



# CHAPEL of the CROSS

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*Welcoming the stranger,  
nurturing one another, and  
guided by the Holy Spirit,  
the Chapel of the Cross  
strives to live the mission of  
Jesus Christ through prayer,  
traditional liturgy, Christian  
education, active outreach,  
and love of all God's  
creation.*

September 15, 2025

Dear Chapel Friends,

We are so grateful to call the Chapel of the Cross our church home. Like so many of you, we have found this community to be a place of worship, learning, friendship, and deep connection to God's love. It's where our children are nurtured in faith, where we lean on one another in times of need, and where we join hands to serve the world beyond our walls.

This fall, we are honored to serve together as co-chairs of our **Stewardship Campaign**. Stewardship isn't just about budgets or numbers—it's about each of us considering how we are called to give back, with gratitude, from the abundance God has given us. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:21, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" Our financial giving is a clear, tangible way we place our hearts fully in God's work here at the Chapel.

We share this invitation with you not only as co-chairs but as fellow parishioners deeply rooted in this community. For both of our families, the Chapel is not just a place we go on Sundays—it's where our faith is lived out and where we are blessed to serve alongside you.

Your pledge—whatever the size—makes a difference. It sustains our worship, supports our clergy and staff, fuels ministries for children, youth, and adults, and allows us to reach out to our neighbors in Madison County and beyond. Together, our giving creates the living body of Christ at the Chapel of the Cross.

Over the next few weeks, you'll hear more about how our shared generosity shapes lives. For now, we simply invite you to join us in prayerful reflection. How has the Chapel blessed your life? And how might you respond in thanksgiving through your pledge?

We are excited for this season and so grateful to walk it with you. Thank you for all the ways you give and serve. With each of us doing our part, we can look forward to a faithful and joyful year ahead.

With gratitude,

Meredith Bailess

Stewardship Co-Chair

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