

GREETINGS to you as parishioners of Saint William and Saint Lawrence Parish, a *family of families*.

I am so blessed and grateful to serve you as your pastor, a family of families, who have embraced God's life-giving truth about stewardship.

I think of the many and various ways that Stewardship is in action here in our parish family. I think of those who steward their time and talent by serving as one of the ministers at Sunday Mass, those who help in the education/formation ministry, those who help with funerals and home visitation, the picnic, First Friday, and so many others. We have different ministries here at our parish family where we can put our stewardship into action. Among those some are active, and some are not. As a family we can do more, and I need your help. So please go through this and prayerfully consider being part of the activities in our parish family. A family becomes whole when each one plays a role and contribute to it.

The prayer part of this is very important as it will help us to make a conscious decision about our stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do in using your time and talent for our parish, the family of families. May God bless you.

“O Merciful God, You are the provider of all that we are and all that we have. You open wide your hand to provide for the needs of every living creature. Make us always grateful for your loving Mercy and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God forever and ever. Amen”

THE WORD TITHE is mentioned many times in the Old Testament. The word carried with it the notion of 10%. Traditionally, we are asked to give 10% of our annual income to God: a portion to the parish, some to the Diocese and some to charities. Tithing is merely being grateful to God for all we have been given. Tithing is **A HEART THING**. In Genesis 28: 22 we find the patriarch Jacob having his famous encounter with God in a dream, with a rock as his pillow. His life and heart

having been changed, he rises and says: “This stone that I have set up as a sacred pillar will be the house of God. Of everything you give me, I will return a tenth part to you without fail.” Jacob’s vow to tithe came straight from his grateful heart. True tithing comes from the heart—not from a legalistic mind. Having experienced the sweetness of God’s presence and the goodness of His favor, Jacob wanted to bless Him.

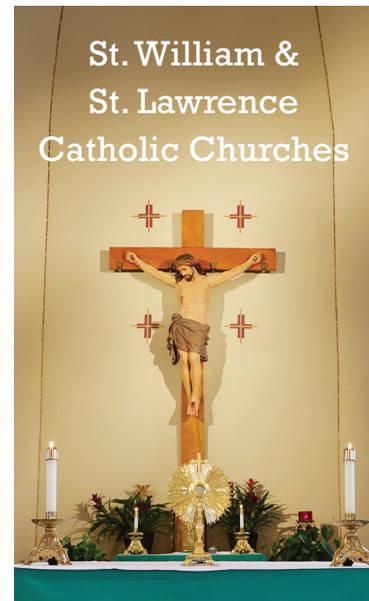
It was a heart thing. That’s why tithing is life to us, not law. And when it becomes life to us, it will be one of the greatest joys of our life. We see another insight into the power of tithing in Leviticus 27:30. We find God giving instructions to the Israelites about how to prosper in the land of promise: “All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to the LORD; they are sacred to the LORD.” God considers the tithe holy. The word “holy” means “separated” and “set apart.” In other words, the first 10% is to be separated and set apart for the Lord. There are so many blessings that go along with tithing, but it is the principle of putting God first and the principle of faith that initiate the blessings. I think Luke 6:38 is a wonderful verse: “Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” One of the most common mistakes people make about this verse is assuming that Jesus is speaking only of money. In truth, He’s revealing a principle that applies to every area of our lives. This becomes crystal clear if we look at the larger context of the verse. For instance, back up a couple of verses and look at 36 and 37: “Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.” “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” It is only then that Jesus says, “Give, and it will be given to you” (v. 38). Yes, this principle applies to money, but we can also give forgiveness. We can give mercy. We can give understanding. We can give patience. Jesus is simply talking about the broad principle of giving. Whatever you give is going to be given back to us in “good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing.” (Luke 6:38).

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

- Active members of St. William and St. Lawrence
- Come together as a family of families to celebrate the Eucharist
- Welcome everyone as Christ
- Learn about our faith as an ongoing process
- Develop a prayerful relationship with God
- Worship and celebrate with the community
- Are generous in financial support of the parish
- Serve in at least one parish ministry

HOUSEHOLD INCOME SCALE

Annual Income	10% weekly	8% weekly	6% weekly	4% weekly
\$5,000	9.62	7.69	5.77	3.85
\$10,000	19.23	15.38	11.54	7.69
\$15,000	28.85	23.8	17.31	11.54
\$20,000	38.46	30.77	23.8	15.38
\$25,000	48.08	38.46	28.85	19.23
\$30,000	57.69	46.15	34.62	23.08
\$35,000	67.31	53.85	40.38	26.92
\$40,000	76.92	61.54	46.15	30.77
\$45,000	86.54	69.23	51.92	34.62
\$50,000	96.15	76.92	57.69	38.46
\$55,000	105.77	84.62	63.46	42.28
\$60,000	115.38	92.31	69.23	46.12
\$65,000	125.00	100.00	75.00	50.00
\$70,000	134.62	107.69	80.77	53.84
\$75,000	144.23	115.38	86.54	57.69
\$80,000	153.85	123.08	92.31	61.52
\$85,000	163.46	130.77	98.08	65.36
\$90,000	173.08	138.46	103.85	69.20
\$100,000	192.31	153.85	115.38	76.92



Stewardship of
TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



A Family of Families

STEWARDSHIP OF Time, Talent, & Treasure

In gratitude for God's generous gifts, I give my gift of time and talent in the following ministries for 2019:

		Interested (Contact me)	Continue Involvement	Leaving the Ministry
Dedicated Prayer	For Parish and Parishioners			
	First Friday Adoration of Eucharist			
	Attend One Extra Mass Per Month			
	Pray for Vocations			
	Pray for an End of Abortion			
	Pray for the Military			
Hospitality Ministries	Hospitality Minister/Greeter			
	Welcoming Committee			
	Family Life Committee			
Liturgical Ministers	Altar Server <i>(4th grade and over)</i>			
	Eucharistic Minister			
	Eucharistic Minister to Homebound			
	Lector (Liturgy of the Word)			
	Liturgy Committee			
	Art and Environment			
	Usher			
	Small Group			
	Prayer Chain			
Music Ministries	Musician			
	Family Choir			
	Youth Choir			
	Funeral Choir			

Please return to the collection basket or to the Church office

Please complete one form per person (from 4th grade by next school year through adult)

		Interested (Contact me)	Continue Involvement	Leaving the Ministry
Education	Rite Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)			
	Team Member			
	Sponsor			
	Child Care			
	Religious Education for Children			
	Catechist			
	Aide			
	Vacation Bible School			
	Evangelization/ Fully Alive Ministry			
	Koinonia			
Youth Ministries	Youth Ministry:			
	Junior Youth Group <i>(5th & 6th grade)</i>			
	Youth Group <i>(7th-12th Grade)</i>			
Outreach Ministries	Homebound Visitation			
	Hospital Visitation			
	Funeral Committee			
	Prepare Food			
	Serve at Funeral Dinner			

If you need more information or additional copies, please call the office 270-281-4802

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? (Psalms 116:1)

		Interested (Contact me)	Continue Involvement	Leaving the Ministry
Administration	Parish Council			
	Finance Committee			
	Stewardship Committee			
	Social Outreach			
	Education Council			
	Building & Ground Committee			
	Website/IT Maintenance			
Other Parish Ministries	Picnic Volunteer			
	Raffle			
	Kitchen			
	Booths			
	Cooking/Drive-thru			
	Repair/maintenance <i>(list your skill)</i>			
	Knights of Columbus			
Write-In	Landscaping & Gardening			

ANNUAL TITHE July 2019 through June 2020

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

IN HOUSEHOLD _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

In thankful appreciation, I/we submit our sharing of treasure:

My/Our Annual Tithe

COMMITMENT IS _____

PAYMENT OF _____

Will be made (please check):

Weekly Bi-Weekly Monthly Annually

Mass Preference

4:00 p.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m. Sunday

8:00 a.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Are you interested in Electronic Funds Transfer?

Yes No, Thank you