



## Stewardship for Shrewsbury 2026 Join Us in Our Journey of Faith and Giving

Dear Shrewsbury Family,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the blessings and challenges that have brought us closer as a faith community.

We came into the year with a strong focus on "Planning Our Future". This focus is helping to ensure that Shrewsbury is positioning itself to be a viable parish both today and into the foreseeable future with ministries serving the changing needs of our community. This more disciplined approach, along with your generosity, has allowed us to make progress, some visible and others less so. Here are a few examples; new signage at our entrance, fighting food insecurity with our "Chicken Processing" and support of the food bank, pastoral care, the introduction of some new hymns, guest speakers, back to school supplies, improved business practices for our cemetery, and successful fundraising events, including our new event, the Shrewsbury Fall Fest and Run.

As we enter the last quarter of the year, it's a time to reflect, if only for a moment, on our accomplishments of 2025. Our many accomplishments were made possible by our collective commitment to "Stewardship for Shrewsbury". Now is the time to renew that commitment with our annual giving campaign. I invite you to continue walking this path of generosity with us. Your continued support will enable us to reach new heights in our mission endeavors, community outreach programs, and spiritual development initiatives.

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Your generous contributions, in terms of financial support and time, remain the cornerstone of our achievements. Your financial support covers the expense side of all we do, and most importantly, they enable us to do God's work, with ministries serving our congregation and those in our community less fortunate than ourselves.

As you consider your level of pledging for 2026, please keep in mind the continuing inflationary pressures with higher contract prices for both our lawn and cleaning services, along with other general maintenance costs incurred in 2025.

Enclosed is your 2026 Pledge Card. Our goal is to have all pledges returned by Sunday November 23rd.

New on your pledge card is a check box to select, if you would like to indicate your intent to bequeath monies to Shrewsbury's Heritage Foundation as part of your final arrangements. Also, please select the check box if you require pledge envelopes.

On Sunday, December 7th, our rector will bless the pledges during both services.

We trust, that with your "Stewardship for Shrewsbury", we can continue to be a beacon of hope and faith in our community.

With heartfelt thanks,

David Murphy Sr. Warden Shrewsbury Parish Church

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