

2012 Christian Stewardship Opportunities Response Form

**The Church of St. Thomas More Mission is to:
worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.**

Please take time to carefully review the stewardship book and select the area(s) that best fit your desire to serve.

Make a prayerful selection! Return this form

- via the offertory basket at Mass,
- to the Parish Office or 24-hour drop box,
- by completing it online, or
- by sending it in the mail.

Important note: Only return this form for a new ministry or if you choose to leave a ministry.

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Name(s):	Phone:
Email:	
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2012 Sacrificial Giving Guide

*"Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share."
—Timothy 6:17-19*

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 God's many blessings and gifts.

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. This 8% tithe to STM covers 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 building fund receives half of the 8% STM tithe (4% of income) with the second half of the 8% STM tithe (4% of income) being distributed to the remaining items listed above.

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 Church of St. Thomas More, 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 ½ % 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.

Please prayerfully consider your gift of treasure.

If you choose to make changes, either increasing or decreasing your gifts, contact:

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development at chriss@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120

Name(s):	Phone:
Email:	
Our (my) household would like to make an adjustment or begin donating to the Parish. Please contact us.	

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