



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

_____ \$ _____
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 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
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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)