



STEWARDSHIP

GRATEFUL AND 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. Our faith teaches us this through the Scriptures:

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

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

In gratitude, we are called to give to God from our first fruits. That means creating a plan for giving to His Church. Rather than placing a last-minute donation into the collection basket based on what is left in our wallets, having a giving plan can help us better do our part to share the gifts that God has given us.

BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
 - Plan your giving annually
- Use St. Veronica's electronic giving platform, Parish Soft
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income. Suggested amounts: 5 percent to the local parish and 5 percent to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community.

"Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will 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, ministries, and operating expenses.



Annual Catholic 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.



Parish Campaigns

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

TEAR OUT AND KEEP WORKSHEET

1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

My income \$ _____
 My spouse's income \$ _____
 Other income \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO GIVE:

Tithing (10%) _____ %
 (or)
 Other _____ %

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 \$ _____

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Annual \$ _____

PARISH SPECIAL PROJECTS & CAMPAIGNS

Annual \$ _____

OTHER COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT

Social Concerns & Pantry \$ _____

Poor and Needy (Poor Box) \$ _____

Blessed Sr Celine Scholarship Fund (Poor Box) \$ _____

Diocesan 2nd Collections:

Catholic Relief Services \$ _____

Holy Land (Good Friday) \$ _____

Catholic Home Missions \$ _____

Rice Bowls \$ _____

Diocesan Infirm & Retired Priest Fund \$ _____

Catholic University \$ _____

World Mission Sunday \$ _____

Support for the Religious Retirement \$ _____

Military Services \$ _____

Holy Day Collections: \$ _____

Feast of the Assumption \$ _____

All Saints Day \$ _____

All Souls \$ _____

Thanksgiving \$ _____

Immaculate Conception \$ _____

Solemnity of Mary \$ _____

Ash Wednesday \$ _____

Holy Thursday \$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

AMOUNT: \$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLE

1. Calculate annual gross income

My income \$45,000
 Spouse's income \$10,000
 Other income \$ 5,000
 Total \$60,000

2. Determine annual percentage to give:

3% OR 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount

\$60,000		\$60,000
x 3%		x 10%
\$ 1,800		\$ 6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity.

\$1,800		\$6,000
x 50%	Parish Offertory	x 50%
\$ 900		\$3,000
\$ 900	Weekly Offertory	\$3,000
÷ 52		÷ 52
\$17.30		\$57.70

OR

\$900		\$3,000
÷ 12	Monthly Offertory	÷ 12
\$ 75		\$ 250

\$ 20		\$ 50
x 20	Annual Second Collections (20)	x 20
\$400		\$1,000

\$200	Annual Catholic Appeal	\$ 600
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OTHER GIVING

\$80	EASTER	\$ 300
\$80	CHRISTMAS	\$ 300
\$50	Poor & Needy	\$ 250
\$30	Blessed Celine Scholarship	\$ 200
\$60	Special Projects Collection	\$ 350
\$300	OTHER TOTALS	\$1,400