



Fall, 2018

*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10*

Dear people of Ascension,

We've all heard that the best things in life are free. And it's true that you can't put a price on goodwill, faith or peace of mind. At Ascension, we don't charge for sacraments or sermons or lively connections in Wheeler Hall. All free!


But in fact our communion wine, heavenly incense and 51% beeswax candles are not free. Nor are the bigger-ticket items: our all-professional music program, clergy compensation or utilities. Then there's the food pantry, our primary outreach ministry, serving about 150 guests per month. It all adds up to an annual operating budget of more than \$800,000.

The trust and endowment resources with which Ascension is blessed provide a sense of security and generate a substantial part of our operating revenues. Even so, both our fiscal and spiritual health require us to do our part in giving money and sharing our time and talent.

Please reflect on what you seek and receive from God through Ascension. Let your pledge reflect your gratitude, and perhaps your sense of responsibility, for Ascension's unique legacy and our shared hope for a faithful, robust future.

We pray that you will make a generous pledge to Ascension's 2019 operating budget. To help our Vestry and Treasurer plan well for an inspiring year ahead, we ask for your response by the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 25.


Kenneth Kelling,
2019 Stewardship Chair


Cynthia Perrizo
Junior Warden and
Stewardship Co-Chair

PS An All Souls memorial card is also enclosed. Please share in the All Souls Solemn High Mass, Friday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

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The ministers and leadership of the Church of the Ascension include

All members of the parish, longtime and new.

Elected Wardens and Vestry Members, and the Treasurer: Christopher Raymond, Senior Warden; Cynthia Perrizo, Junior Warden; Susan Schlough, Treasurer; Gary Alexander, Wanda Dole, Jim Drury, Cliff Green, David Jones, Kenneth Kelling, Timothy Kowalski, Betty Smith, DiAnne Walsh.

The Sisters of St. Anne: Mother Judith Marie, OSA; Sister Barbara Louise, OSA

Ministry Coordinators: Jim Lo Bello, Head Acolyte; Avril Hector, Lay Readers; Michael Vales, Ushers
Thomas Ehlen, Sacristan; The Rev. Dr. Carol Noren, Archives and Thanksgiving Meal

Susan Schlough, Food Pantry; Cliff Green, Flower Guild; Cynthia Perrizo, Ascension Connections;

Kenneth Kelling, Literary Book Group and Lay Pastoral Care

Cheryl Peterson, Buildings & Grounds, Lay Pastoral Care & Sharing Lunch, Sharing Blessings

Ministers of Music: Dr. Benjamin Rivera, Choirmaster; David White, Organist

Rector and Assisting Priests and Deacons: The Very Rev. Patrick Raymond, Rector and Dean of the Chicago North Deanery; The Rev. Richard Daly, The Rev. Daniel Dice; The Rev. Charles Farrell, The Rev. Gary Lawler, The Rev. Dr. Robert Petite, The Rev. Gordon Stanley

Other members of our staff: George Panice, Sexton; Br. Nathanael Rahm, BSG, Parish Administration

Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, Bishop of Chicago

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

The Most Reverend the Lord Archbishop Justin Portal Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

"How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?" - Psalm 116:10

Omerciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



In gratitude for God's gifts, I/we pledge the following support for the 2019 Church of the Ascension operating budget.

Name(s): _____
\$ _____ ☐ per week ☐ per month Do you want to pledge envelopes? ☐ yes

Please speak to the Rector, Treasurer or one of our Wardens if you are able to consider and make a special 2018 year-end gift. Current needs include:

• New Vestments • Our Food Pantry • Schrader pipe organ renovation

Thank you and bless you. Please let us know if and how we should update your contact information.

"We have to remove the idea that the Episcopal Church is stuffy. We must reach out for souls. It is not enough to wait for them to stumble into our church building. As Anglicans, we have been satisfied too long with mere "cultural conformity," to the neglect of the conversion of souls to God. We must convince the people in our neighborhoods that the primary reason for Christ's Holy Church is to offer them salvation, not just an Anglican Culture."

- Father Albert W. Hillestad,
Twelfth Rector of the Church of the Ascension,
in conjunction with a 1954 teaching mission.

“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving.” - Psalm 95



Sister Barbara Louise, OSA



Recent Baptisms: Alban Mark & Aimee Zulika



Community Thanksgiving Meal — Please help!



Five centuries of sacred music



Ascension Connections at Grant Park



Corpus Christi 2018



Thanks for the pet blessing!



We can cope ... with the smoke