STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION 2026—Julie Nauman

Good morning, my fellow parishioners!

Let me begin by sharing a bit about my involvement in the Parish. I have enjoyed serving as a member of the Finance Council for over 10 years. I also served on the Pastoral Council, and served both as a Eucharistic Minister and a Xavier minister, bringing Eucharist to the homebound.

I am most grateful for the opportunity to speak with you this morning and share a short reflection on stewardship.

But first, let me express my gratitude to Father Tom for his amazing leadership of our parish, his deep compassion for our parish family, and our Arden Arcade neighbors in need, and for his tenacity in dealing with financial, and day to day matters of our parish. Fr. Tom, you are a blessing to all of us.

I feel so blessed to be a member of this parish—for so many reasons. We are a people committed to our mission, a commitment reflected in our care for each otheras well as our neighbors in need. We are people who in the spirit of generosity, share time, talent and treasure in support of our parish mission.

I want to underscore Fr. Tom's beautiful Sermon on the Amountand the Pastor's Message in last week's bulletin.

For two years in a row our financial picture is solidly healthy. As we closed our 2025-26 fiscal year, our operating income was significantly greater than our operating expenses, which enabled us to rebuild our savings, and thus be ready to respond to the inevitable unanticipated expenditures of 2026-27, as well as the same rising costs of day-to-day necessities such as utilities and

insurance, that each of our own households face.

Similarly significant is the very positive performance of the non-operating portion of our budget. A total of $950, 000 in new revenue. These are funds donated for specific purposes such as gifts we pass directly to other charitable causes, including our St. Vincent de Paul society, and your continuing contributions to help pay down

the construction debt on our school and parish office.

Suffice it to say, --"This didn’t just happen!! It took the leadership of Fr. Tom, the advice and counsel of the Parish Finance Council, and the tremendous generosity of our parishioners to achieve our goal of financial solvency. Through these efforts, and your generosity, this year we have expanded our Worship and Sacraments, our Ministries and

Programs and our Service and Outreach-- the three pillars of our mission.

The photos and information in last week's bulletin paint a picture of the richness of our community and programs. This picture tells the true and beautiful story of St. Ignatius Parish, a community of faithful, loving and generous people, people who love God, and our neighbors as ourselves. Let us continue to support and grow our faith community by serving one another, and those who need our

helping hands. I know that together we can do just that!

So, I respectfully invite you to contribute what you can to support our parish in the spirit of love and care for one another, just as we care for ourselves.

Please help us by filling out and returning the giving cards in the pews. And please consider becoming a recurring donor. And if you already are giving through REALM, please

consider increasing your weekly, monthly or annual giving.

When we us REALM we are helping Fr. Tom and the Parish Finance Council to more reliably estimate our annual income, prudently create our annual operating budget, and thoughtfully plan for our future.

Your generous gifts allow us to sustain and grow the mission of St. Ignatius Parish, and in doing so bring glory to God, the source of ALL that is Good.

Thank you for your stewardship in support of our parish.

Blessings to each of you, and our neighbors beyond these walls, all in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amem? Amen