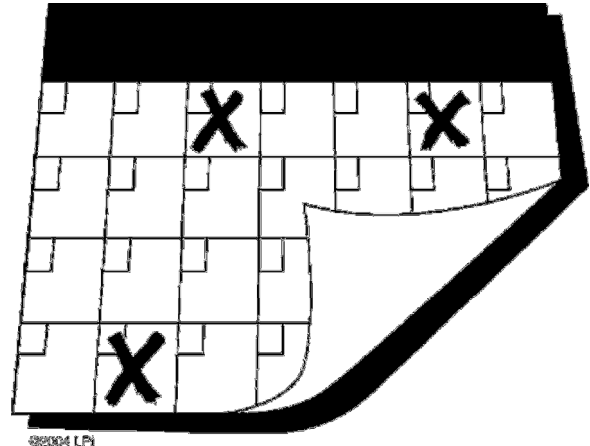


Church of the Holy Family
Week Two of Stewardship of Treasure
The Five Giving Principles
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GIVING IS PLANNED

In virtually every significant endeavor in life, planning ahead is important, and we want you to have the opportunity to prayerfully consider your involvement in this important effort, ahead of time.

A popular story involves a conversation between a passerby and a stone mason, an artisan busy helping to create one of the greatest cathedrals of Europe. "Laying stone for a wall?" the mason was asked. "A wall?" he replied, "No. I am building a cathedral." At the



time, his work had barely begun and no scaffolding accompanied the tasks. His expanded vision illustrates the value of juggling the work of the day with a long-range appreciation for its purpose. His task, in fact, would ultimately require centuries and the determined efforts of generations of skilled craftsmen.

Our facilities and ministries reflect similar and equally wise planning. Staffing, equipment, supplies, and instructional programs are a vital part of the ministry of the Church. Providing them necessitates the generosity of many people, including all those who created the paths on which we travel. They planned well, and so should we. Parishioners should give considerable thought to the ways they choose to invest their financial resources. It is wise and honors God.

Regular, financial support of the work and ministry of the Church is deliberate and meaningful. Giving is planned. It is intentional and involves decisions made thoughtfully, in advance. Offering donations can and should be planned. Prayerfully consider what you might give. Think of the wonderful ministries that will benefit, knowing your regular, planned contributions allow Holy Family to plan ahead.