

*"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."
Prayer of St. Francis*

October 23, 2026

Peace and all good!

This greeting from St. Francis is a fitting way to begin this letter as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis and reflect on our theme **"Models of Holiness, Witnesses of Peace."** Inspired by his life, we are reminded that holiness is found in everyday acts of love, humility, and trust in God. In a world searching for meaning, we are called to be models of holiness and witnesses of peace.

St. Francis modeled holiness through a simplicity of life rooted in openness to God, to others, and to all of creation. He lived as a joyful witness, radiating peace through his care for those in need and his deep love of God. He also modeled a life of stewardship, offering his prayers, time, talents, and treasure in service to God and others. In the same way, we are invited to become models of holiness in our own time. We can each be ordinary people living extraordinary lives of faith.

Here at St. Anthony on the Lake, this spirit is alive and active in:

- Our 25+ year partnership with our Sister Parish, Santisimo Sacramento, where we walk together in faith and mutual support.
- Our 32 years of Family Program, forming disciples who live their faith with conviction and joy.
- Our school, where Catholic identity is not only taught but witnessed daily.
- The quiet, faithful generosity of parishioners who give of their time, talent, and treasure with humble hearts.

These are not just programs. They are living testimonies. They are how we, as a parish, become models of holiness and witnesses of peace to one another and to the world. As we look ahead to Commitment Weekend, I invite you to prayerfully consider your role in all of this:

- Where is God inviting me to grow in holiness?
- How can my life be a witness of peace for others?
- In what ways am I called to give, serve, and love more deeply?

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Together, let us follow the example of St. Francis by living simply, loving generously, and witnessing boldly. May our parish continue to grow as a community of holiness, sharing peace with all we encounter.

With deep gratitude for your faith and generosity,



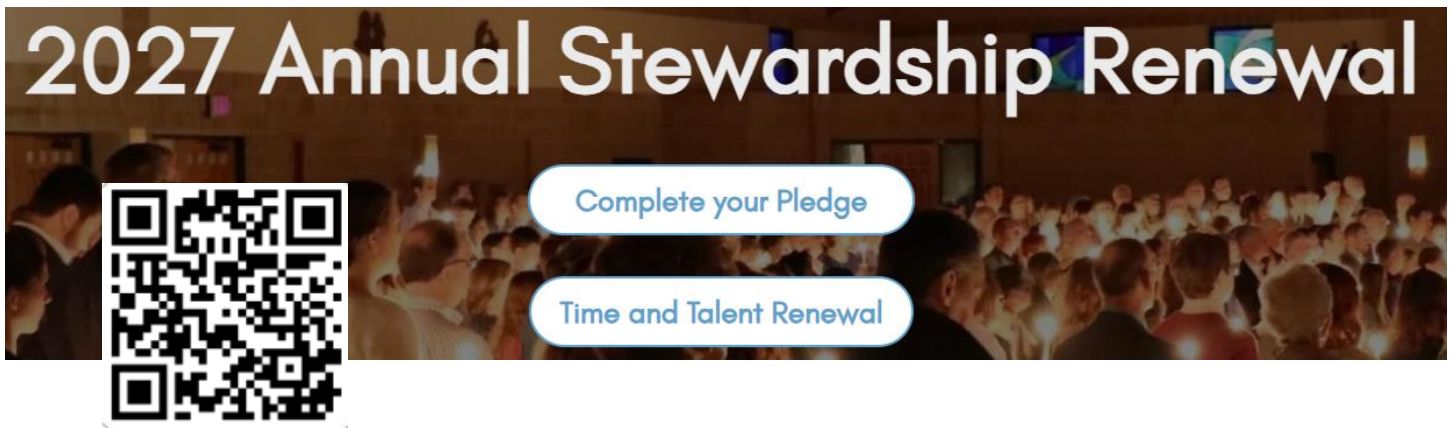
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1. Use the QR code or go to www.stanthony.cc/renewal
2. Click on COMPLETE YOUR PLEDGE (pictured above)
 - a. You can set up your pledge and recurring gift at the same time using PushPay, our online giving platform.

To share your TIME and TALENTS:

1. Go to www.stanthony.cc/renewal
2. Click on TIME AND TALENT RENEWAL (pictured above)
 - a. There are many ways to share your time and gifts with the parish. Thank you for getting involved!

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