



Thank you for your support of St. John Neumann parish. Please use the Q&A below as well as the chart on the reverse as you make your pledge to the Sunday 2018 Offertory.

Q. How are the offertory funds used?

A. An annual pledge to the offertory program will support our daily operations to support our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ through evangelization and spirit-filled relationships in the coming calendar year. This includes funding our ministries and outreaches, faith formation and religious education, spiritual programs and evangelization efforts, music, staff salaries and benefits, monthly utilities, facilities and grounds maintenance, taxes and insurance premiums, and other administrative costs.

Q. What is a Tithe?

A. The Bible teaches us a baseline standard for giving: the tithe. When we give the first 10% of our income to the church, we put God first in our lives. God provides for the mission of our parish through your tithes and offerings. Tithing is an act of worship that expresses our gratitude, faith, and love for others. Refer to the reverse side of this sheet and decide what personal sacrifice you and your family can make to maximize your gift to God.

Why should I make a pledge? I like to just give when I can.

A. We ask every parishioner to return an Offertory Commitment Form so that we know your giving intention and better plan for good stewardship of the funds you share. We cannot grow our parish in the coming year, unless we know the amount each parishioner intends to give. If this is your first time to make a pledge, make one that you feel comfortable with – you can always give more as your finances allow.

Q. What is Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)? Why is it better than envelopes, checks or cash?

A. EFT is the automatic monthly payment from your checking account or credit card. Payments can be made on the 5th or the 20th of each month. Using EFT provides a regular monthly source of funds for the parish to operate, while giving you peace of mind that you are supporting your parish on a regular basis, even while you are out of town for work or vacation. Plus, there is never an occasion when you forget your offertory envelope, check, or cash. Additionally, rather than giving cash or a check, using EFT makes it easier for you to plan how much you want to give to the parish monthly (and annually), while also tracking your contribution for tax deduction purposes.

Q. Why do I still get envelopes if I choose EFT?

A. You will still get a packet of envelopes **quarterly** if you choose EFT. The packet will have special collection envelopes such as Endowments, Outreach to the Poor and other Diocesan and national appeals. It does not include the weekly parish offertory program envelopes.

Q. If I use weekly envelopes – is there anything I should do to help the parish office?

A. Please write a separate check for each fund (e.g., Offertory, Outreach to the Poor) for accounting purposes. In some cases, checks are directed to separate accounts or banks. If you are ‘catching up’ your Sunday offertory pledge after being away, one check is sufficient – even if you typically give weekly. It is helpful if you write your envelope number on your check – especially when you are sending electronic checks from your bank.

Q. Are you a Planned Giver? Do you designate money in your budget to give?

A. If you are not planning your gift – start this year and complete and return an Offertory Commitment Form!

Q. Are you a Priority Giver?

A. Give to God before other expenses; not as an afterthought or dependent on whatever is left in your pocket.

Q. Are you a Percentage Giver? Do you know what percentage of your income goes to God’s work?

A. Give God a percentage of the gifts he has given you. Use the chart on the reverse to calculate it. Is that a percentage that honors him? Be a Progressive Giver and increase the percentage regularly.

Take a Step to Total Stewardship of Treasure....

1. Find your gross household income in the chart below. Take the time to look at your W-2's from last year to be reminded how you have been blessed by God. Move across to find your current weekly** parish gift(s).

2. Move straight up the column to determine your percentage of giving.

Is that a percentage that honors God?

3. Prayerfully consider taking a step in faith up to the next percentage level.

Be a progressive giver – increase your percentage regularly.

4. Consider setting your eventual goal at 8-10% or more to your Church and an additional 2% or more to other charities. It may take a few years to get there, but it can be done by taking just one step at a time.

5. If you do not enroll in monthly Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT); please use your Sunday envelopes to make your gift.

Household Income			PERCENTAGE GIVING TABLE								
			Percentage of Income Gift								
Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
			Results in Monthly** Giving to Parish Offertory Program								
\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$17	\$25	\$33	\$42	\$50	\$58	\$67	\$75	\$83
\$385	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$33	\$50	\$67	\$83	\$100	\$117	\$133	\$150	\$167
\$481	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$42	\$63	\$83	\$104	\$125	\$146	\$167	\$188	\$208
\$577	\$2,500	\$30,000	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250
\$673	\$2,917	\$35,000	\$58	\$88	\$117	\$146	\$175	\$204	\$233	\$263	\$292
\$769	\$3,333	\$40,000	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$233	\$267	\$300	\$333
\$865	\$3,750	\$45,000	\$75	\$113	\$150	\$188	\$225	\$263	\$300	\$338	\$375
\$962	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$83	\$125	\$167	\$208	\$250	\$292	\$333	\$375	\$417
\$1,058	\$4,583	\$55,000	\$92	\$138	\$183	\$229	\$275	\$321	\$367	\$413	\$458
\$1,154	\$5,000	\$60,000	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500
\$1,250	\$5,417	\$65,000	\$108	\$163	\$217	\$271	\$325	\$379	\$433	\$488	\$542
\$1,346	\$5,833	\$70,000	\$117	\$175	\$233	\$292	\$350	\$408	\$467	\$525	\$583
\$1,442	\$6,250	\$75,000	\$125	\$188	\$250	\$313	\$375	\$438	\$500	\$563	\$625
\$1,538	\$6,667	\$80,000	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400	\$467	\$533	\$600	\$667
\$1,731	\$7,500	\$90,000	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$375	\$450	\$525	\$600	\$675	\$750
\$1,923	\$8,333	\$100,000	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500	\$583	\$667	\$750	\$833
\$2,404	\$10,417	\$125,000	\$208	\$313	\$417	\$521	\$625	\$729	\$833	\$938	\$1,042
\$2,885	\$12,500	\$150,000	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$750	\$875	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,250
\$3,365	\$14,583	\$175,000	\$292	\$438	\$583	\$729	\$875	\$1,021	\$1,167	\$1,313	\$1,458
\$3,846	\$16,667	\$200,000	\$333	\$500	\$667	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,167	\$1,333	\$1,500	\$1,667
\$4,808	\$20,833	\$250,000	\$417	\$625	\$833	\$1,042	\$1,250	\$1,458	\$1,667	\$1,875	\$2,083

****Weekly givers should divide their monthly result by 4.33 to determine their weekly level of giving**

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