

Stewardship

Living Your Life With an Attitude of Gratitude!

Stewardship is recognizing your prayer, participation and generosity as important gifts from God, to be accepted with an attitude of gratitude, in a responsible and accountable manner returned with increase to God. As stewards, we follow the principles of the Bible and the teachings of Jesus by making God an active priority in our lives.

"The measure of your own free will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, Your God, has bestowed on you... No one shall appear before the Lord empty handed but each of you with as much as you can give." - Deuteronomy 16:10, 16-17

Reflection Questions:

What are my gifts?

How have I used my gifts?

Do I yearn to go deeper in my faith?

Is there an area of parish life that I am called to?

Have I given of my first fruits?

Did You Know...

In giving of our first fruits, the parish and its members support various local community organizations that do work in social outreach and justice. Each year, St. Joseph's donates thousands of dollars, countless food, clothing, quilts, gifts, school supplies, cell phones, personal items, and much more! Please do not wait until the end of the year, see why in the "Generosity Now Facts" document attached.

An Attitude of Gratitude—24/7/52

Gift of Prayer and Participation

We are given 24 hours each day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks in the year. How will you spend yours? Can you help with parish youth programs? Can you help minister to those in need in our greater community? Can you assist at weekend liturgies or during the week at the parish office? Are you involved in parish life through the many programs that we have to offer?

The Benefits of Volunteering and Involvement are Many:

- Serving your faith community.
- Meeting new people.
- Learning new skills.
- Feeling more included and a part of the parish.

Gift of Generosity

We all have money to live on and there is more reason to give now than later. Each of us has organizations we like to support. A 10% tithe can be broken into 5% for my parish and 5% for other organizations. How much am I able to contribute to support my parish?

Recommended Annual Pledge Progression Examples

Yearly Income	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1	Year 1
	5%	6%	7%	1% Weekly	2% Weekly	3% Weekly	5% Weekly
\$20,000	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$19
\$40,000	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,800	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$38
\$60,000	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,200	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$58
\$80,000	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$5,600	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$77
\$100,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$96

ONLINE AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Advantages?

- Gives you an easy and direct way to make your financial stewardship commitment.
- Saves you and the parish time and money.
- Allows the parish to more confidently provide funds for various ministries.
- Automatically deducts the amount you want to give to St. Joseph on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis. You may give to both the General and Facility funds.
- Your authorization will supersede a prior Electronic Funds Transfer arrangement and will remain in effect until St. Joseph's is notified to end the agreement, which may be done at any time.