



We welcome you to our Parish. We are glad that you have asked to register and become part of our parish family. We hope that you will soon feel at home and that in our parish community you will be able to find the Christian brotherhood that makes us walk together according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Attached to this letter you will find the registration form, and information on how our Parish can receive your financial assistance (tithe).

- **Registration Form:** To register for the parish, please carefully fill out both sides of the registration form and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. Your personal information will remain confidential. When we have processed your information, we will send you envelopes for your tithe.

- **Tithing:** It is a way to contribute financially to the parish. It is based on the spirit of giving, and especially to our parish to cover some operating expenses.

- **Sharing:** being part of our parish community is also sharing our gifts and qualities with the other members of the community. We invite you to participate in the various programs and ministries offered in the parish (Lectors, Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.)

If you have any doubts, questions or comments, please contact us. Our parish office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We are here to serve you and your family. Do not forget that you are also Church, we invite you to actively participate in our parish.

Stay with God,

Pastor - St. Patrick Church

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving is a way of putting into practice the concept of personal stewardship that is a part of our Judeo/Christian tradition. We are asked to express in a real way the attitude of dependence upon and trust in God. It is an expression of love for the One Who Has First Loved Us.

Spiritual Basis of Sacrificial Giving:

The true basis of Sacrificial Giving is the **SPIRITUAL**, not the financial need of the church. Rather than focusing on this or that special project for which the church needs money, the emphasis is on returning to God a portion of what He has given to you.

This will obviously mean different things for different people. Your family may prayerfully decide that you can give a much greater amount than you presently do. Another may find that in their present situation they are contributing all that they can.

Sacrificial Giving does **not** ask us for a set amount from each family or individual (e.g., 10%). Rather, it calls for a prayerful decision on what you can give to support the work of the church to build the Kingdom of God in your community and throughout the world.

Sacrificial Giving emphasizes not only the gift of **Treasure**, but also **Time** and **Talent**. The Creator gave you the world and your life. In response to God's generosity you show your faith by using all of these gifts to further the work of Christ's church by spreading the gospel, by helping all of our poor, and by ministering to His people.

Sacrificial Giving Is:

PRAYERFUL: As with all areas of life, we look to God learn His will. Your knowledge of God's will for you should be sought in prayerful consideration of His gifts to you.

PROGRESSIVE: Learning to be generous takes time. That is why we ask that you begin with donating perhaps 1% of your income and then progress to a greater amount later. Tithing is a *guideline*, not a law. Some should give more and others less. Prayer makes this decision easier.

PROPORTIONAL: A reasonable gift for one family or individual may be impossible for others. Your giving should be proportionate to what God has given to you, but the decision must also be made with a view to your other responsibilities.

SACRIFICIAL: Sacrificial does not mean giving a backbreaking sum of money. It means that you should give up something. Sacrifice means to make holy, not to become abject. But you should consider giving from the "first fruits," not from leftovers.

PLANNED: The decision to give is just that - a decision. It should be a careful and intentional response to God's generosity.

As community and as individuals we lovingly and prayerfully decide how best to respond to God's unconditional love.

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Please provide dates if they are known:

	Head of household	Spouse	Child	Child	Child	Child	Other Adult
First Name							
* Baptism	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____
* 1st Communion	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____
* Confirmation	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____	Y N Date: _____
* Marriage	Church Marriage? Y N Date: _____						

Please answer the following questions. All replies are kept confidential:

- > Were you married in front of a priest or deacon? Y N Which church? _____
- > If divorced, would you like to talk with a priest about the possibility of an annulment? _____
- > Are you currently registered for Religious Education Classes, Sacrament preparation or RCIA? Y N for: _____
- * Would you like to be contacted regarding sacrament preparation? Y N for Adults Y N for Children
- > The best time to reach me: _____ I can be reached at: _____
- > When did you begin attending Mass at Saint Patrick's? _____

Ø Be sure to read the Sunday bulletin each week to find the area/group through which you'd like to share your time and talents. On the front cover you will find names and phone numbers listed, along with our regular Mass schedule. Inside we will keep you informed of Holy Day schedules and any other pertinent notices.