**2025 Diocesan Services Appeal**

**Sample Bulletin Announcements**

**Please include the following Announcements in your Bulletin on the noted dates.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND – February 15 & 16**

“You Are my Chosen Witnesses.” This scripture from the Prophet Isaiah shows us that we are called to bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is one such opportunity to provide that witness to our Catholic faith. Our witnesses indicate that our existence and experiences reflect God's glory and truth to the nations and that our offerings and their effects are a powerful testimony to both our community and to the broader society of our Catholic faith.

Next weekend, our parish will conduct Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. This is when we will be asking each member of <Insert Parish Name> to consider a generous gift to DSA. Our parish goal of $<Insert Parish Goal> can be reached if each one of us responds to God’s call to be witnesses and shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to witness the work of Christ in our community.

* Consider including the 2025 DSA Prayer in the Bulletin on Announcement Weekend or at any time during the active phase of the appeal:

**2025 DSA Prayer**

Heavenly Father,
In Your wisdom, You call us to be witnesses of Your truth.
Grant us strength to reflect Your love and lead others to You.
Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit,
That we may boldly share the good news of salvation.

Bless the Diocesan Services Appeal,
Strengthen our community, nurture faith,
And guide us to serve with generosity and grace.
May our contributions glorify Your name
And bring hope to those in need.

In every moment, remind us we are never alone,
For You are with us, lighting our path.
Help us remain steadfast as faithful witnesses,
Always bringing glory to Your name.

Through Christ our Lord, we pray.

Amen.

**COMMITMENT WEEKEND – February 22 & 23**

* This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. I invite all members of our parish community to join in support of our annual appeal. Our parish goal is $<Insert Parish Goal>. No gift is too small… every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned for our local use here at <Insert Parish Name>.

You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend - or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return their completed pledge form in the DSA envelope to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). I encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on how we can bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ by supporting the work of the DSA this year.

**FOLLOW UP WEEKENDS**

* Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

* When you reach 75% or more of your parish goal, let your parishioners know how close you are and ask their help to reach your goal:

This week, we reached insert% of our DSA goal. Thus far, <insert # of Donors> families have contributed to this year’s appeal. I am grateful for these contributions and invite others to join me and join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

**ONCE THE PARISH GOAL HAS BEEN REACHED**

* Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to DSA. This week we surpassed our goal of $<Insert Parish Goal>. Now that we have reached our goal, one-half of all additional contributions received will be returned to our local parish for our use. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal) or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.