

# TIME

## *Spending Time with God in Prayer*

Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

*The first one's not really optional!*

### For Adults

- Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day
- Attend weekday Mass at least once a week
- Attend Holy Week liturgies
- Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer
- Invite a friend or acquaintance to Mass
- Pray together with my family
- Discuss the Catholic faith with my children
- Read the Bible for one hour a week
- Pray the rosary at least once a week
- Go to confession at least every other month
- Schedule time for a spiritual retreat
- Read a book on Catholic spirituality

### For Children

- Sing and respond actively at Mass
- Visit Jesus in the chapel
- Read a Bible story before watching TV
- Learn a prayer and teach it to someone else
- Pray before meals and before bedtime
- Pray for our pope, bishops, priests and deacons

*Only Fr. Liekhus and Brook Sullivan will see these panels*

# TREASURE

## *Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory*

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. John's is asked to work toward giving a specific percentage of income based on the Biblical title:

5% to St. John's  
1% to the Archdiocese  
4% to charity

The chart below allows you to quickly estimate the amount of your weekly or monthly gift. If you cannot reach your 5% goal right away, try increasing the amount of your gift incrementally.

Gross annual income	5% weekly gift	5% monthly gift
\$20,000	\$19	\$83
\$30,000	\$29	\$125
\$40,000	\$38	\$167
\$50,000	\$48	\$208
\$60,000	\$58	\$250
\$70,000	\$67	\$292
\$80,000	\$77	\$333
\$90,000	\$87	\$375
\$100,000	\$96	\$417

Please Fill Both Boxes

- Weekly    Monthly  
 Quarterly    Annually

Percentage of Income

- Please send me information about automatic giving via checking account or credit card.

# DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP



*Our hearts are burning to Know, Love and Serve God, by loving and serving others.*

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2012 Commitment Card

*My offering of time, talent & treasure*

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*First & Last Names of Adults*

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*Telephone*

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*E-Mail (optional)*

***Please bring this card to Mass on DEC. 3RD OR 4TH, or mail in the envelope provided. Thanks and God bless you for your involvement in our parish community!***

Dear Parishioner,

You are holding in your hands your pledge card for the 2012 Stewardship Renewal, a.k.a. our Time, Talent and Treasure pledge drive. The stewardship we exercise over the gifts that the Lord has given to us is the way we put our faith into action, acknowledging that all good things come from the Lord, and making them an offering to Him by the way we use them.

## **TIME**

It is common to lump “Time & Talent” together when we speak about our stewardship, because it usually takes time to give our talent, whether it be volunteering at the rummage sale or serving on a parish committee. In the context of our Stewardship Renewal, however, Time refers to the time that we give to God in prayer. So you can see on your pledge card that you are asked to show how you intend to exercise your stewardship of your Time. What you pledge in this area won’t be recorded in our database, but they will be added up for the report to the parish, so that others can see how many of their fellow parishioners have pledged each option. I encourage you to stretch yourself and prayerfully pledge to God some time that you might find difficult to give. That is the only way we will grow in holiness. At the same time, this isn’t like making a new year’s resolution, that we only stick to for a short time and then drop until next year. We may stumble, that is to be expected when we stretch ourselves, but then we get back up and run the race to the finish.

## **TALENT**

Under Talent, you will find the many volunteer opportunities at each parish. To reflect our new cluster relationship and our efforts to come together, we have added a panel with opportunities to volunteer at St. Joseph’s. This will allow you to volunteer with St. Joseph’s BeFriends ministry, for instance. Our assembly line of volunteers will go through each Talent pledge card (not the confidential Time or Treasure card) and give your contact information to the chair of each ministry or committee, so that you can begin giving of your talent.

## **TREASURE**

Under Treasure, you will be asked to pledge financially to the parish. The biblical standard of giving is the tithe – literally, one tenth. This reflects all of our giving, with the parish being a significant portion. St. John’s has adopted the structure of 5% to the parish, 1% to the archdiocese, and 4% to charities of your choice. Others have encouraged 3.3% to the parish, 3.3% to the archdiocese, and 3.3% to charity. How you choose to divide your tithe is up to you. 10% may be more than you are used to giving and may be something you have to work towards. Again, I encourage you to stretch yourselves, and begin to take steps to structure your budget with the goal of eventually tithing. God has given us gifts in order to share them, and told us that it is in giving that we receive. Once the parishes have received the pledge cards, we will issue a report on the results. I have included last year’s report to give you a frame of reference. This will hopefully encourage us by seeing how much we, as a parish, are giving of our time, talent and treasure, as well as motivate us to give more if we can so that we can help lift our parish up. Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of all that God has given to you.

*Rev. Jim Liekhus*

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# TALENT

## FAITH FORMATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Formation teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy of the Word for children \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Nursery \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ RCIA sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH OFFICE

- \_\_\_\_\_ Receptionist \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Data Entry \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Desktop Publishing \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bulk mailings \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Cleaner \_\_\_\_\_

## MUSIC MINISTRY

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensemble Choir (3 Sundays/month) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Schola Choir (1 Sunday/month) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Choir \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Choir \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cantor \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Instrumentalist \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Music librarian \_\_\_\_\_

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

- \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgy Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Comm. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lector \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Usher/Greeter \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Bearer \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Server \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Sacristan \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Weekday Sacristan \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Sacristan \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Altar linens & cloths \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care for vestments \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sewing/repair of albs \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean the church \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vigil lights \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean large candles \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Decorate church \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt a garden \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sanctuary Flowers \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Christmas pageant \_\_\_\_\_

## OUTREACH

- \_\_\_\_\_ Food Shelf Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food Shelf Packer \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner at Your Door (monthly food delivery) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loaves & Fishes \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral luncheons \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visit Homebound \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Disaster Preparedness \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Shawl Ministry \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ A Community Caring for Life \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Doughnut Sunday \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge Club \_\_\_\_\_

## FUNDRAISING

- \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Plant Sale \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia Sale \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Festival \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL

- \_\_\_\_\_ School Receptionist \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ School Library Aide \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ School Pancake Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom helper \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S

### COMMITTEES/GUILDS

- St. Clare's Guild  
(sews baptismal gowns) \_\_\_\_\_
- Knights of Columbus \_\_\_\_\_
- Hispanic Ministry \_\_\_\_\_
- Marketing \_\_\_\_\_
- Stewardship \_\_\_\_\_

### WOMEN'S CLUB:

- Board Member \_\_\_\_\_
- Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_
- Retreat \_\_\_\_\_
- St. Nick's Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Parents Night Out  
(monthly childcare) \_\_\_\_\_
- Mothers and Others \_\_\_\_\_
- Book Club \_\_\_\_\_

### MEN'S CLUB:

- Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_
- Board Member \_\_\_\_\_
- Retreat \_\_\_\_\_
- Christmas Tree Lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Pumpkin Patch \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish Fry \_\_\_\_\_
- Softball \_\_\_\_\_
- Golf Tournament \_\_\_\_\_

### GIFTS/SKILLS

- Audio/Sound Systems \_\_\_\_\_
- Calligraphy \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpentry \_\_\_\_\_
- Cleaning \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Graphic Design \_\_\_\_\_
- Painting \_\_\_\_\_
- Party Planning/  
Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Photography \_\_\_\_\_
- Video-Recording \_\_\_\_\_
- Website Design \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Handbell Choir \_\_\_\_\_
- BeFriends \_\_\_\_\_
- Rummage Sale \_\_\_\_\_
- Nursing Home  
Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_
- Holy Spirit Prayer  
Group \_\_\_\_\_
- Tuesday Adoration \_\_\_\_\_
- Nocturnal Adoration \_\_\_\_\_
- Cemetery Clean-up \_\_\_\_\_

(If you would like to serve at St. Joseph's in a ministry that is also at St. John's, (e.g. receptionist, funeral luncheon) you are welcome to do so. Please indicate that here.)

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*First and Last Names of Adults*

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*Telephone Number*