Good morning. My name is Erin Weeden. It’s a privilege to share with you today what our parish community means to me and why supporting our church is so important to our family. For me, St. Ignatius is a community where we grow together in faith and celebrate life’s blessings.

My family's connection to this community is especially meaningful through our school. We currently have a seventh grader attending SI, and our two older children graduated from SI. This year, I have the privilege of serving as president of CSAC, the Catholic School Advisory Committee, which has given me an even greater appreciation for the people, resources, and dedication it takes to sustain our school and church. In school, the kids learn about Magis. It is a Latin word for "more" and is taken from the motto of the Jesuits, For the Great Glory of God. Magis is a key element of Jesuit spirituality, inviting us to do more and to become more in the hope of offering greater service.

I choose to give financially to our parish because I believe in what we are building together. Our contributions help provide the foundation for our church ministries, our school, our worship, and the many ways we serve others. Giving is a tangible way to live the Magis and express gratitude for what we have received and to invest in something bigger than ourselves. When we support our parish, we are investing in our children, strengthening our faith community, and ensuring that future generations will have a place to learn, worship, serve, and belong.

I am grateful for all that this community has given my family, and I hope we can each live the Magis and continue to give back in whatever way we are able.