

- ▶ Find your household income at the left of the chart below.
- ▶ Move across on the same line to the amount you currently give as a weekly average gift.
- ▶ Move straight up the column above that figure and you will see what percentage of your income your average, weekly gift to our parish represents.

Please consider "Taking A Step" to give at the next level -- shown to the right of your current, average, weekly giving figure. For example, if you are now giving 2% to our parish, might it be possible to offer an intention of 2.5% or even 3% at this time?

Keep in mind the ideal of giving 10% -- tithing -- (5% to our parish and 5% to other charities). It can take much time and prayer and effort to reach, but this is a worthy, truly rewarding goal for all to strive for on the road to discipleship.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME				1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5%
Hourly	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	weekly to parish	weekly to parish	weekly to parish	weekly to parish	weekly to parish	weekly to parish	weekly to parish	weekly to parish	weekly to parish
7.00	280	1,120	14,560	2.80	4.20	5.60	7.00	8.40	9.80	11.20	12.60	14.00
8.00	320	1,280	16,640	3.20	4.80	6.40	8.00	9.60	11.20	12.80	14.40	16.00
9.00	360	1,440	18,720	3.60	5.40	7.20	9.00	10.80	12.60	14.40	16.20	18.00
10.00	400	1,600	20,800	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00	20.00
15.00	600	2,400	31,200	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	21.00	24.00	27.00	30.00
20.00	800	3,200	41,600	8.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	28.00	32.00	36.00	40.00
25.00	1,000	4,000	52,000	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	35.00	40.00	45.00	50.00
30.00	1,200	4,800	62,400	12.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	42.00	48.00	54.00	60.00
35.00	1,400	5,600	72,800	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	49.00	56.00	63.00	70.00
40.00	1,600	6,400	83,200	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	56.00	64.00	72.00	80.00
45.00	1,800	7,200	93,600	18.00	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	63.00	72.00	81.00	90.00
48.00	1,920	7,680	99,840	19.20	28.80	38.40	48.00	57.60	67.20	76.80	86.40	96.00
50.00	2,000	8,000	104,000	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00	100.00

You are asked to give an equal percentage to other charities (for example, if you are giving 3% to our parish, you are encouraged to give a further 3% to other charities for 6% total giving). Such charities might include Bishop's Fund Appeal, Catholic Schools, Missions, Catholic Charities, Food Banks, Hospitals, Education of Priests & Seminarians. * Amounts have been rounded.

How Much Should I Give To My Parish?

Only you and our Lord can decide this question. These few, simple steps, are offered to help you in making your personal decision.

1. Priority- What is your Priority?

Be sure that God's works may be accomplished through our parish by giving real priority to being true stewards in your life.

2. Prayer- Why is prayer important?

Your sacrifices and works are something you must thoughtfully pray to God about. They come from your prayer, your faith and your heart before your purse!

3. Proportion- What proportion should I give?

As you consider all your treasures from God, may you appreciate all you have. Then ask God for the wisdom to give back a meaningful proportion to His Church.

4. Plan- How can I plan this gift?

"...Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means." Sirach 35:9.

How Should I Give to My Parish?

- Prayerfully
- Regularly
- Systematically

Personal Offering Envelopes

This traditional system continues as the backbone of parish support and we encourage your receipt and use of our parish envelopes.

Envelopes provide a planned system and means to help you fulfill your good intent to sacrificial sharing. They enable you to better take part in the Presentation of Gifts at mass and they give your parish a private, confidential sign of your regular caring and sharing.

Consider keeping a weekly envelope in a convenient place so that you can add a dollar (or just a coin) or two as you might be able, day to day. That's how many folks find the added \$2, \$5 or more which become their increased, weekly sacrifice.

Or a System of Your Own

For example, a regular weekly or monthly check, planned, budgeted and offered in the collection or mailed to the parish office on a thoughtful, scheduled basis.

Stewardship... "A Way of Life"

Sharing....



your treasure

Each year, we are encouraged to reflect upon and re-evaluate our sacrificial giving in light of our personal blessings, our resources and our commitment to our faith and our parish. This guide is presented to help us prayerfully decide upon that fair and sacrificial proportion of our income which we intend to offer to our parish and other charities over the coming year.