



STEWARDSHIP GIVING GENEROUSLY

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. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves us frustrated. Having a plan, we can 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 our parish’s online giving and set up a recurring transaction
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10% of your income.

Suggested amounts:

5% to the offertory at St. Michael,

1% to the Diocese,

4% 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

Stewardship starts with being a Grateful Steward. List what you are grateful for:

USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE REVERSE SIDE 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.



Annual Diocesan Appeal

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



Other Parish Collections

Provides the means for our parish to carry out specific projects.



National Collections

Supports the priorities of the Pope and bishops through specific national and Worldwide ministries.



Community Charities

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





ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

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

2. DETERMINE ANNUAL % 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:

GIVING EXAMPLE

OFFERTORY

Weekly \$ _____ or Monthly \$ _____ Annual \$ _____

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Annual \$ _____

OTHER ST. MICHAEL DONATIONS

Sanctuary Improvements	\$ _____
Capital Improvements	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance	\$ _____
Church in Latin America	\$ _____
Black and Indian Missions	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services - Rice Bowl	\$ _____
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$ _____
Seminarian Formation Fund	\$ _____
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ _____
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ _____
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ _____
Collection for the Holy Father	\$ _____
Priest Care Fund	\$ _____
Catholic University of America	\$ _____
World Mission Sunday	\$ _____
Campaign for Human Development	\$ _____
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING AMOUNT: \$ _____

1. Calculate annual gross income:
 My income \$45,000
 Spouse's income \$10,000
 Other income \$ 5,000
 Total \$60,000

2. Determine annual % to give: 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount:
 \$60,000
 x .10
 \$ 6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

Annual St. Michael Offertory \$ 6,000
 (50% of total giving) x .50
 \$ 3,000

Weekly offertory \$ 3,000
 ÷ 52
 \$ 57.70

OR
 Monthly offertory \$ 3,000
 ÷ 12
 \$ 250

Annual Diocesan Appeal \$ 6,000
 (10% of total giving) x .10
 \$ 600

Other St. Michael Donations
 Sanctuary Improvements \$ 1,000
 Flowers \$ 100
 National Collections \$ 25
 x 15
 \$ 375

Community Charities
 PTA \$ 100
 High School Fundraiser \$ 100
 Catholic Charities \$ 725

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING \$ 6,000