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. To do so requires an examination of all we have been given and sharing these blessings with others. Having a plan, we can better do our part to share the gifts that God has given us.

**BEST PRACTICES**

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your charitable giving
- Use your parish’s electronic offering system
- 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**

**PARISH OFFERING**
Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offering supports the sacramental life and ministries of your parish.

**ANNUAL APPEALS**
The Annual Catholic Appeal and Catholic Charities Appeal support the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, both behind the scenes and directly to individuals and communities in need.

**SPECIFIC MINISTRIES**
Giving to specific ministries at your parish and within your community reflects God’s love in ways He has called you.

**USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE BACK TO PLAN YOUR GIVING**
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### 1. Calculate Annual Gross Family Income:

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### 2. Determine Annual Percentage To Give:

- **Tithing (10%)**  %
- **(or)**
- **Other**  %

### 3. Calculate Annual Dollar Giving Amount:

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\text{Total Annual Gross Family Income} \times \text{Annual Giving Percentage} = \text{Annual Dollar Giving Amount}
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### 4. Determine Dollar Amount for Each Giving Opportunity:

**GIVING TO YOUR PARISH**

- Sunday Offering  $__________
- Building and Maintenance  $__________
- Religious Education/School  $__________
- Second Collections  $__________
- Other  $__________

**SHARED ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES**

- Annual Catholic Appeal  $__________
- Catholic Charities Appeal  $__________
- One Church, Many Disciples  $__________
- Seminarian Education  $__________
- Special Collections  $__________
- Other  $__________

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS**

- St. John Paul II Fund for Youth Ministry  $__________
- St. John Vianney Fund for Seminarians  $__________
- St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Fund for Catechesis  $__________
- St. Thomas Aquinas Fund for Catholic Schools  $__________
- Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Fund  $__________
- Other  $__________

**GIVING TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Please consider organizations that have touched your family and fill a crucial need.

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**TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING**

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