

DATE October 3, 2021

Dear St. Christopher's Parishioner,

Fall is here! What a wonderful time of year ... football, turkey, family ... Church. *Wait a minute...* How'd Church sneak in there? You can blame me!

This past year has been incredibly busy. The Snowmageddon Freeze left us a \$225,000 in water damage. COVID has left a huge mark. Many of us have lost folks, and some friends have moved away. We had to learn how to use Facebook, to reach much of our Sunday congregation. But, with Facebook's help we are now multi-state!

I've been thinking about how our Church, can meet its challenges and move forward in 2021-2022. Even in these COVID daze, God's good work continues:

- Our Preschool is growing, and the Education Wing is so much nicer since the post-Snowmageddon repairs.
- Our Church bell rings each afternoon!
- We've spruced up the Church lawns and parking.
- Great new plans are underway to improve our Nave's lighting and seating.

All this good stuff is happening right now! But honestly, our finances are not what we hoped. Pledges are way down and so is Sunday giving. I know, it's hard to financially support a church that COVID keeps you away from. But we really are here, and our good work continues! *St. Christopher's truly needs your support.*

So, as we begin our annual Fall Campaign, please make a pledge to help St. Christopher's continue to grow in this wonderful place. Help us to be the inviting and welcoming vibrant presence, that we need to be for Killeen and Central Texas!

Your time, talent, and treasure are vital to ensure that this place becomes the lighthouse, that Killeen and Central Texas desperately need. The Holy Spirit calls us to excel in the grace of giving. (2 Cor. 8:7). Please complete and send back your Pledge Card ... better yet, drop it off this Sunday at Church!

Thank you, for your faithful support!

Every Blessing,

Fr. Steve Karcher, Rector