

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.

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MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

1. Calculate annual gross family income:

My income	\$	_____
My spouse's income	\$	_____
Other income	\$	_____
Total gross income	\$	_____

2. Determine annual percentage to give:

Tithing (10%) _____ % **OR** Other % amount _____ %

3. Calculate annual dollar giving amount:

(Total gross family income **multiplied by** annual giving percentage **equals** annual dollar giving amount)

\$	×	%	=	\$
Total gross income		Annual giving %		Annual \$ giving amount

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

Offertory

Weekly \$ _____ **OR** Monthly \$ _____

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Annual \$ _____

Parish Capital Campaign (if applicable)

Annual \$ _____

Special Collections

Holy Father (JULY) \$ _____

Catholic Home Missions (AUGUST) \$ _____

Catholic University Collection (SEPTEMBER) \$ _____

Mission Sunday-Propagation of the Faith (OCTOBER) \$ _____

Campaign for Human Development (NOVEMBER) \$ _____

Black, Native American & Latin American Mission (FEBRUARY) \$ _____

Catholic Relief Services Annual Appeal (MARCH) \$ _____

Holy Land (GOOD FRIDAY) \$ _____

Eastern European Collection (MAY) \$ _____

Catholic Communication Campaign (JUNE) \$ _____

Catholic Charities (TBD) \$ _____

Other Charities

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING AMOUNT \$ _____

Giving Guide Worksheet Example

1. Calculate annual gross income:

My income	\$45,000
Spouse's income	+ \$10,000
Other income	+ \$5,000
Total gross income	\$60,000

2. Determine annual percentage to give:

Annual giving percentage 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount:

Total gross income	\$60,000
Annual giving percent	× 10%
Annual \$ giving amount	\$6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:

Annual parish offertory	\$6,000
(50% of total giving)	× 50%
	\$3,000

OR

Weekly offertory	\$3,000
Weeks in a year	÷ 52
	\$57.60 weekly

Annual Diocesan Appeal \$1,000

Parish Capital Campaign \$1,000

Second Collections	\$25
Donate to 11 collections	× 11
	\$275

Other Charities

Grade School Fundraiser	\$125
Catholic Charities	+ \$200
Charity 1	+ \$200
Charity 2	+ \$200
Other charities total	\$725

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING AMOUNT **\$6,000**

