



About the Parish ...

The Church is primarily interested in people, but it needs money to do the Lord's work. Monetary resources enable the parish to budget for its many programs and services, including worship, education, outreach to the unchurched, sacramental life, pastoral care, and counseling. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to support the Church's mission in a planned, responsible way.

About the Parishioner ...

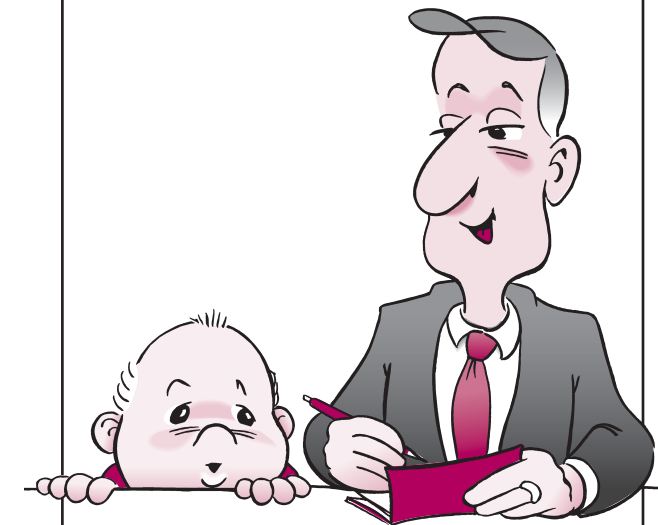
Whenever we cling tightly to money and possessions, they become a burden. They bring us happiness only when we use them gratefully and generously. There is a special happiness in returning to God, through gifts to Church and charity, a grateful first portion of the time, talents, and treasure God has given to us. Doing so is called Stewardship.

A PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

**Take, Lord, and receive
all my liberty, my memory,
my understanding,
and my will,
all that I have and possess.
Everything I have is yours,
for you have given
it all to me;
to you I return it.
Take, Lord, and do what
you like with me,
only give me your
grace and your love,
for that is enough for me.
Amen.**

*May we as your Parish Family
thank you for responding to
God's generosity. We pray for
you and your family as you
strive to live a Life of
Stewardship in your home,
workplace, and community!*

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE



***“Stewardship calls us
to plan our giving –
giving the first portion of
our income, not the last.”***

A STEWARD'S GUIDE FOR
Spiritual Giving

A STEWARD'S GUIDE FOR GIVING

- Find your household income at the left of the chart below.
- Move across on the same line to find the amount you currently give weekly in the Parish Envelope.
- Move straight up the chart to find the percentage your current gift to the parish represents.

Please consider *taking-a-step* by committing to the next level (to the right).

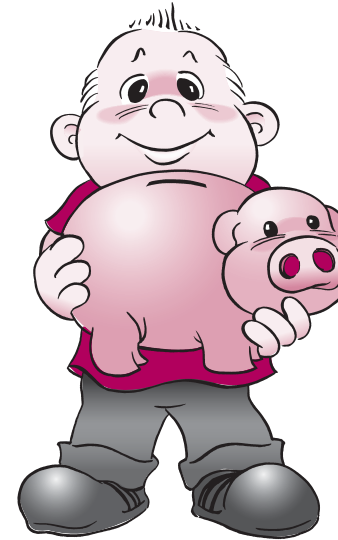
For example, if you are presently giving 2% to the parish, consider stepping up to 2.5%, or even 3%.

Yearly Income	Weekly Giving through the Parish Offertory Envelope								
	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%*
\$ 6,000	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.25	\$ 5.75
10,500	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00
15,000	3.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	9.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	14.00
20,000	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	13.00	15.00	17.00	19.00
25,000	5.00	7.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	19.00	22.00	24.00
30,000	6.00	9.00	12.00	14.00	17.00	20.00	23.00	26.00	29.00
35,000	7.00	10.00	13.00	17.00	20.00	24.00	27.00	30.00	34.00
40,000	8.00	12.00	15.00	19.00	23.00	27.00	31.00	35.00	38.00
50,000	10.00	14.00	19.00	24.00	29.00	34.00	38.00	43.00	48.00
60,000	12.00	17.00	23.00	29.00	35.00	40.00	46.00	52.00	58.00
70,000	13.00	20.00	27.00	34.00	40.00	47.00	54.00	61.00	67.00
80,000	15.00	23.00	31.00	38.00	46.00	54.00	62.00	69.00	77.00
90,000	17.00	26.00	35.00	43.00	52.00	61.00	69.00	78.00	87.00
100,000	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	58.00	67.00	77.00	87.00	96.00
150,000	29.00	43.00	58.00	72.00	87.00	101.00	115.00	130.00	144.00

* You are asked to give an equal percentage to other charities (for example, if you're giving 4% in the regular Offertory Envelope, give an additional 4% to other charities for 8% total giving). Other charities might include: Food Pantries and other programs for the poor, Missions, Catholic Education, Church Building Drives, Diocesan Annual Appeal, etc.

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AMOUNT?

Stewardship giving asks only that you give a part of the blessings God has given you back to the Church and community. It's up to you to decide how much, based upon the blessings God has given you and your responsibilities. When you are at peace about the size of your gift, when you do not find yourself making excuses for its size (too big or too small) and know in your heart that you have been completely honest with yourself and God – then your gift is the proper size.



EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF GIVING

My/our Annual Renewal: Stewardship of Treasure

“Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your Love, to Your Call.”

I/We commit to respond to God's generosity in my/our lives by making a gift, a portion of household income, in the amount of

\$ _____ (weekly) to the parish this year to help build God's Kingdom here on Earth.

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

I/we “took-a-step” this year toward my/our giving percentage goal.

I/we “stayed the same” this year in my/our giving percentage goal.

Other _____

I/we have remembered the Church in our will or estate plan.

Please tear off this section and return it to the Parish. As part of our understanding of Stewardship as a Way of Life, all are asked to renew commitment to the Lord, regardless of the level of giving that is planned.

STEWARDSHIP
A WAY OF LIFE