

Stewardship Prayer

Take, Lord, and receive all
my liberty, my memory,
my understanding,
and my entire will,
all that I have and possess.

You have given all to me.
To you, O Lord, I return it.

All is Yours;
dispose of it wholly
according to Your will.

Give me Your love
and Your grace,
for this is sufficient for me.

~Suscipe Prayer - St. Ignatius of Loyola

Seek first the Kingdom!

In today's Gospel, we see the persistent widow did not give up. We must also not give up in turning to God and strengthening our faith. When the Son of Man comes, he will then find our faith on earth. Pray always to be ready for the End Times by growing in our desire to trust that the Lord will meet our needs as we give our first and our best to Him.

Are you seeking the Kingdom?

Is the way you turn to God truly an act of faith? Do you trust that the Lord will provide for your needs after giving Him your first and your best? Do you seek the Kingdom by offering your treasure to God?

This Week...

Spend time with Jesus throughout the week praying about what God has generously given to **you**. Pray for the courage to seek first the Kingdom by sharing your treasure with Him. Include your thoughts below.

Seek first the Kingdom with your treasure...

The first line item....

At the top of most people's list of expenses are big items like the mortgage, car payments and tuition. Other expenses are food, credit card payments and entertainment. How about the Church? Where does your parish fit in this list?

Throughout Scripture, we are taught to give God our "first fruits" or the choicest portion. Today we might say, the first "line item" in the family budget is to return a portion of our income to God. This is a powerful expression of God's place in our life and our hearts.

How much should I give?

It is not so much the amount of your gift, but your commitment to give a percentage of your income that is most important. This way you make God your priority.

The Church does not have hard and fast rules for financial support. We are simply asked to give according to our means. In Scripture, the Israelites were asked to give a tithe (10%). This tradition has become a standard for most Christian communities including our parish. We ask that you prayerfully consider tithing as follows:

- 5% to the Parish
- 1% to the Diocese Catholic Services Appeal
- 4% to charities of your choice.

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Check home parish. St. Charles St. Joseph-St. Mary

Last name _____ First Name: _____ MI _____

Spouse name _____

Street address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Day phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

2 WEEKLY GIVING GUIDELINES

This chart can help you set your stewardship goal. Begin where you can. Gradually increase your giving to reach your desired level.

Yearly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%
\$20,000	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$20
\$30,000	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$30
\$50,000	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50
\$70,000	\$28	\$42	\$56	\$70
\$90,000	\$36	\$54	\$72	\$90

3 OFFERING COMMITMENT Check one:

My weekly contribution will be \$ _____.

My monthly contribution will be \$ _____.

Only Pastor and Business Administrator will see your commitment.

4 CHOOSE METHOD OF DONATION

Option 1: Initiate Online Giving

Online giving is simple, easy and secure! Set up a one time or recurring donations from your checking, debit or credit card. Specify the desired amount, start date and your account information. Sign up at: <https://saintscjm.weshareonline.org> or www.saintscjm.com & click online giving

Discontinue monthly envelopes? Yes / No

Option 2: Continue Online Giving

Discontinue monthly envelopes? Yes / No

Option 3: Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes will be mailed for your contributions

Fill out this 4-Step form.

Return completed form in second Offertory collection on October 22/23, 2022, place in collection box at the Hub, or return to either parish office.