

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We are called to be good stewards: caretakers of our gifts by using them generously to serve God and neighbor. When setting out on your journey, consider the following goals for your Sacrificial Giving.

**FOSTERING
STEWARDSHIP AS
A WAY OF LIFE**

PLANNED

A decision requiring thought and time. We do not give merely what we happen to have left at the end of the month.

PROPORTIONATE

Our giving is proportionate to what God has given us. We give in proportion to the gifts we have received.

SACRIFICIAL

We give back to God from our substance rather than our abundance.

FREELY GIVEN

What we give to St. Thomas is a gift, given without reservation or condition.

THANKFUL

Our offering is a grateful response to the immense love God has shown us. God is first in our lives.

WHERE WILL YOUR JOURNEY TAKE YOU?

The journey to Sacrificial Giving is a gradual process, taken one step at a time. Please use this guide and the chart on the opposite side to help you take a planned step in making an offering to God of the first and best portion of all you've received. As you decide on the percentage of your income to give, consider giving one-half to our Parish and one-half to other charities. Every year, you will have the opportunity to reflect on and re-evaluate your giving to St. Thomas The Apostle Parish and other charities.

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A PLANNING GUIDE FOR THE JOURNEY TO SACRIFICIAL GIVING

MY COMMITMENT FOR

THE JOURNEY TO

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Please detach this form and return to the Parish.

In prayerful thanksgiving for the many blessings received from God, I/we intend to make a Sacrificial Gift to St. Thomas The Apostle Parish in the amount of:

\$ _____

☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ yearly

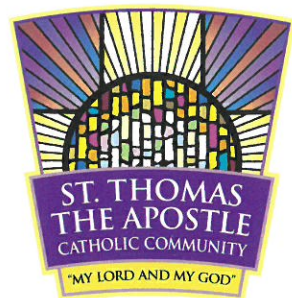
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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Date _____



- Find your household income at the left of the chart below.
- Move across on the same line to find the amount you currently give weekly in the Parish Sunday Envelope.
- Move straight up the chart to find what percentage of your income your current gift to the Parish represents.



Please consider taking a step by pledging at the next level (to the right). For example, if you are presently giving 2% to the Parish, consider pledging 2.5% or even 3% now.



Consider setting your eventual goal at the biblical tithe of 10% (5% to the Parish and 5% to other charities). It may take a few years to get there, but this is a worthy and rewarding goal for all on the road to discipleship.

THE JOURNEY TO SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Approximate Household Income		Weekly Giving to St. Thomas The Apostle Parish Through Sunday Envelopes*							
Per Hour	Per Year	1.5% Weekly	2.0% Weekly	2.5% Weekly	3.0% Weekly	3.5% Weekly	4.0% Weekly	4.5% Weekly	5% Weekly
\$5.00	\$10,000	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$10.00
\$7.50	\$15,000	\$4.50	\$6.00	\$7.50	\$9.00	\$10.50	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$15.00
\$10.00	\$20,000	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$20.00
\$12.50	\$25,000	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$25.00
\$15.00	\$30,000	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$27.00	\$30.00
\$17.50	\$35,000	\$10.50	\$14.00	\$17.50	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$28.00	\$31.50	\$35.00
\$20.00	\$40,000	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$40.00
\$22.50	\$45,000	\$13.50	\$18.00	\$22.50	\$27.00	\$31.50	\$36.00	\$40.50	\$45.00
\$25.00	\$50,000	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
\$30.00	\$60,000	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$42.00	\$48.00	\$54.00	\$60.00
\$35.00	\$70,000	\$21.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$42.00	\$49.00	\$56.00	\$63.00	\$70.00
\$40.00	\$80,000	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$48.00	\$56.00	\$64.00	\$72.00	\$80.00
\$45.00	\$90,000	\$27.00	\$36.00	\$45.00	\$54.00	\$63.00	\$72.00	\$81.00	\$90.00
\$50.00	\$100,000	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$100.00

If your household income is different than those listed above, approximate by using combinations of two or more amounts.

*You are asked to give an equal percentage to other charities (for example: if you're giving 5% to the Parish in the regular Sunday envelope, give an additional 5% to other charities for 10% total giving).