



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. 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 your parish's electronic offering (<http://bit.ly/SMAOnlineGive>)
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent of your income.
- Suggested amounts: 5% to the local parish, 5% to other Church needs and charities that serve the greater community

ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Offertory

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

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 Building Fund

Supports routine and unexpected maintenance of the church property and special projects.

Community Charities

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

"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 FOLLOWING PAGE TO PLAN YOUR GIVING

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 BUILDING FUND

Annual \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTIONS / MINISTRY SUPPORT

Church in Latin America \$ _____
 Propagation of Faith \$ _____
 Ash Wednesday \$ _____
 Black and Indian Missions \$ _____
 Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe \$ _____
 Catholic Relief Services \$ _____
 Church in Africa \$ _____
 Palm Sunday \$ _____
 Holy Places \$ _____
 Easter \$ _____
 Catholic Home Missions \$ _____
 Catholic Communications \$ _____
 Education of Future Archdiocesan Priests \$ _____
 Peter's Pence (Works of the Holy Father) \$ _____
 Catholic University of America \$ _____
 World Mission Sunday \$ _____
 Military Services \$ _____
 Campaign for Human Development \$ _____
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$ _____

COMMUNITY CHARITIES & UNEXPECTED NEEDS

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

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

AMOUNT: \$ _____

1. Calculate annual gross income

My income \$25,000
 Spouse's income \$25,000
 Other income \$10,000
 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 \$3,000
 ÷ 52 Offertory ÷ 52
 \$17.30 \$57.70
 OR
 \$900 Monthly \$3,000
 ÷ 12 Offertory ÷ 12
 \$ 75 \$ 250

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

\$200 Annual Catholic Appeal \$ 600

OTHER CHARITIES

\$75 Grade School Fundraiser \$ 300
 \$75 High School Fundraiser \$ 300
 \$50 Charity 1 \$ 250
 \$50 Charity 2 \$ 200
 \$60 Parish Capital Campaign \$ 350
 \$300 OTHER TOTALS \$1,400