

OFFERTORY GIFT STRATEGY

To make the substantial jump in our fiscal 2021, '22, and '23 budgets, St. Peter Church needs all parishioners to grow in their stewardship in proportion to their financial abilities: equal sacrificial giving, not equal gifts. All pledges, regardless of size, will contribute to successfully enhancing our resources to allow our parish to flourish.

Below is a chart that shows the frequencies of gifts needed at various levels that will allow us to realize our aspirational offertory goal. Please use this chart to help you determine what level you are able to pledge for the coming year.

St. Peter Offertory Giving Goal: \$920,000

Gift Range	# Gifts	Total
MAJOR		
\$50,000	1	\$50,000
\$25,000	3	\$75,000
\$15,000	10	\$150,000
\$10,000	12	\$120,000
	26	\$395,000
SPECIAL		
\$7,500	18	\$135,000
\$5,000	25	\$125,000
\$2,500	40	\$100,000
\$1,000	80	\$80,000
	163	\$440,000
GENERAL		
\$500	60	\$30,000
\$250	80	\$20,000
<\$250	many	\$35,000
	140+	\$85,000
	329+	\$920,000

Thank you for being a part of this stewardship journey. We hope that reflecting on God's Word will inspire to make a commitment to grow your giving over the next few years to the Catholic vision of the Biblical tithe.

Please return your pledge card so you can be acknowledged on our list of households making a pledge. The amount will be kept confidential.

FACTS ABOUT FISCAL 2020 OFFERTORY GIVING

- Offertory Giving for fiscal 2020 was \$655,163, remarkably down only 9.5%, given the COVID-19 shut down of the Church.
- 333 registered households gave traceable/recorded funds.
- An undetermined number of households gave non-traceable gifts equaling \$39,471 of the total.
- Non-member visitors gave an additional \$14,930 in traceable funds.
- 107 households—32%—of those 333 registered, increased their giving over the previous year.
- 82 households—47%—increased their gifts by 10% or more.
- 30 households—28%—increased their gifts by 100% or more.
- 61 households gave that had not given traceable funds in the previous fiscal year.
- 85 households gave online.



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TREASURE

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*Where your treasure is,
there your heart is also.*

Matthew 6:21

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Stewardship in all its components (Prayers, Time and Talent, and Treasure) is truly a Christian Way of Life.

For many, in our materialistic culture, our financial commitment to our parish is a secondary matter, following all other household budget items and also the gifts come from what's left over.

How ironic that everything we have—our very life itself—all of our abilities, including those that enable us to earn whatever level of income and wealth we have, comes from God. Stewardship of Treasure allows us to put our financial priorities in proper Spirit-based order and magnitude and to give generously with a cheerful heart, and not begrudgingly.

St. Peter Parish is now beginning a three-year strategic plan to help you and your household embrace a spiritually-rooted alignment of your financial priorities. Your giving to St. Peter Church will hopefully reflect your level of gratitude for all of God's blessings on you and your family.

We are all, no matter our current giving level, asked to prayerfully consider the following stewardship of treasure principles:

1. Make an intentional pledge from your "First Fruits."

Proverbs 3:9-10 says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with First fruits of all our produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow." Consider your annual pledge as critical and non-optional, just as paying your mortgage or rent. Make your commitment part of your household budget.

2. Give sacrificially, in proportion to your income and wealth. Deuteronomy 16:16-17:

"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."

Review the enclosed stewardship calculator and determine if your current giving aligns with what God is calling you to do in support of your parish and Church. Does your recent giving fully reflect your gratitude for all of God's blessings on you?

3. Grow over time into a true Biblical Tithe level of giving, or 10%. Sirach 35:7-10

says, "In generous spirit, pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy ... For the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold." Jesus does not shy from talking about money. He does so in more than half of his parables.

Note: Today, Catholics define "tithing" as giving 5+ percent of income to your parish, 2-3 percent to your Diocese, and 2-3% to Catholic organizations such as Catholic Charities, Dorothy Day House, etc.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Started the *Faith Formation on the Go*
- Hired a part-time youth minister
- Established Historic Sanctuary Tours in concert with Magevney House
- Replaced entire roof and strengthened structure
- Restored plaster throughout Sanctuary interior
- Installed new heating and air conditioning systems
- Raised \$75,000 in gifts for Outreach
- Formed a three-year strategic plan with participation from 70 households

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

(to be funded by enhanced stewardship of treasure)

- Enrich our overall liturgical experience
- Expand our religious education programs
- Add age-appropriate programs for young people and young adults
- Engage a greater number of parishioners in more active involvement with the parish and its ministries

(New Strategic Plan Initiatives, cont.)

- Expand Outreach to engage more parishioners in service to the poor and support related ministries
- Enhance communications and evangelization to reach downtown Catholics and unchurched
- Establish a facilities master plan, ensuring growth
- Improve communications with all parishioners

OFFERTORY GOAL: \$920,000 3-YEAR BUDGET GROWTH

In order to fully realize the many aspirations of our new strategic Parish plan, we will need substantial increases in volunteer time and offertory revenues to pay for anticipated staff and operational costs.

For the 2021 Aspirational Budget of \$970,000, the gold bar represents the \$920,000 Offertory Giving Goal. This goal may not be fully raised until fiscal 2022, but we hope to make significant progress this year toward that goal.

