



October 21, 2022

Dear Saints,

We stand grateful and humbled by the season with which God has currently graced us. With the construction of our new nave taking shape, our first step toward building a Mission Abbey is coming to fruition. Our dream to be a hub of church planting for West Tennessee is becoming a reality as Mission Saint James has begun offering preview services. Our ministries in the areas of immigration, healing prayer, youth and children, and pastoral care continue to touch the lives of countless people.

All good things come from the Father above, and we are thankful recipients of his generosity. But we are much more than recipients; we are also stewards. For to whom much is given, much is required. God has always been about blessing his people *so that* his people can be a blessing to others, that is, can live as stewards.

As you know, this year's focus is on "Shrewd Stewardship." We aim to explore how we might be creative stewards of those five characteristics God has blessed us with as a church: healing hospitality, the church as family, spiritual formation in the Anglican Way, a heart for service, and being financially generous and responsible. How might we be shrewd stewards of these blessings so that we might be a blessing to others?

As you and your family strive to answer this question, we also ask that you give prayerful consideration to what you will pledge to All Saints in 2023 in terms of your time, talent, and treasure. The enclosed forms invite you to do just that.

Keep in mind that the pledges you make will determine the extent of next year's operating budget as well as the shape of our ongoing ministries. Please give these decisions your utmost consideration, but also keep in mind that these pledges only represent a portion of what it means to be a steward of your blessings!

God's Peace,

Fr. Wes Gristy