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Dear Members and Friends of St. Joseph Church:

As we face the autumn season, it is important to stop and give thanks for the rich variety of blessings God provides in all of our lives. Even in this year with the pandemic disrupting so many aspects of our lives, God is present with grace and blessings in our midst. The more we recognize God's loving presence in our experiences and activities, the more we authentically celebrate the Eucharist and live as a Christian community. I am convinced that God gives us our abilities, our resources and life itself so that we can gratefully share whom we are and what we have with praise and thanksgiving. Each of us is called to intentionally, thoughtfully, and proportionately share something of our **time, talent, and treasure** with our Church and with charities. This prayerfully planned giving of ourselves is one of the ways we live the Eucharist in our daily lives. Our faith community is as vibrant and alive as each of us is willing to share of ourselves.

For a gentle reminder to see just how much you are already living as good stewards of God's gifts, take the time to do this little exercise. Look at your checkbook and your calendar for the last month. Calculate how you have spent your time and money over the last 30 days. Describe how you have used your abilities for the sake of people beyond your immediate family. I am confident that some meaningful percentage of your resources has been spent out of gratitude to our Loving God.

We have been very blessed by the generous giving of our parishioners. Because of the good response to our Capital Campaign for Church improvements, we already have the **beautiful new piano**. We will be ordering a new organ soon. The pew seat cushions have been ordered. The church roof will be replaced before fall is over. Due to the **overwhelming support indicated in the survey** about installing video screens for projecting the music and readings for Mass, we will begin the bidding process for installing the screens soon. There are some other improvements that will be made to the rectory as well. All of this is possible because of the sound stewardship practiced by our parishioners.

Looking ahead, the Mass Schedule for **All Saints Day** and **All Souls Day** is the following:

- Oct 31: 4:30 pm Mass is for All Saints Day
- Nov 1: 8:00 am Mass at IHM, 9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph, and 11:00 am Mass at IHM
- Nov 2: Noon Mass at St. Joseph and 6:00 pm Mass at IHM

I look forward to seeing all of you as soon as my recuperation is complete.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Gregory F. Fedor/Pastor