

November 18, 2024

Dear Parishioner,

**Last weekend was the launch of our Stewardship of Treasure Offertory Appeal.**

The purpose of this appeal is to encourage the members of our community to discern their financial support for Saint Peter Saint Joan of Arc Parish in 2025. I would like everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their contribution to the offertory beginning in January.

Our current offertory sustains our ministries and programs. The generosity of parishioners allows us to have our sacramental preparation for young people, a high school youth ministry program, the “Walking With Purpose” Bible study for women, and much more. *Everything* we do in our community is made possible through the donations we receive from parishioners each week.

An increase in our offertory in 2025 would put our parish on more solid financial footing. It would also allow us to grow. Our efforts to evangelize depend on the contributions of our members. Parishioners invest generously in our community so that more individuals can encounter Christ’s goodness and love.

Giving to the Church is also an essential aspect of each person’s relationship with God. Making a sacrificial gift is an expression of our faith. **God has blessed us abundantly, and we respond to him through our generosity to our parish family – that is the very meaning of stewardship.**

As you make an offertory pledge for 2025, please consult the tithing chart that is found on the back of this letter. That tool helps families calculate the percentage of their income they donate to the Church. You may be surprised at what your percentage is! Increasing each year, a family can gradually come to follow the basic Biblical teaching of tithing, that is, returning ten percent of their income to God.

**Kindly mark your calendar for the weekend of Sunday, December 8. That is when we will make our Stewardship of Treasure commitment.** During Mass that Sunday, I will invite each parishioner to place his or her offertory pledge in the collection basket. Until then, please know that you have my gratitude for being intentional stewards of your financial resources.

Sincerely,



Father David Schalk

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# INTENTIONAL STEWARDSHIP

## A MEANINGFUL WAY TO PUT GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES

**The Bible teaches us the concept of tithing, which involves giving the first 10% of our income to the Church. This expresses our gratitude and faith while supporting the mission of our parish.**

To practice intentional stewardship, follow these steps:

- **Assess Your Finances:** Review your income and past W-2s to understand your financial situation.
- **Evaluate Your Current Giving:** Examine your current donations to the Church.
- **Calculate Your Giving Percentage:** Determine the percentage of your income you are currently giving.
- **Take a Step of Faith:** Consider increasing your giving to the next level.
- **Set Giving Goals:** Aim to give 8-10% to the Church and 2% to other charities, increasing gradually.

Creating a thoughtful giving plan honors God, enhancing support for the parish community.

### TITHING CHART

RESULTS IN MONTHLY GIVING TO PARISH OFFERTORY

ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 20,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 250	\$ 200	\$ 167	\$ 150	\$ 133	\$ 117	\$ 100	\$ 83	\$ 67	\$ 50	\$ 33	\$ 17
\$ 30,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 375	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$ 225	\$ 200	\$ 175	\$ 150	\$ 125	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50	\$ 25
\$ 40,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 333	\$ 300	\$ 267	\$ 233	\$ 200	\$ 167	\$ 133	\$ 100	\$ 67	\$ 33
\$ 50,000	\$ 4,167	\$ 625	\$ 500	\$ 417	\$ 375	\$ 333	\$ 292	\$ 250	\$ 208	\$ 167	\$ 125	\$ 83	\$ 42
\$ 60,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 750	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 450	\$ 400	\$ 350	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$ 200	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 50
\$ 70,000	\$ 5,833	\$ 875	\$ 700	\$ 583	\$ 525	\$ 467	\$ 408	\$ 350	\$ 292	\$ 233	\$ 175	\$ 117	\$ 58
\$ 80,000	\$ 6,667	\$ 1,000	\$ 800	\$ 667	\$ 600	\$ 533	\$ 467	\$ 400	\$ 333	\$ 267	\$ 200	\$ 133	\$ 67
\$ 90,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,125	\$ 900	\$ 750	\$ 675	\$ 600	\$ 525	\$ 450	\$ 375	\$ 300	\$ 225	\$ 150	\$ 75
\$ 100,000	\$ 8,333	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,000	\$ 833	\$ 750	\$ 667	\$ 583	\$ 500	\$ 417	\$ 333	\$ 250	\$ 167	\$ 83
\$ 110,000	\$ 9,167	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,100	\$ 917	\$ 825	\$ 733	\$ 642	\$ 550	\$ 458	\$ 367	\$ 275	\$ 183	\$ 92
\$ 120,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	\$ 900	\$ 800	\$ 700	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 100
\$ 130,000	\$ 10,833	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,083	\$ 975	\$ 867	\$ 758	\$ 650	\$ 542	\$ 433	\$ 325	\$ 217	\$ 108
\$ 140,000	\$ 11,667	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,050	\$ 933	\$ 817	\$ 700	\$ 583	\$ 467	\$ 350	\$ 233	\$ 117
\$ 150,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,000	\$ 875	\$ 750	\$ 625	\$ 500	\$ 375	\$ 250	\$ 125
\$ 160,000	\$ 13,333	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,333	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,067	\$ 933	\$ 800	\$ 667	\$ 533	\$ 400	\$ 267	\$ 133
\$ 170,000	\$ 14,167	\$ 2,125	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,417	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,133	\$ 992	\$ 850	\$ 708	\$ 567	\$ 425	\$ 283	\$ 142
\$ 180,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,050	\$ 900	\$ 750	\$ 600	\$ 450	\$ 300	\$ 150
\$ 190,000	\$ 15,833	\$ 2,375	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,583	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,267	\$ 1,108	\$ 950	\$ 792	\$ 633	\$ 475	\$ 317	\$ 158
\$ 200,000	\$ 16,667	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,333	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,000	\$ 833	\$ 667	\$ 500	\$ 333	\$ 167

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How are the offertory funds used?

Your annual pledge supports our mission of making disciples of Jesus in the Church. This includes funding parish ministries, outreach programs, faith formation, staff salaries, utilities, maintenance, and administrative costs.

#### Why should I make a pledge? I like to just give when I can.

We encourage every parishioner to submit an Offertory Pledge Card to help us plan our budget effectively. Knowing your intended contribution allows for better stewardship. If it's your first pledge, choose an amount you're comfortable with.

#### What does this have to do with my faith?

Your generosity to our community is an expression of your faith. We give sacrificially as a sign of our trust in God and our commitment to His Church.

#### What is Pushpay and why is it better than envelopes, checks, or cash?

Pushpay is an automatic electronic monthly payment from your bank account or credit card, providing consistent funding for the parish. It ensures you never forget your contribution and helps you plan your giving while tracking it for tax purposes.

#### If I sign up for Pushpay, will I still get Offertory Envelopes?

No, signing up for Pushpay means we will stop mailing you Offertory Envelopes, though you may receive one additional mailing due to timing.

#### If I am already giving via Pushpay, how do I increase my giving amount?

To update your giving, visit our website at [spsjoa.org](http://spsjoa.org), click "Give," click "Your Account" and follow sign-in steps. View "Scheduled Gifts," to select the gift to edit, adjust the amount and/or frequency, and click "Save" to complete the update.