

# STEWARDSHIP

## GIVING GENEROUSLY

### MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE

## A Guide to Giving in Stewardship

God calls us to be generous with all of our gifts, including our treasure. Our faith teaches us this through the Scriptures:

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits...”*  
(Proverbs 3:9)

*“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?”* (Psalm 116:12)

In gratitude, we are called to give to God from our first fruits. That means creating an actual plan for giving to His Church. Throwing a last-minute donation into the collection basket time and again only leaves us frustrated. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts God has given us.

### Best Practices

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your charitable giving annually
- Use your parish’s online giving options or bill-pay tool through your local bank
- Understand that tithing literally means to give 10 percent 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.



*“Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

## Annual Giving Opportunities



### Offertory

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



### Annual Diocesan Appeal

Supports many ministries, 126 parishes, and 19 schools in our Diocese.



### Second Collections

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



### Community Charities

Opportunities to support the mission of nonprofit organizations about which you are passionate.

For additional information:

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