



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 2019

Dear People of God at St. Edward's:

As we wind down the old year and prepare a new parish budget, we ask parishioners to consider prayerfully how you can support our common ministry in 2020.

All charitable giving is worthwhile, but it is especially important for Christians to give and work for God's purposes through their congregational life. We are so fortunate at St. Edward's to have these ingredients of a healthy parish — multiple outreach and other ministries, vibrant worship in a beautiful space, and committed parishioners. And one of the main things that supports the life and ministry of St. Edward's is your giving.

Stewardship is the word we use to describe how each Christian makes commitment of time and resources to help accomplish God's work and live the life we are all called to live. Or as Jesus says in the Gospel according to Matthew, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

It's been a full year of transition for us, but now we can imagine in not too many more months the excitement and enthusiasm of having a new permanent rector to help lead St. Edward's forward. It will be an energizing time.

In the meantime, we continue our congregational ministry to one another and to the community. Your support is needed. It makes the work of St. Edward's possible, and is one of the most concrete things you can do to further God's work in the world.

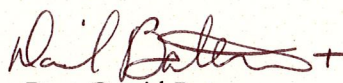
As a practical matter, the price of most things goes up a little each year, and so for those who are already giving regularly we ask you to consider a small increase of two-to-five percent as you make a prayerful decision about your Christian stewardship.


Finally, we say a loud and sincere "Thank you" to all who have given to St. Edward's in the past years. We appreciate your generosity and we know that God appreciates it as well.

Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge for 2020, fill out the enclosed pledge slip, and either place it in an offering plate or return it to the office no later than January 5th.

May God's blessings be on all of us!

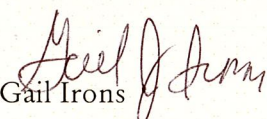
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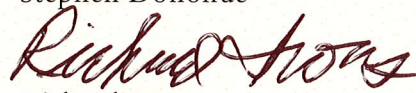

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