**Pulpit Announcement 2023**

**For parishes in Wave 3 of the Love One Another Capital Campaign**

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

This weekend kicks off the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. The Catholic Stewardship Appeal supports the many ministries and services offered to <<Parish Name>> by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Perhaps some of you are thinking about the coming Love One Another Capital Campaign and asking yourself “Just how much money is the church asking for?”

Admittedly, there are many requests for money at this time and the funds all support amazing ministries needed in our community and our world.

One way to think about the financial support of the parish and the church is to liken it to a family budget, the funds you donate to support the Offertory here at our parish are similar to the basic needs of a family: food, clothes, and utilities. These funds help our parish keep the heat on in the winter and cover the basic necessities of operating a church.

The funds you give to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal are similar to the extra treats like a family: dinner out instead of cooking at home or XXX. These funds help the Archdiocese fund ministries and programs throughout the ten counties of the Archdiocese serving those in need, supporting Catholic education & vocations as well as serving all 189 parishes.

The funds earmarked for the Love One Another Capital campaign are similar to those funds set aside for the future: a family vacation or a college fund. The Love One Another campaign is in place to provide for the future of our own parish.

So, just like family finances have layers and tiers, so do the funds requested at our parish.

A request for the Catholic Stewardship Appeal has or will arrive in your mailboxes very soon. Please prayerfully consider that 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, please think about doing so this year.

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.