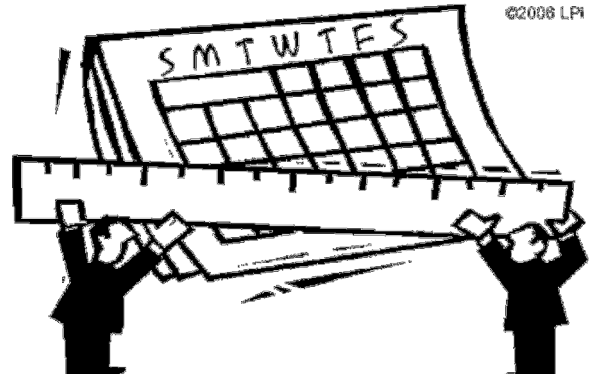


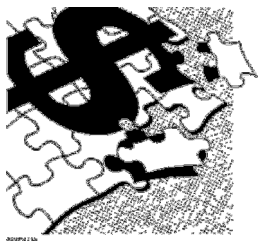
Church of the Holy Family  
Week Two of Stewardship of Treasure  
The Five Giving Principles  
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### GIVING IS PROPORTIONATE

As a stewardship parish, Holy family encourages each parishioner to set aside a portion of God's blessing for the work and ministry of Holy Family. No matter how substantial or modest, wise giving involves a select portion of a person's income. Giving is planned, and giving is proportionate.



In the twenty-second chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus was asked about paying the common census tax, and he replied, "Pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Because of the tension that existed between Jews and the Roman rulers, especially for Galileans like the Lord's followers, that payment carried strong religious implications. Within such fresh, enlightened teaching, Jesus provided a key principle. Give to God "what belongs to God." The proportional amount prayerfully given in offering by an individual parishioner honors that principle.



You might ask, "Are the amounts of my financial gifts a true reflection of my income? Are they proportionate to my ability to give?" Those are good questions. You might offer 1-2% of your income to the Lord and his work. You might contribute 5%. An established, biblical view of tithing encourages giving 10%. One thing is certain: Your commitment to make regular, proportionate gifts provides Holy Family with a valuable tool when planning ahead which benefits everyone. Please prayerfully plan to give a regular, proportionate share, no matter how substantial, no matter how modest.