



STEWARDSHIP

GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

My Catholic Giving Guide

A GUIDE TO GIVING IN STEWARDSHIP

God calls us to be generous with all of our gifts, including our treasure. Scripture teaches us this again and again:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits ..." (Pro 3:9)

"How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?" (Ps 116:12)

"...this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury ... she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had..." (Mk 12:43-44)

In gratitude, we are called to give to God from our first fruits regardless of the amount. That means creating a plan for giving to His Church. When we give only what's left over (tossing a last-minute donation in the basket) we often end up feeling frustrated or disconnected. But with a plan, we can give with intention, joy, and trust, doing our part to return a portion of the gifts God has given us.

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
 - Plan your giving annually
- Use your parish's Online Offertory (if applicable)
- Understand that tithing literally means to give ten percent of your income. Suggested amounts: five percent to the local parish and five percent to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community.

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

— 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE BACK PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Offertory

Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



Catholic Services Appeal

Supports the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, including ministries, parishes and schools.



Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



iGiveCatholic

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations and other needs.

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

Main income: \$ _____
 Other income: \$ _____
 Total income: \$ _____

2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO GIVE:

Tithing (10%): _____ %
 (or)
 Other (e.g. 1%, 3%, 5%): _____ %

3. CALCULATE ANNUAL DOLLAR GIVING AMOUNT:

Total Annual Gross Family Income X Annual Giving Percentage = Annual Dollar Giving Amount
 \$ _____ X _____ % = \$ _____

4. DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

OFFERTORY

Weekly \$ _____ (or) Monthly \$ _____ Annual \$ _____

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Annual \$ _____

IGIVECATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Annual \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTIONS

E.g. Catholic Charities, Opportunities for Life, World Missions, Retired Religious etc.

_____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES & PARISH RELIEF

Parish Relief Fund, Tuition Assistance, Nonprofit(s) of your Choice, etc.

_____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

AMOUNT: \$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLE

1. Calculate annual gross income:

My income \$45,000
 My spouse's income \$ 5,000
 Total \$50,000

2. Determine annual percentage to give:

1% OR 3% OR 10%

3. Calculate total annual giving amount:

\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
x 1%	x 3%	x 10%
\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity (as needed):

\$ 250	Weekly	\$ 2,500
÷ 52	Offertory	÷ 52
\$4.81		\$ 48.07
\$ 20.83	Second	\$208.33
x 12	Collections (4)	x 12
\$ 250		\$ 2,500



RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE – ONE PLEDGE PER FAMILY

MY 2025-2026 OFFERTORY PLEDGE

MY INFORMATION:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

To sign up for recurring giving, please go to www.ascension-parish.com/donate/ or use the following QR code:



MY PLEDGE AMOUNT (please mark with an X):

Total Offertory Gift: \$ _____
 To be paid: \$ _____ per
 ___ Annual ___ Week ___ Month ___ Quarter ___ Other

PAYMENT METHOD (please mark with an X):

Weekend envelope _____
 Electronic giving _____
 RMD/Investments/Stocks _____
 Contact me for planned giving (contact) _____
 My company offers matching funds _____

Effective (Date): _____ or July 1st, 2025

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Envelope Number: _____ Entered into ParishSoft: _____