



# STEWARDSHIP

*giving generously*

## A Guide to Stewardship Giving

We are called to be generous with all our gifts, including our treasure.  
Our Catholic Faith teaches us this through the Scriptures.

*Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)*

We are called to give of our first fruits in gratitude. We must examine what we have been given and determine a plan so we can do our part to share what God has given us with others.

### Best Practices

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your charitable giving
- Use your parish's electronic offering system
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10% 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.

## ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



### Annual Catholic Appeal

Supports many ministries, parishes and schools in our Diocese.



### Parish Offertory

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



### Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the Pope and bishops through specific global and local ministries.



### Specific Ministries

Giving to specific ministries at your parish and within your community reflects God's love.

Use the worksheet on the back to plan your giving



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# MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE 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

### Giving To Your Parish

Sunday Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building and Maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religious Ed / School \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second Collections \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Shared Diocesan Ministries

Annual Catholic Appeal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Catholic Charities Appeal \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Villa Vianney \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Catholic Cemeteries \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Queen of Peace Retreat Center \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### The Catholic Foundation of West Tennessee

Seminarian Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Retired Priests \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Diaconate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Giving To Other Organizations

Please consider organizations that have touched your family and fill a crucial need

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### Giving Example

#### 1. Calculate annual gross income

My income \$45,000  
 My 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%
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\$1,800	\$6,000

#### 4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity

\$1,800	\$6,000
x 50%	x 50%
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\$900	\$3,000

### SHARED DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

\$400	Annual Catholic Appeal	\$1,000
\$200	Catholic Charities Appeal	\$800
\$150	Seminarian Ed	\$500
\$50	Other	\$200

\$100 Other Organizations \$500

\$1,800 TOTALS \$6,000

How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me? (Psalm 116:12)