



They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8

October 30, 2023

Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Neighbors,

As our 2024 Stewardship Campaign gets underway, you have been hearing about the theme "Rooted in Abundance" and its reminder that we are inspired to give because so much has been given to us.

Many heartfelt thanks to those of you who have been giving so generously in the past. And to those of you who have not pledged before, please consider joining this fellowship and help us reach this year's goal of 100% participation in our pledge campaign. St. Mary's needs all of us now and when we work together with love and purpose we will create a space where possibilities, generosity, and abundance thrive.

The day to day operations and works of St. Mary's are dependent on your generosity. Your pledge is a promise to your church and faith community, a promise that you want to share in the effort to keep our church financially healthy, support and expand its mission and message in our community and beyond, and maintain the physical structure of our beautiful, but aged, church. You probably are already aware that we have embarked upon a major structural restoration. This project will continue in stages and you will be hearing more about this later this year.

As you contemplate your 2024 pledge, please consider carefully what St Mary's means to you; acknowledge our shared responsibility to keep our church vibrant and healthy in every respect. Pledge an amount you are comfortable with and please remember that each and every gift is meaningful and received with gratitude and joy.

Abundance is what God has made available. And generosity is what we do with what has been made available. Thank you for sharing your abundance.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Inger Rein Grüterich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Inger Rein Grüterich
2024 Stewardship Chair