

Stewardship

Time | Talent | Treasure



Stewardship is receiving God's gifts gratefully, cherishing and tending them in a responsible and accountable manner, sharing them in justice and love with others, and returning them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship Prayer

LORD, YOU ARE THE GIVER OF ALL. MAY THE WAY I GIVE BE AN EXPRESSION OF MY LOVE FOR YOU, MY DESIRE TO IMITATE THE GIFT OF YOUR SON, JESUS. HELP ME TO DISCERN WHAT I TRULY NEED, YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GRACE, AND TO PUT ALL I HAVE IN SERVICE TO YOU. I ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST, OUR LORD.
AMEN.

Everything we have is a gift from God. Since ancient times, people have expressed their gratitude to God by giving the "first fruits" back to God. Setting aside the first part of the harvest for God was an expression of their faith that all comes from God.

We no longer measure our income by bushels of grain and goats but the principle remains the same: giving back to God the first portion of our income as an expression of gratitude for all that God has given us.

This worksheet is to help you and your household assess your level of giving now and make plans for the future. On the other side is a table to help calculate giving on a weekly, monthly, and yearly plan based on your income and the percentage you choose to give.

How much should we give? The particular percentage of our income that we give is a matter of prayer and discernment for each household. A standard that has been used for centuries is 10%. Many Christian thinkers in the area of stewardship recommend that we give five percent to our parish through the offertory collection, one percent to the diocese/greater church and four percent to other charities that serve the poor and needy and support the common good. Your particular percent may be more or less than that standard. The key is that it represents your first fruits, giving first to God as recognition that all comes from God. Holding to that percent will require discipline, perseverance, a willingness to say no to some of our wants, and trust that God will provide what we most need.



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Stewardship of Treasure Intention Worksheet

Annual	Weekly				Monthly				Annually			
Income	3%	4%	5%	10%	3%	4%	5%	10%	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$30,000	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$58	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$250	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$40,000	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$77	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$333	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$50,000	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$96	\$125	\$167	\$208	\$417	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$60,000	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$115	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$500	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$70,000	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$135	\$175	\$233	\$292	\$583	\$2,100	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$7,000
\$80,000	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$154	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$667	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$8,000
\$90,000	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$173	\$225	\$300	\$375	\$750	\$2,700	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$192	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$833	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$288	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$1,250	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$15,000

My Worksheet to Keep

2023 Level of Giving:

\$ _____ Current Annual Income \$ _____ Current giving

_____ % of income currently given to church and charity

Plan for 2024 Giving:

\$ _____ Estimated annual income for 2024

_____ % of annual income to be given to church and charity in 2024

\$ _____ Weekly/monthly/annual giving (circle one)

Please fill in information below, detach and place in commitment basket at the liturgies on November 18/19.



Stewardship of Treasure Intention for 2024

We have read this page and have sought God's guidance in prayer. As our way of acknowledging that 100% of what we have comes from God, we commit _____% of our income to church and charity. We ask for God's help and the prayerful support of St. Michael Parish to be good stewards of what God has given us.

Signed _____