**CHILDREN’S LITURGY STARTS JANUARY 8, 2023**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is a school-year faith formation program for children ages 3 to 7. We use the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Seeds curriculum (www.pflaumweeklies.com/seeds/). Young children who attend the Sunday Mass with their family are invited to the chapel during Mass to hear the Gospel and do crafts and activities related to the Gospel, led by a catechist. They are returned to the main church shortly after the homily.

Also, St. Matthew provides learning packets for children ages 3 to 7 at the Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses. The Children’s Liturgy of the Word learning packets are on a shelf in the back of church near the hymnals. Children may take the packets home with them.

_Ellen Schneider, Janelle Rohr_

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**HYMNAL UPDATE**

Many thanks to those who’ve donated to the new hymnal bookplate project. Your contributions help defray their cost.

At last count, we’re at about 62 bookplates. That means we still have about 63 opportunities to donate. Contact the office for details.

_Angela Rakow_

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**NATIONAL AND DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS FOR 2023**

All parishes in our Archdiocese are asked to support the collections listed below. They’re all worthy. Do not worry about supporting every single one. Rather, I recommend you choose a few favorites—say, three or four. Trust that other people will choose others.

We’re publishing this list now, to help those who like to plan their giving for the year. Note that this does not include the Catholic Services Appeal, which is a foundation separate from the Archdiocese.

- **Lent** | CRS Rice Bowl
- **March** | Global Solidarity Sunday
- **April** | Holy Land Collection
- **April** | Catholic Home Mission
- **Summer** | Missionary guest speaker
- **July** | Peter’s Pence (for the Holy Father)
- **October** | World Mission Sunday
- **November** | Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- **December** | Retirement Fund for Religious

For more information about any of these collections, please call or email me.

Thanks,

_Phil Grant_

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Kenneth Goers died on December 19, 2022. His funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

_Please remember Kenneth and his family in your prayers._