

Sharing God's Love

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Five years ago, we took a leap of faith together. I asked you to give sacrificially to the weekly offertory so that we could begin growing as **A Light for Beaufort**. With your generous response, we began strengthening our discipleship efforts, improving our facilities, and bearing fruit in the local community.

It has been so beautiful to see Jesus working in your lives. Many of you share how you are coming alive in your walk with the Lord. You are helping neighbors and friends return to their Catholic faith. We are making a difference in Beaufort, tithing nearly \$200,000 last year towards efforts to help those in need and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In 2022, we organized "Gathering the Flock" socials throughout the area. We began offering programs like the Alpha Course and GriefShare. We opened our outreach center, Lowcountry Outreach, which is off to a great start. In many different ways, we are reaching people where they are and helping them to experience God's love. This has all been possible due to your generosity: thank you so much!

This coming weekend, **January 21 & 22**, will be our **Commitment Sunday**. We are asking each family to prayerfully consider how you will support Saint Peter's during 2023 in our weekly offertory, so that we can best serve you and fulfill our mission as a parish. Would you please fill out the enclosed card and bring it to Mass this coming weekend?

Thank you again for all that you do for Jesus here at Saint Peter's! God is working through us to share his love!

In Christ,

Father Andrew

Father Andrew blessing Beaufort with the Blessed Sacrament from our belltower, two years ago during the pandemic.

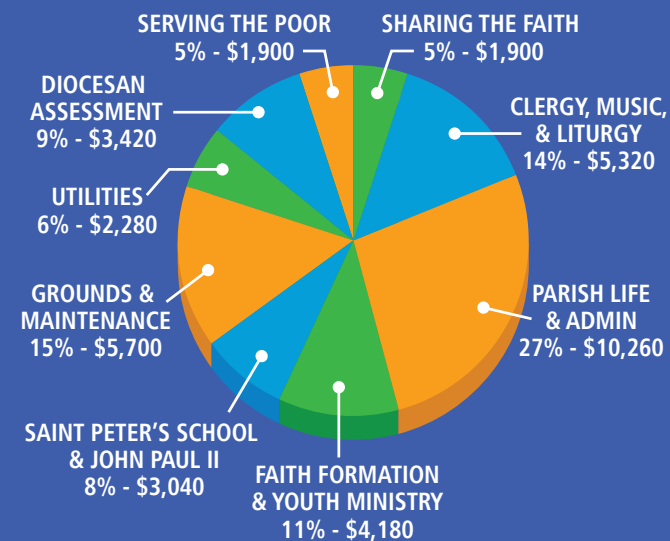


A Tale of a Quarter

A deacon tells the story of his grandmother, who put a quarter into the collection basket every week at Mass, even in recent years. When he asked her about this, she responded quite seriously, "Well, how much could the Communion wafer possibly cost?"

As you can imagine, there's more to running a parish than just buying the hosts for Mass! With about 1,800 families to serve and three campuses to maintain, it takes about \$38,000 a week to live our mission at Saint Peter's.

Our average weekly spending for 2023:



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Together we are sharing God's love:

Forming Disciples

Our mission is to help you encounter Christ and grow in your Catholic faith. We invest in bible studies, faith groups, and other opportunities for you to grow closer to God and share his love with others.

Sharing the Faith

People are hungry for God, now more than ever. Jesus is depending on us to joyfully spread his Good News. We tithe 5% of our weekly offertory to share Christ and our Catholic faith throughout the Beaufort community.

Serving Those in Need

Those in need should experience God's love through us. We tithe another 5% of our weekly offertory to support local organizations, including our new outreach center, Lowcountry Outreach.

Enhancing Our Campus

We will focus this year on making our campus more welcoming and inviting, especially to those visiting for the first time and those with accessibility needs.

Joyful Giving

When we give back to God with gratitude for the many blessings we have received from him, we experience great joy and peace. We place our trust in the Lord rather than worldly joys, using our earthly treasure to build up treasure in heaven "that no thief can steal nor moth destroy." (Luke 12:33)

Considerations like these can help us approach giving in a purposeful way:

- **Where am I now?**

Determine what percentage of your gross income you are currently giving back to God through your Sunday offerings to the parish.

- **Is God a priority in my finances?**

How does your giving to God compare to your spending in other areas? For example, are you giving more to the cable company each month than to God?

- **What is God calling me to do?**

In prayer, ask God to help you come up with a plan. For example, some Catholics have a goal of giving 10% of their income back to God, with 5% supporting the parish, 1% supporting the diocesan annual appeal, and 4% supporting other good causes. If you cannot reach your goal all at once, how can you get there over the next few years?

- **What is the next step?**

How is God calling you to support Saint Peter's during the twelve months of 2023? This is what we are asking you to consider with the enclosed commitment card.

Please fill out your commitment card and bring it to church this weekend, January 21 & 22, or mail it to our office.