

LOVE IN ACTION
Where Faith Becomes Service and Hearts Become Mission
Incarnation Parish Stewardship Campaign 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Incarnation Family,

As I reflect on the life of our parish this past year, my heart is filled with deep gratitude and joy. Once again, you have shown that Incarnation is not simply a place where we gather for worship, but a living family of faith where God's love becomes visible through service, generosity, and genuine care for one another.

Thank You for Living Your Faith

First and foremost, I want to thank every one of you who volunteered your time, shared your talents, and offered your support throughout the past year. Because of your dedication, every parish event became a success, every ministry found helping hands, and every gathering reflected the warmth and hospitality that make our community so special.

During our recent Parish Planning Process, one remarkable reality stood out: **85% of the members of Incarnation Parish are actively involved in parish life.** This is truly extraordinary. It is a blessing we can all be proud of, and it makes our Incarnation family unique among many parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Your availability, generosity, and willingness to serve are powerful signs of a faith that is alive and active.

Thank you for your commitment, your sacrifices, and your constant support. You are the reason our parish continues to grow spiritually and communally.

Love in Action

This year's stewardship theme, *Love in Action*, reminds us that Christian love is never passive. Love is something we live, something we share, and something we put into motion through our daily choices. Jesus calls us not only to believe, but to serve — to transform faith into action through kindness, ministry, generosity, and presence.

Every time you greet a newcomer, teach a child, sing in the choir, prepare a meal, serve at Mass, visit someone in need, or quietly help behind the scenes, you are putting love into action. Through these simple yet powerful acts, Christ continues His work among us.

An Invitation for the Coming Year

As we begin a new stewardship year, I invite each of you to prayerfully reflect:

- How is God calling me to live love more actively this year?
- Where can my gifts make a difference in our parish family?
- How can I help strengthen the mission of Incarnation Parish?

Along with this letter, you will receive our **2026 Time and Talent (Volunteer Opportunity) Form**. This form is an invitation — not an obligation — to consider how you might share your gifts in the life of our parish. Whether you are already deeply involved or looking for a new way to participate, your presence and contribution matter greatly.

Our parish continues to grow because people like you say “yes.” Your involvement helps ensure that Incarnation remains a welcoming, vibrant, and faith-filled community for future generations.

Together, We Move Forward

Stewardship is ultimately about gratitude — recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and responding with generous hearts. When we place love into action, our parish becomes more than a community; it becomes a living witness of Christ's presence in the world.

Thank you again for your faithful support, your generosity, and your love for our parish. I humbly ask for your continued prayers, participation, and support in the coming year as we continue building our future together.

May God bless you and your families abundantly for all that you do.

In gratitude and service to Christ,

Fr. Leo Payyappilly, OFM Conv.

Your Co-Traveler

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