

“...like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the earth, is the smallest of all seeds upon the earth; yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than any herb, an puts out branches, so that the birds of the air can dwell beneath its shade.”

**Mark 4:31-32**

And, like the sower of the mustard seed, you too can plant a seed that can help St. Mary Parish branch out. You can help to provide for long term needs of the parish and thereby help the flame of faith grow. By contributing to the Endowment Fund, you will become a member of the St. Mary Legacy League.

A gift to the St. Mary Legacy League Endowment Fund can be large or small, for when all contributions are combined they quickly become a significant amount. It should be understood that this Fund is not meant to replace weekly church offerings or annual pledges, but to provide an instrument through which one may remember the church through special gifts and wills, enabling the church to continue it's good works for future generations.

## Why Give?

*...to build a foundation for the parish. A strong Endowment Fund will ensure that the parish can and will support the mission of St. Mary's Parish; today and in the future...*

We, the faith community of St. Mary Catholic Parish, established in 1867 in Menasha, Wisconsin under the patronage and protection of the Mother of God, welcome all men and women into our parish family, to celebrate the joy of living in the risen Lord Jesus.

We acknowledge that the Eucharist is the center and source of all our spiritual life and activity, and each of us declare with St. Paul - **“I've live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.”** It is the Eucharist that gives meaning and inspiration to our life and work.

Aware of our limitations, we recognize our need to grow in holiness as we strive to live the values and truths of the Roman Catholic Faith.

We are conscious of our responsibility to proclaim the good news of the gospel in our community and to announce God's presence to the world. We recognize our obligation to be faithful and generous stewards of the gifts and talents God has entrusted to us. Heeding the command of Jesus **“let your light shine before men,”** we pledge to strengthen the faith of our brothers and sisters and to love one another as Christ has loved us.”

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St. Mary Legacy League  
Endowment Fund



*Tomorrow depends  
on the steps we are  
willing to take today...*

The St. Mary Legacy League Endowment Fund has been established to provide a vehicle to manage and administer lifetime gifts, memorials and bequests from parishioners for the support and maintenance of the parish in its service of our Lord and Savior among His people. This Endowment Fund establishes a permanent, growing trust which will help meet the long term future needs and financial stability of the Parish.

### *About the Fund...*

Contributions to the Fund are invested and managed by the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay which is governed by a board of community and church leaders. The Fund's principal is preserved and a portion of the income generated from the investment is returned to the Parish annually. Parish leadership will determine how the money will ultimately be used to benefit our Church family.

**All contributions are tax deductible.**

### *You can help...*

- † Make a gift as a memorial to a loved one.
- † Make a gift as a tribute to honor someone's birthday or anniversary.
- † Make a gift as a way of returning some of your "treasure" to God.
- † Make a gift of appreciated stocks, bonds, or real estate, which might offer tax advantages to you.
- † Make a gift of a life insurance policy, which allows you to make a substantial gift at your death, with a modest cost to you.
- † If your employer offers a matching gift program, use it to increase the impact of your gift.
- † Remember the St. Mary Legacy League Endowment Fund in your will as you do your estate planning.
- † Challenge yourself to make an annual gift by pledging for a two, three or more year period.

Your gift, in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, corporate business gifts or matching funds, life insurance or real estate will help provide for future generations.

*Give to the Most High as He  
has given, and as  
generously as your hand has  
found. For the Lord is the  
one who repays, and He will  
repay you sevenfold.*

*Sinach 35:10-11*

*Join the St. Mary  
Legacy League...*

\_\_\_\_\_ /We qualify for membership in the St. Mary Legacy League as we have included St. Mary in our estate planning.

\_\_\_\_\_ /We qualify for membership in the St. Mary Legacy League by committing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which can be payable over a five year period to the Endowment Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ /We would like more information about the Endowment Fund and/or the benefits of charitable giving.

name

address

phone number & best time to call

Please drop this form in the collection basket  
or mail to:

**St. Mary Legacy League Endowment Fund**  
528 Second Street  
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