



# Stewardship 2026-2027

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## 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..." (Proverbs 3:9)*

*"How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?" (Psalm 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..." (Mark 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 NEXT PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

## 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 AMOUNT FOR EACH GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

### OFFERTORY

Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or) Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (or) 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 amount for each giving opportunity (optional):

\$ 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 2026-2027 OFFERTORY PLEDGE

### MY INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### MY PLEDGE AMOUNT (please mark with an X):

Total Offertory Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 To be paid: \_\_\_ annually \_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ weekly  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT METHOD (please mark with an X):

Weekend envelope \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electronic giving \_\_\_\_\_  
 RMD/Investments/Stocks \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact me for planned giving \_\_\_\_\_

Effective (Date): \_\_\_\_\_ or July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

To sign up for recurring gifts or adjust your current gift, please go to [www.ascension-parish.com/donate/](http://www.ascension-parish.com/donate/) or use the following QR code:



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