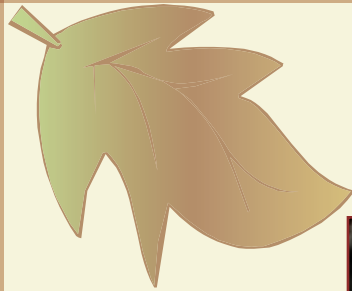


# STEWARDSHIP: Treasure



*Lord, give our parish family the desire to do  
your will, giving generously of  
ourselves and our gifts for the mission of  
the Church, we pray to the Lord.*

# Sacrificial Giving Guide

***But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.***

**—Matthew 13:23**

Offering financial resources to your Parish will help ensure that God's work continues. Stewards of treasure joyfully return the first portion of all God has given them. Sharing their treasure is a way to thank God for the many blessings and gifts God has given. Our Parish offers two options for your convenience, which are listed below.

## Tithing

Tithing is the biblical concept of sacrificial giving that encourages 10% of all that we earn be returned to the Lord as an act of Faith. Parishioners are invited to tithe (10% of all gross household income) to the Lord - 8% to St. Thomas More and 2% to other charities of your choice. The tithing would cover the following:

- †Capital Campaign/Building Fund
- †Parish Operational Offering
- †Religious Education Fees
- †Sacrament Stipends:  
(Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.)
- †Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)
- †All National Collections:
  - Annual Lenten Appeal
  - Collection of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
  - Propagation of the Faith (Mission Appeal)
  - World Missions Collection
  - National Needs Collection
  - Retirement Fund for Religious Collection



The Capital Campaign would receive 62.5% of the tithing (5% of income) with the remaining 37.5% (3% of income) being distributed among the remaining items. If you choose to tithe, please complete the upper portion of the enclosed response form.

## Sacrificial Giving

Sacrificial Giving is the process of consciously examining one's household income and making a decision to give a percentage of it to the Church. If the "leap of faith" of tithing seems to be too great for you, we ask that you consider the "gradual approach." Please examine and review not only the dollar amount that you presently give to the Parish, but the percentage of your gross household income that dollar amount represents.

When you add up all your gifts to St. Thomas More, what percentage is that amount of your gross household income? Is it 1/2 % or 1% or 3%, or more? You are encouraged and challenged to increase it by a percentage each year until you have made that leap of faith and are tithing.

Remember that the Lord is never outdone in generosity. Pray that more and more of us are willing to be challenged by the Biblical directive to give back to the Lord a tithe of all that we have and are. If you choose the sacrificial giving option, please complete the lower portion of the enclosed response form.

***Your commitment is made before God and is confidential.  
It is not legally binding and may be changed if necessary by contacting the Parish Office.***

# Sacrificial Giving Guide



*Each must do as already determined,  
without sadness or compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

—2 Corinthians 9

Amount of Weekly Gift								
Annual Income	Percentage of Income							
	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%
\$10,000	\$19	\$15	\$13	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4
\$20,000	\$38	\$31	\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$12	\$8
\$30,000	\$58	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12
\$40,000	\$77	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15
\$50,000	\$96	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19
\$60,000	\$115	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23
\$70,000	\$135	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27
\$80,000	\$154	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31
\$90,000	\$173	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35
\$100,000	\$192	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38
<b>Amount of weekly gift</b>								