

Practicing Gratitude

This fall we launched Spiritual Pathways: Practices for Embracing the Journey. The six pathways have practices that help us to grow in our faith. That's how faith deepens and grows: through practice.

Generosity is also a practice. Generous stewardship of our time, talents and treasure springs out of gratitude. Gratitude isn't just a feeling; it's a practice that shapes and forms us.

As we practice generosity at St. Michael's, our pledges keep worship vibrant, equip adults and children for faith, strengthen and fuel pastoral care, nurture small groups, care for those in need locally, in SWFL and beyond, deepen connections with God and neighbor and strengthen community partnerships.



**Thank you for helping
gratitude grow generosity
—and generosity grow
mission.**



St. Michael's 2025 Annual Giving

17 Households gave from
\$10,000 to \$25,000

31 Households gave from
\$5,000 to \$9,999

12 Households gave from
\$4,000 to \$4,999

18 Households gave from
\$3,000 to \$3,999

39 Households gave from
\$2,000 to \$2,999

49 Households gave from
\$1,000 - \$1,999

78 Households gave from
\$50 - \$999



2026 Stewardship: Pathways of Gratitude & Generosity

*“Give thanks to the Lord,
for the Lord is good.”
(Psalm 136:1)*

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Your Impact

Thoughts from newcomers, long time parishioners & the community:

"I came for the sermon, I stayed because people learned my name."

"We don't give to keep the lights on, we give to help people find the Light."

"Your generosity stocked our pantry & our spirits—thank you, St. Michael's."
-Local outreach partner

"Giving here feels like planting mangroves—quiet work that protects and restores more than we can see."

"This parish sat with me in the hospital and at the graveside. I give so others are never alone in their hardest hour."

"When I give, I'm investing in hope I can actually see: full pews, warm coffee hour conversations, and real help for our community."

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How to Participate

Prayerfully make a Pledge



You can return a pledge card in the mail or at church or pledge online. Automatic recurring contributions can also be set up. Your pledge amount is known only by the Finance Director.

Attend a Neighborhood Gathering



Choose any location to enjoy appetizers from 5-6:30pm with fellow parishioners and hear church and financial updates. Addresses & RSVP info will be sent separately.

Jan. 13 Shell Point- John & Ann Stephens
Jan. 15 Ft Myers- Jenny Hauber
Jan. 20 Shell Point- Ralph & Carolyn Clark
Jan. 22 Ft Myers- Susie Wilson
Jan. 27 Sanibel- Steve & Lena Brown
Jan. 29 Sanibel- Wendy McGaha

Other ways to give



DAR- Donor Advised Fund -distributed over time

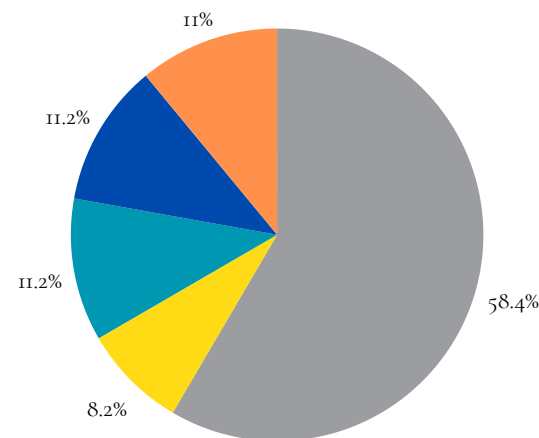
Stocks & Securities -can offer tax benefits

Retirement Accounts- name the church as a beneficiary

Planned Giving- make a bequest in your will or other planned giving strategies

Why we need you: Ministry Costs

- Diocesan Apportionment
- Insurance
- Office/payroll/benefits
- Ministries/Outreach (from the Operating Budget)
- Facilities/Grounds/Properties



Diocesan Apportionment	\$113,638
Insurance	\$110,434
Office/payroll/benefits	\$592,434
Ministries/Outreach (from the Operating Budget)	\$82,630
Facilities/Grounds/Properties	\$113,634
Total	\$1,012,769

additional FAQ's
can be found on
our website:

