

“The Trinity of Stewardship”

Offertory Guidelines

Although everyone’s financial contribution to the work of God is different, there is a biblical tradition of using the tithe (10%) as a benchmark by which all of us can consider our giving.

At Holy Cross, we encourage all to consider offering 10% of their income to the work of God, dedicating 5% to the parish offertory 1% to Annual CDA, and 4% to other charities. For some, this vision may at first seem to be a stretch.

For others 10% is just the beginning of giving. For all of us, the ultimate goal is to have our giving genuinely reflect and respond to God’s super abundant generosity to us!

To use the biblical method of tithing, first prayerfully consider what percentage of your income you would like to commit to the work of God.

For example, a family decides to give 5% of their income to the offertory. They calculate that they have a weekly income of \$500.00. The chart shows them that their commitment of 5% of their income to the offertory will amount to a weekly gift of \$25.00

Sample Offertory Chart

Offertory Schedule	Household Income	Household						
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	7.5%	10%
Weekly	500	5	10	15	20	25	38	50
Monthly	2167	22	44	65	87	108	163	217
Yearly	26000	260	520	780	1040	1300	1500	2600



~ Reaching Out As Stewards ~
Everything we have is given to us
by God.

Time—With Our Time
Talent—With Our Talent
Treasure—With Our Treasure

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**STEWARDSHIP
COMMITMENT**

Sharing God’s Gifts

At Holy Cross Parish, we live the biblical spirituality of stewardship. We believe that all of our gifts come from God. We are stewards of God’s gifts, called to use them in the service of God and others. As we live as Christian stewards, we grow in holiness and happiness. We also witness much new life in our families and in our parish.

Holy Cross Parishioners make concrete plans each year for how we live out Christian stewardship. As individuals and families, we reflect on God’s gifts of time, talent, and treasure and then we decide how to commit our gifts to the Lord. This Stewardship Commitment Brochure guides your stewardship reflections.

Please take time to read the brochure and to pray about your 2009 stewardship commitment. When you are ready to make your commitment, fill out the Stewardship Commitment Form and return it to the parish office, via mail or the collection basket. By also noting your 2009 commitments on this brochure, you will have a copy to keep at home.

Thank you for living as a Christian steward at Holy Cross Parish!


In gratitude of Gods super abundant gifts I/We offer God the following commitment of time, talent and treasure through Holy Cross Parish during 2009.


Holy Cross Church Ministries


Stewardship of Time


I/We commit to God our time through prayer during 2009-2010


Please check your commitments. For households with multiple members feel free to note each individual's name next to their commitments.


 Spend fifteen minutes per day in personal prayer reflecting on the day's scripture readings listed in the bulletin.


 Discuss the Sunday readings as a family for fifteen minutes once a week.

 Pray the Rosary once per day for the intentions of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

 Spend half an hour once per week reading and reflecting on the Gospels.

 Visit Holy Cross Church once per week to pray and reflect on the Stations of the Cross.

 Participate in Eucharistic Adoration first Friday 9:00am to 11:00am.

 Pray aloud as a family before every meal eaten together.

Other

Stewardship of Talent

I/We commit to God our talent through prayer during 2009-2010

I/We commit to God our talent through parish ministries organizations during 2009-2010.

Please check your commitments. For households with multiple members, please note individuals' names next to particular commitment. You will be contacted by parish leaders for a follow-up.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Faith Formation | <input type="checkbox"/> Naomi Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Linens | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education K-5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Stuffing | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacristan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Liturgy of the Word | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Sponsor For Engaged | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cursillo | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Church Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers/Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly Visitor | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Reception | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry Confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry Edge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry Lifeteen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lectors | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/Licensed Skills you could volunteer to the Parish (data entry, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting, other please list) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Preparation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mass Captain | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Care | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money Collection Ministry | _____ |

Stewardship of Treasure

I/We commit to God our treasure through prayer during 2009-2010

Please prayerfully consider the Stewardship Offertory Guide. When you have made a decision about your gift to the parish fill in the space below. Your commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances. You will not be billed for it!

\$_____ will be my/our weekly gift for God through Holy Cross Parish during 2009-2010.

Electronic giving to the Parish
(A parish staff member will contact you)

Envelope giving to the Parish
(If you are NOT already registered for envelopes, a parish staff member will contact you.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Age: 12 & under 13 to 17 18 to 25
 26 to 65 Over 65

Stewardship Mission Statement

Heeding the word of Jesus to use earthly gifts for the sake of the reign of God, The Holy Cross Stewardship Committee fosters the mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church by **INFORMING** the parish of ministries taking place, by **INVITING** people into new and existing ministries, by **SUPPORTING** people in their ministries, by **PROVIDING** information regarding the financial situation of the parish and to **INCREASE** financial support of the parish.