**Pulpit Announcement 2023**

***for Kick-Off Weekend, preceding the video***

We want the Church to be strong and vital through the sacraments, ministries, and our service to those in need. One of the best ways this is accomplished is through the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal proves that if we come together as people of God, we can accomplish far more than any one of us could on our own.

Every gift to the appeal helps thousands of people in our church, in our community and in Southeast Wisconsin.

The Appeal funds four key areas:

* Serving Those in Need
* Supporting Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education
* Forming Priests, Deacons and Fostering Parish Leadership
* Strengthening Parish Ministries & Promoting Evangelization

Father and I would like to challenge all of you in 2023 to increase the number of households who support the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Last year, we had a total of XX households. Let’s shoot for (XX+10)! No matter the size of the gift, it is needed.

A request for the Catholic Stewardship Appeal has or will arrive in your mailboxes very soon. Please prayerfully consider the request and decide how you can respond to the needs of others by sharing God’s love and blessings.

Thank you to those who have been faithful contributors to the Appeal. I hope you will consider renewing your support this year -- with an increase if possible. And, for those of you who have not made a gift before, you hold the key to us reaching or exceeding our goal of (XX) households!

As you will hear in the video soon, we are all created to thirst for Him in this world. We join together to help our world be lighter. It is your helping hands that makes the world brighter. So, let’s Light this World to Heaven.

And, now, the video.