: Assist with luncheons about four times per year and also provide extra "treats" for staff on a rotating basis throughout the year.



To seek Christ, know Christ and become Christ, each one for the sake of all.

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Service Contact Directory

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