

St. Mary's Giving Day

April 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

May 5th is our annual Giving Day, a day to offer our gratitude to God, to celebrate this vibrant community of St. Mary's, and support our life-giving ministry. We invite you to join us as you are able with a gift this Giving Day.

For Giving Day this year, a parishioner has stepped forward with a **\$25,000 challenge gift!** Can you rise to their challenge and join with a gift of your own? As you will read more about below, this year's Giving Day funds will support an important added element to our renovation.

Every donation, no matter the size, matters. Your gifts are an invaluable expression of gratitude to God, a celebration of our St. Mary's community, and make a tangible difference in caring for our building so that we can do our ministry.



Ryan+ preparing to lead the Blessing of the Backpacks at the beginning of the school year.

Offer Our Gratitude to God: Our faith teaches us the importance and power of gratitude. Giving Day provides us with a special opportunity to express our thankfulness for the abundant grace that God has showered upon us.

Celebrate the St. Mary's Community: Community is at heart of St. Mary's, a place where people come together to support and uplift one another in times of joy and adversity. Giving Day is a celebration of our values, relationships, and ministry.

Financially Support Our St. Mary's Ministry: Our ministry is made possible by the generous financial gifts you have entrusted to us. Giving Day is an opportunity to financially support our ministry. We are currently in a significant renovation to make St. Mary's more hospitable, accessible, safe, and environmentally responsible. Unfortunately, the section of the roof over the main courtyard entrance has failed and is not fixable. This roof is a flat roof, and being here in rainy Eugene, it has always had difficulty with leaking, but now is beyond repair. We need to replace it before we finish these beautiful renovations,

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but this is also the perfect opportunity to redesign this part of our roof so we can avoid the same problems that created the failure. This problem arose during the renovations, so was not accounted for in our original fundraising. This year's Giving Day funds will support the replacement of this section of roof.

We invite you to join us on May 5th for our annual Giving Day, as we come together in prayer, celebration, and giving. Join us in worship and join us with a financial gift as you are able. Together, let us continue to nurture the spirit of generosity and compassion that defines St. Mary's.

Easter Blessings and Peace,



Bingham Powell+
Rector



Ryan Baker-Fones+
Assistant Rector for Children, Youth and Family Ministries



Parishioners chat during the annual picnic

Ways to participate in Giving Day 2024:

1. Use the envelope provided in this letter and send your gift to St. Mary's
2. Give Online at saint-marys.org/give or by aiming your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right and clicking the link that pops up.
3. Bring cash or a check to church on Sunday, May 5th.



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