



# St. John Vianney Catholic Church

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Dear Members of the St. John Vianney Community,

As you know, I've been spending a good deal of time outlining for you our financial needs as a parish community. As a result, you've received information concerning parish finances since the end of September, both in the bulletin and our weekend flock note.

After all that reading, I hope that you will respond to this appeal. Because of your generosity, we are currently able to meet our obligations. However, we are only able to do this with a great deal of difficulty. We have trimmed our expenses, and we are looking at ways to utilize the Family Life Center to the same extent that we were able before the pandemic. All of these steps are part of good stewardship. Yet, there is so much to do, and we need your continued commitment.

**Our Primary Source of Income:** As you know, our collections serve as the major source of income for the parish. At St. John Vianney, the most important of these is our weekly offering on Sunday. We are blessed every week by the generosity of our parish family. In the current fiscal year we are projecting our offertory income at \$500,000. Our parish may only meet this amount of money with your commitment to empowering our growth as a community of faith.

**Necessary Expenses:** Everyone has expenses. Parishes are no exception. We want our employees to have a just wage with benefits. Also, just like you, we have to pay for the ordinary things that keep a place running and in good condition. When you have a plant as big as ours, the cost of utilities alone comes to about \$235 a day. The total for our maintenance contracts, including our mechanical infrastructure, grounds care, and cleaning, adds up. These are not always the most dramatic parts of parish life, but they are all part of your generous support.

God is Good and Generous – Without your weekly commitment, we could never hope to accomplish the goals the Good Lord has called on us to achieve. Every Sunday at Mass, we take the time to show our gratitude to God for his many blessings. Our participation in giving to the offertory is vitally important. Ministries and programs can only grow because of God's inspiration in each of us to be a part of His excellent work of Salvation!

Whatever your decision, please know that I am deeply grateful for your commitment to the parish! I hope that you and our entire parish family will continue to be blessed abundantly as we open our hearts widely to what God calls each of us to achieve in the parish community of St. John Vianney.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Joseph B. Pierce  
Pastor

## Taking the Next Step

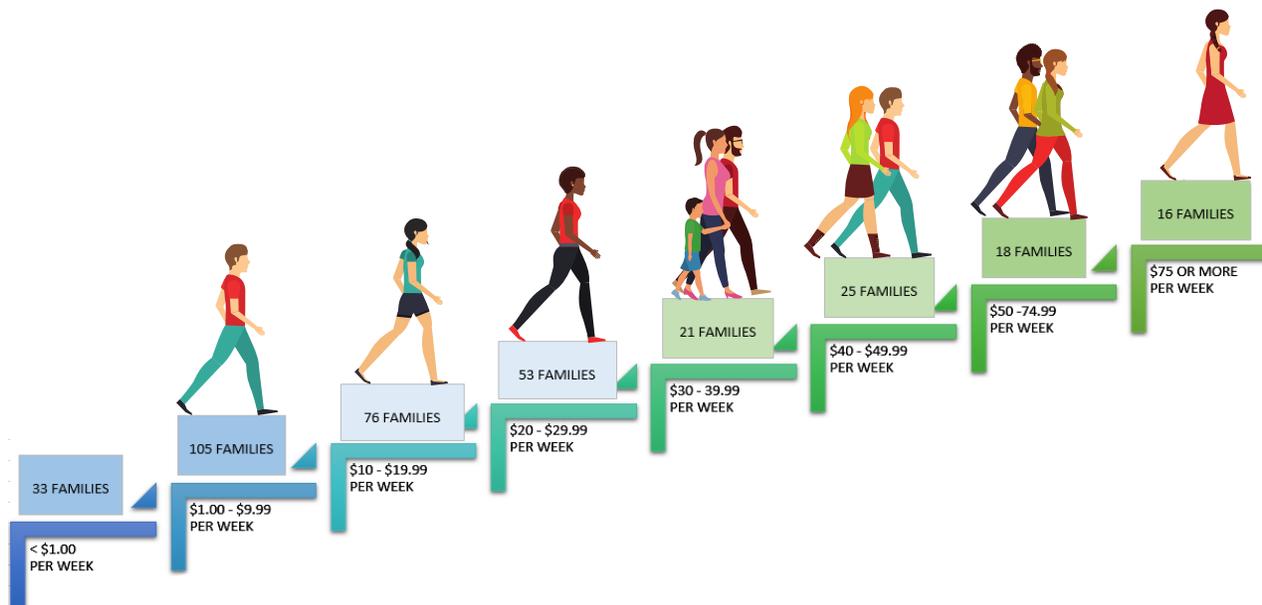
**As you prepare to make your commitment, check your weekly giving (turn page) compared to other St. John Vianney families.**

**To determine which step you are on, find the amount you give weekly. If you give monthly, a bit of math is needed. (Take your monthly amount, multiply by 12, then divide by 52 to get your weekly amount.)**

**For example, if you give \$100 a month, your weekly amount is \$23.08. If you give \$50 a month, your weekly amount is \$11.54.**

**After prayer and reflection, discern if you could "Grow-One-Step" by moving to the next level! For example, if you are presently giving at step 1, consider giving at step 2 or even step 3. Whatever you can do, know that it will be a blessing for the entire work of our parish community.**





Yes, my dear children, everything is good and precious in God's sight when we act from the motives of religion and of charity because Jesus Christ tells us that a glass of water would not go unrewarded. You see, therefore, my children, that although we may be quite poor, we can still easily give alms.

- St. John Vianney



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