



# STEWARDSHIP *Treasure*

## A Guide to Stewardship of Treasure

Every dollar we earn is ultimately a gift. Our ability to work, save, and provide comes from the Lord. Stewardship of treasure isn't just about fundraising—it's about forming grateful, generous hearts that reflect the love of God.

God doesn't need our money—but He wants our trust. When we give, we declare that God is first. We make room in our hearts for grace, not greed.

In Scripture, the widow gave two small coins, but Jesus called her offering the greatest. Why? Because she gave with faith and joy. True stewardship isn't measured by the amount—it's measured by the sacrifice.

Stewardship of treasure means:

- Time spent in prayer before making financial decisions.
- Talent used to earn honestly and ethically.
- Treasure joyfully returned to God through tithing, almsgiving, and generosity.

## Best Practices

- Donate gently used clothing, furniture, books, tools, or vehicles to Catholic Charities, shelters, or families in need.
- Use your talents in finance, education, technology, or law to help your parish or Catholic organizations. Offer workshops, coaching, or mentoring in your area of expertise.
- Set a percentage of your income (such as the biblical 10%) to give regularly to your parish and charitable causes, and increase it as you are able.

## TREASURE OPPORTUNITIES



### Give to Your Parish

Support your parish's mission, liturgy, outreach, and formation programs. Set up recurring donations as a consistent act of faith and gratitude.



### Annual Catholic Appeal

Give to the local appeals. Help extend the Church's reach to the poor, elderly, youth, seminarians, and more. Even small gifts, given with love, become part of something much bigger.



### Donate Goods

Give clothing, furniture, food, or school supplies to local Catholic outreach programs.

Consider donating a vehicle, estate gift, or appreciated stock to further the Church's mission.



### Legacy Giving

Include your parish, diocese, or Catholic ministries in your will or estate plans. Help ensure the faith continues for future generations.

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:21



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# My Catholic Giving 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 OR \$60,000  
x 3% x 10%  
 \$1,800 \$6,000

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

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

### Shared Diocesan Ministries

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

### Other Organizations

\$100 \$500  
 \$1,800 **TOTALS** \$6,000

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your produce.  
 – Proverbs 3:9