



ST. JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2023 A YEAR IN REVIEW



As part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we the community of St. Joseph Parish, dedicate ourselves to promoting the Kingdom of God. Fortified by Christ ever-Present in the Blessed Sacrament we have the courage to become His instrument in defending the poor and the defenseless in all stages of life at home and abroad.

We hope that this critical examination will enable us to grow as a parish, to make all feel welcome, to grow in our own faith, and to work together to go out and make disciples.

Please take the time to review the information—we tried to make it as comprehensive as possible. Pray and reflect on how you and your family can help your church family grow in faith, love, and service.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE THE EUCHARIST SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH

Leaving from New Haven, Connecticut, the eastern arm of the Pilgrimage will begin near the Atlantic coast, journey through our nation's oldest diocese, and cross the Appalachian Mountains.

The Seton Route will be punctuated by many meaningful stops. Pilgrims will visit holy sites, embrace the sacraments daily, and publicly proclaim Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist as they accompany him on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Make your plans now to meet up with this historic Pilgrimage!

- + NEW HAVEN, CT: May 17–19, 2024
- + NEW YORK, NY: May 24–26, 2024
- + PHILADELPHIA, PA: May 31–June 2, 2024
- + BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON, DC: June 7–9, 2024
- + PITTSBURGH, PA: June 14–16, 2024
- + STEUBENVILLE, OH: June 21–23, 2024
- + COLUMBUS, OH: June 28–30, 2024
- + CINCINNATI, OH: July 5–7, 2024
- + OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS: July 12–14, 2024
- + INDIANAPOLIS, IN: July 16, 2024



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Congress**



**5-Day Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in
Indianapolis** Led by Bishop Timothy Senior

July 17–21

- + Full package price including bus transportation: \$1,350
- + Includes bus transportation from Harrisburg
- + Minimum deposit is \$400.

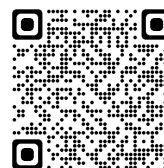
Visit [**www.hbgdiocese.org/event/pilgrimage-eucharistic-congress/**](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/pilgrimage-eucharistic-congress/)

For more information

RESOURCES

FORMED

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.



FR. MIKE SCHMITZ: MOTIVATION TO GO TO CATHOLIC MASS

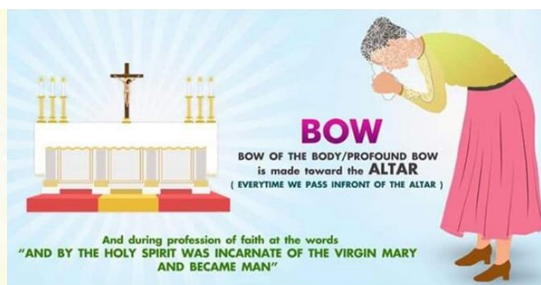
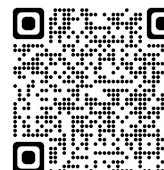


You may have heard priests or devout Catholics say something like, “If only people knew what was happening at Mass, they’d be more willing to go.” That may be true, but in this video, Fr. Mike also gets to the more practical—and painfully direct—heart of the matter. He points out that the heart of worship is sacrifice, and ultimately it’s not about how engaged or entertained we are. Mass isn’t about us; it’s about God and what he asks of us.

LITTLE LI—CHINA’S PRECIOUS GIRL MARTYR OF THE EUCHARIST

When Archbishop Fulton Sheen was interviewed on national television a few months before his death, he was asked: “Bishop Sheen, you have inspired millions of people all over the world. Who inspired you? Was it a Pope?”

The answer took many by surprise. Bishop Sheen responded that it was not a Pope, a cardinal, another bishop, or even a priest or a nun. “The one who inspired me was a little Chinese girl.” A little girl whose love for Jesus in the Eucharist so impressed him, that Archbishop Sheen, when he was only a seminarian, promised God he would make a holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every day of his life.



SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF THE PARISH

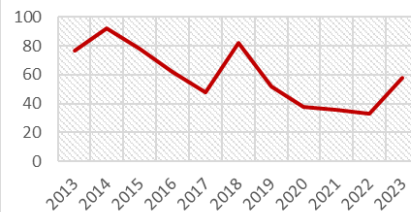
BAPTISMS:

- † INFANTS: 58
- † MINORS (7-18 YEARS OLD): 2
- † ADULT (OVER 18 YEARS OLD): 3

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

- † Catholic school in grades PREK-6: 276
- † Catholic High School grades 7-12: 174
- † Parish Religious Education 1-8: 301
- † Not in Catholic School or Religious Education: 102

Infant Baptisms 2013-2023



RCIA: 29 RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION

FIRST COMMUNIONS: 79

CONFIRMATIONS: 77

MARRIAGES:

- † BETWEEN TWO CATHOLICS: 5
- † BETWEEN CATHOLIC & NON-CATHOLIC: 5

DEATHS: 46

PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

HOUSEHOLDS: 2,147

MEMBERS: 5,572

Men: 2,597

Women: 2,979

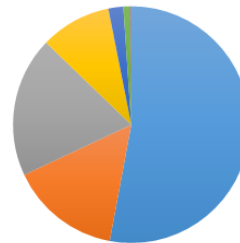
Average age: 38

Average age: 42

Children <18: 1,571

Young Adults (19-25): 513

Number of Children in a Family

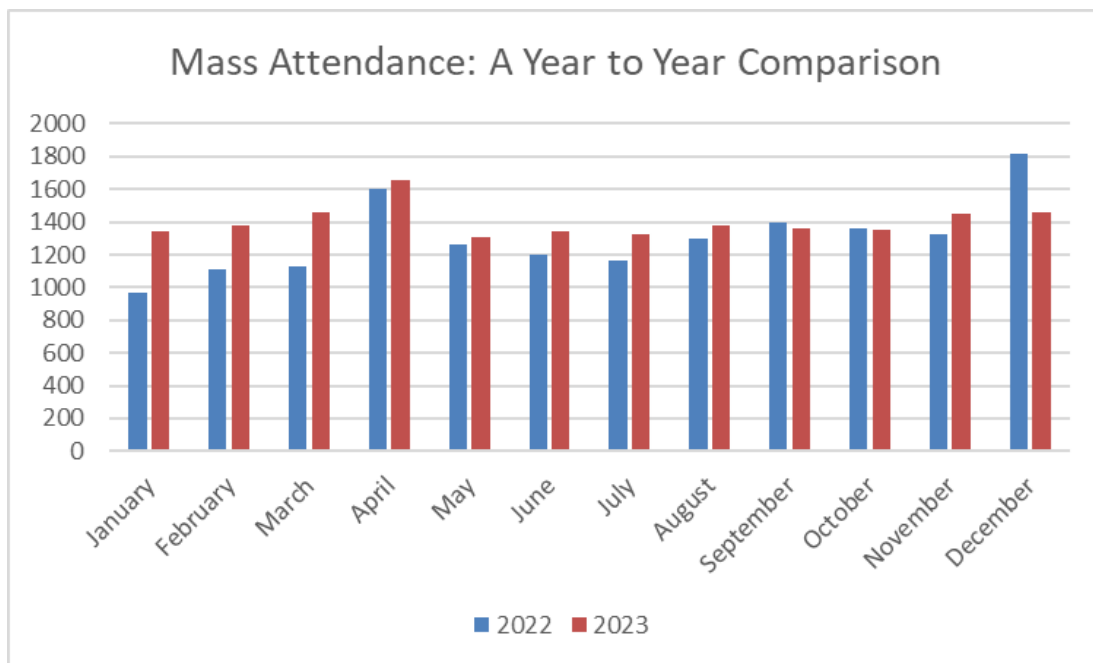


- 0 CHILDREN
- 1 CHILD
- 2 CHILDREN
- 3 CHILDREN
- 4 CHILDREN
- 5 CHILDREN
- 6 CHILDREN
- 7 CHILDREN
- 8 OR MORE CHILDREN

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

	2021	2022	2023
January	710	971	1345
February	736	1111	1382
March	990	1128	1462
April	1228	1604	1651
May	985	1263	1304
June	1044	1197	1344
July	1053	1167	1323
August	1082	1302	1375
September	1178	1397	1364
October	1098	1356	1347
November	1224	1328	1452
December	1143	1819 (Christmas was on Sunday)	1457

Average weekly Mass attendance: 1,421 (2022: 1,305)
Christmas Mass attendance: 3,054 (2022: 2,827)





TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

ACTIVE MINISTRIES

Advisory Councils

- + *Building & Grounds Committee*
- + *Parish Finance Council*
- + *Parish Pastoral Advisory Council*
- + *School Board*
- + *Liturgy Planning*

Liturgical Ministries

- + *Altar Linen Care*
- + *Altar Servers*
- + *Church Cleaning*
- + *Art & Environment*
- + *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass*
- + *Lectors*
- + *Music Ministry*
- + *Ushers*
- + *Audio/Visual Ministry*
- + *Pleasant Acres Mass*

Support Ministries

- + *In His Footsteps*
- + *Saints Francis & Martha Project*
- + *JOY (Just Older Youth)*
- + *WWJDLT (Widows & Widowers Just Doing Life Together)*

Parish Support Ministries

- + *Collection Counting*
- + *Volunteer Receptionists*
- + *Blessed Solanus Casey House*
- + *Caretakers*
- + *Bingo*
- + *Carnival Committee & Volunteers*
- + *Hospitality Committee*
- + *Archive Committee*

Prayer Ministries

- + *Eucharistic Adoration*
- + *Men of St. Joseph*
- + *Tuesday Evening Rosary*
- + *Millions of Monicas*

Educational Ministries

- + *Parish School*
- + *Religious Education Program Catechist*
- + *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*
- + *RCIA*

Social Justice & Charitable Ministries

- + *CHFP*
- + *Knights of Columbus*
- + *Columbiettes*
- + *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound*
- + *Jamaican Mission Team*
- + *Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen*
- + *Prayer Shawl Ministry*
- + *Prison Ministry*

Youth & Young Adult Ministries

- + *Sparks (Middle School)*
- + *Ignite (High School)*
- + *Young Adults of York*
- + *Girl Scouts*
- + *Vacation Bible School*

Apostolates

- + *Regnum Christi*
- + *Walking with Purpose*
- + *Vietnamese Association of York*

PARISH COUNCIL

2024 TERM EXPIRATION

- † TOM KOPETSKIE (CHAIR)
- † BARBARA OCHALSKI (EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SOCIAL CONCERNS/LITURGY)
- † BERNADETTE SNOOK (EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ECUMENISM/LITURGY)
- † MILLIE IMBODEN (EVANGELIZATION)
- † ROBERT LAUDEMAN (ECUMENISM)
- † JOHN TASSIA (EVANGELIZATION)

2025 TERM EXPIRATION

- † MARYANNA BAKEY (VICE CHAIR SOCIAL CONCERNS)
- † ADRIANNE AVILLON (ECUMENISM)
- † LOU PIOLI (ECUMENISM)
- † DIANE PLAPPERT (SOCIAL CONCERNS)

2026 TERM EXPIRATION

- † ERIC COURTRIGHT (EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EVANGELIZATION)
- † JERRY ABENSHON (LITURGY)
- † GLENN AUMENT (ECUMENISM)
- † KARL DOTTERWEICH (EVANGELIZATION)
- † DAVE POTTER (SOCIAL CONCERNS)
- † STEVE RATCLIFFE (LITURGY)

EX-OFFICO MEMBERS

FR. KYLE SAHD	PASTOR
FR. PETER RETTIG	PAROCHIAL VICAR
DEACON JOE SHRIVER	PERMANENT DEACON
ERIN MAIOLINO	SECRETARY PARISH MANAGER
NGUYET NGO	VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY REP EVANGELIZATION

EVANGELIZATION: This Area of Mission is constantly seeking new ways to reach out to others with the Message of God's love:

RCIA † Hospitality Ministry † Social Media † Ministry Fair † In His Footsteps † WWJDLT † Pilgrim Queen
† AV Ministry † Tuesday Rosary † First Monday Rosary

ECUMENISM & INTERFAITH CONCERNS: This area of mission encourages unity and understanding within the Christian family, and reaches out to non-Christians who share with us a belief in God:

Epiphany Concert † Prayer during Week of Christian Unity † LARC

LITURGY: This Area of Mission is to nourish and give direction to the liturgical and worship elements of the parish:

Liturgy Planning † Altar Servers † Music Ministry † Lectors † Ushers † Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion † 40 Hours † Pleasant Acres Mass † Eucharistic Adoration † Church Cleaning † Altar Linen Care † Arts & Architecture Committee

SOCIAL CONCERNS & OUTREACH: This Area of Mission considers those issues that demand our concern in order that the dignity and rights of each person may be preserved.:

Prison Ministry † Prayer Shawl Ministry † Our Daily Bread † CHFP † Jamaican Mission † Vietnamese Association of York † Millions of Monicas



ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

*St. Joseph School, York is an educational community, with Jesus as our cornerstone. We educate the whole child through academic excellence and faith preparation through the Roman Catholic tradition to enable our students to serve as **Disciples of Christ**.*

We welcome you to schedule a visit to our school community by contacting Kellie Frattone at 717-755-1797 or development@sjy.org

WHY OUR CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM A CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

- ✚ The Catholic education system puts a high priority on teachers that are passionate about “Christ-centered education”. It’s not uncommon for teachers to go “beyond the call of duty.”.
- ✚ Students are ranked #1 in the percentage of graduates who actively participate in civic & community activities such as voting, volunteering, & donations to charity.
- ✚ Students are exposed to the richness of the Arts—Music, Art, Literature, Drama and Ritual are rooted in the history of the Church.
- ✚ Commitment and self-discipline are embedded in the Catholic school curriculum.



Students in Catholic school benefit from a common thread of **Biblical values** woven through all their academic classes.

**One parent’s reason for sending her children to Catholic school is simple:
“I want to do everything I can to get them to heaven.”**

THE COST OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

✚ Cost to educate (Total expenses/ number of students): \$7,729	✚ Remaining per student is funded through:
✚ Parish subsidy: 21% of the parish’s ordinary income: \$277,600	✚ Fundraisers, i.e. Race for Education
✚ Tuition (Catholic): \$4,650	✚ Annual Appeal
✚ Direct parish subsidy: \$1,121	✚ SCRIP Sales
	✚ School savings
	✚ Parish operating budget

HOW CAN YOU HELP REDUCE THE COST OF EDUCATION FOR OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES?

SPE Tax Credit

Personal and Business credits available



Do you want your PA tax dollars to go towards Catholic education?

Don't Wait!!
Learn more by going to
<https://www.redefiningeducation.org/eitc/>



Own a business??
Invest in St. Joseph School!

**TAX
INCENTIVES**

I'm a W-2 employee

Determine what your annual PA state income tax liability is. This number is found on line 12 of your PA-40 form

You can also figure out a rough estimate by multiplying your income by .0307 (PA income tax rate is 3.07%)

If your income is over \$35,000 you should be able to direct your tax dollars to the financial aid through the EITC Program!

Religious Education

Deepen your child's faith.

Sunday classes: 10:10- 11:25 AM

- ✝ Grades 1-8
- ✝ Special Needs Classes available
- ✝ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Kindergarten



Coordinator of Religious Education
Greg Bianco at DRE@sjy.org

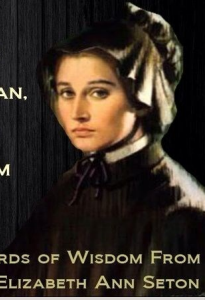


Administrative Assistant
Marie Nelson at Nelson@sjy.org

I WILL GO PEACEABLY AND FIRMLY
TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOR IF FAITH IS SO IMPORTANT
TO OUR SALVATION.
I WILL SEEK IT WHERE
TRUE FAITH FIRST BEGAN.
SEEK IT AMONG THOSE
WHO RECEIVED IT FROM
GOD HIMSELF.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

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RCIA: Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

Wednesday Evenings: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

There are separate classes available for Adults, for Teenagers (generally ages 14-18), and for Children (generally ages 8-13) - all held in the meeting rooms in the church building at the same time.

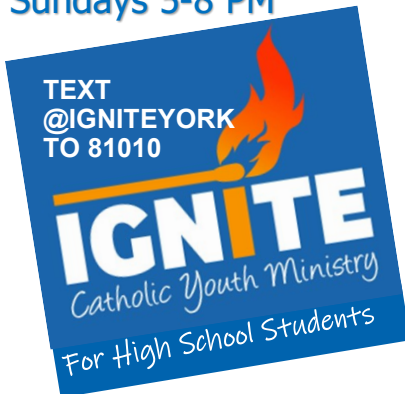
RCIC and RCIT: Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 PM



RCIA Coordinator,
Shelley Schlosser at
RCIA@sjy.org

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Sundays 5-8 PM



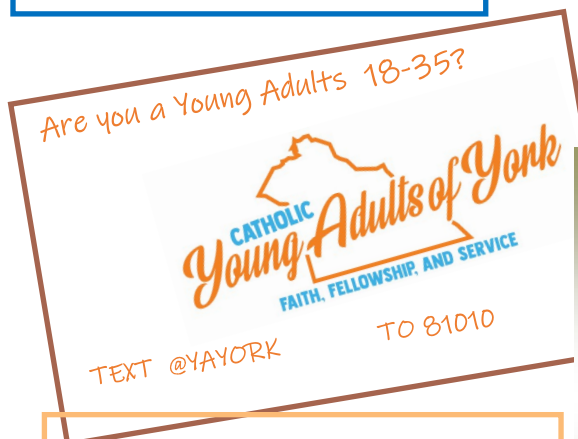
CHRIS WOOD,
Director

Specific Fridays
6:30 PM– 8:30 PM



IGNITE is a ministry for young people in grades 9-12. While it is sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, it is open to any teen, Catholic or non-Catholic. The mission of IGNITE is to help every young person encounter the Person of Jesus Christ through the Truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith.

SPARKS is a ministry for young people in grades 6-8. While it is sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, it is open to anyone, Catholic or non-Catholic. The mission of SPARKS is to combine FAITH with Fun so that our young people experience the joy of community and a relationship with Jesus Christ through the Church.



CATHOLIC YAY is Inviting community of Young Adults (18-39) encouraging each other in their faith through fellowship, service, and discipleship.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Pax Christi

For High School Teens

November 2, 2024
8am—5pm
Cost: \$25
Location: St. Joe's York PA

Includes:

- Inspiring talks!
- Small group sessions!
- Mass!
- Holy Hour!
- Confessions!

A contemplative youth retreat centered on discovering the Peace of Christ

(Formerly Fan the Fire Youth Rally)

FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE PARISH

ST JOSEPH CHURCH, RECTORY, SOLANUS CASEY HOUSE, SCHOOL & CAFETERIA		
(COMBINED)		
For the Six (6) Month Periods Ending December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023		
	Fiscal Periods	
	7/1/22-12/31/22	7/1/23-12/31/23
Operating Income		
Sunday and Holy Day Offerings	\$672,031	\$747,543
Christmas Offerings	\$49,711	\$61,899
St. Joseph School Tuition	\$776,975	\$730,450
Fundraising	\$149,411	\$177,763
Parish Programs/Other income	\$94,141	\$113,859
Cafeteria Food Sales & Govt Programs	\$69,350	\$66,585
Gifts & Bequests	\$7,576	\$6,125
Total Receipts	\$1,819,195	\$1,904,224
Operating Expenses		
Salaries	\$691,969	\$762,712
Employee Benefits	\$263,681	\$297,062
Utilities & Insurance	\$100,803	\$108,006
Other Purchased Services	\$76,839	\$50,321
Supplies	\$82,735	\$130,404
Repairs/Maintenance	\$149,716	\$101,088
Cost of Fundraising Activities	\$39,949	\$43,347
Assessments	\$149,905	\$157,174
Parish Program Expense	\$53,611	\$66,228
Other Expense	\$29,357	\$43,425
Total Disbursements	\$1,638,565	\$1,759,767

NOTES ON EXPENSES

- ✦ York Catholic Subsidy for (2023-2024): \$291,887
- ✦ Replacement of Narthex HVAC
- ✦ Contracted ReDefined Advisors to promote increasing EITC funding
- ✦ Contracted with National School Lunch Program Food Service Provider

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AT HOME AND ABROAD

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN:

Parish Goal for 2023: \$213,284
Total Paid in 2023: \$227,671
Average Gift: \$430.47
Number of Donors: 525
Percent Participation: 23.40%



SCHOOL SUPPORT COLLECTION

Directly supports our parish school (JULY-DECEMBER): \$19,169

LEGACY OF FAITH/ASSET RENEWAL (JULY—DECEMBER): \$16,979

CATHOLIC HARVEST FOOD PANTRY (MAY & OCTOBER 2023): \$16,489

JAMAICA MISSION STUDENT SPONSORSHIP (2023): \$38,770

MATTHEW 25 (NOVEMBER 2023): \$5,860

EASTER 2023: \$39,452 (actual) v. \$32,000 (budgeted)

CHRISTMAS* 12/31/2023: \$61,899 (actual) v. \$64,000 (budgeted)

**additional Christmas donations will come in through January—we are anticipating exceeding budget*

LOCAL CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE

Donations: \$13,676.81 *funded through the "Poor Box," Thanksgiving collection & Matthew 25

Life Beacon Bus Passes: \$750

Utility assistance: \$853.79

Rental Assistance: \$1,522.50

Food & Fuel Assistance: \$1,100

Parish & School Families Christmas Assistance: \$4,050

Local churches support: \$460

TOTAL LOCAL ASSISTANCE: \$8,736.29

Parish operations are primarily supported through the weekly envelopes. We have been blessed to receive additional income from:

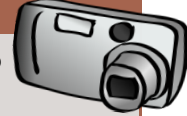
✝ MEMORIALS & BEQUESTS

✝ QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA'S

**We are only able to do what we do through your
generosity—THANK YOU!**

OFFERTORY SNAPSHOT

Number of Families	ANNUAL Amount Given	Percentage of Families
963 <i>*May be giving in loose collection & not using envelopes.</i>	\$0	44.96%
81	\$0.01-\$25	3.78%
58	\$25.01-\$50	2.71%
30	\$50.01-\$75	1.4%
52	\$75.01-\$100	2.43%
109	\$100.01-\$200	5.09%
90	\$200.01-\$300	4.20%
52	\$300.01-\$400	2.43%
61	\$400.01-\$500	2.85%
94	\$500.01-\$600	4.39%
33	\$600.01-\$700	1.54%
41	\$700.01-\$800	1.91%
23	\$800.01-\$900	1.07%
31	\$900.01-\$1,000	1.45%
180	\$1,000.01-\$1,500	8.40%
67	\$1,500.01-\$2,000	3.13%
46	\$2,000.01-\$2,500	2.15%
41	\$2,500.01-\$3,000	1.91%
13	\$3,000.01-\$3,500	0.61%
19	\$3,500.01-\$4,000	0.89%
8	\$4,000.01-\$4,500	0.37%
11	\$4,500.01-\$5,000	0.51%
30	\$5,000.01-\$10,000	1.40%
7	\$10,000.01 & up	0.41%



STEWARDSHIP: GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET (For Your Records)

1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS
FAMILY INCOME

2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO
GIVE

My income: \$ _____ %

3. CALCULATE ANNUAL DOLLAR GIVING AMOUNT:

My Income X Annual Percentage to Give = Annual Dollar Giving Amount

\$ _____ X _____ % = \$ _____

4. DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH GIVING OPPORTUNITY
OFFERTORY

Weekly \$ (or) Monthly \$ _____ Annual \$ _____

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Annual \$ _____

SECOND COLLECTIONS

TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING \$ _____

Aid to Catholic Church in Eastern Europe \$ _____

Society for the Propagation of the Faith \$ _____

Poor Missions \$ _____

Matthew 25 \$ _____

Holy Land \$ _____

Catholic Home Missions \$ _____

Pentecost Collection \$ _____

Catholic Communication Campaign \$ _____

Missionary Cooperative \$ _____

Religious Retirement \$ _____

World Mission \$ _____

Legacy of Faith \$ _____

School \$ _____

Catholic Harvest Food Pantry \$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLE

1. Total income: \$60,000

2. Determine annual percentage to give:
3% OR 10%

3. Calculate annual giving amount:
\$60,000 x 3% = \$1,800
\$60,000 x 10% = \$6,000

4. Determine dollar amount for each giving opportunity:
\$1,800 x 50% = \$900
\$6,000 x 50% = \$3,000

\$900 ÷ 52 = \$17.30
\$3,000 ÷ 52 = \$57.70

OR
\$900 ÷ 12 = \$75
\$3,000 ÷ 12 = \$250

\$180 Diocesan Annual Appeal 10% \$600

\$720 Second Collections 40% \$2,400

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK A STEP TO INCREASE THEIR SUPPORT!



★ 1,179 families are current givers ★ Increase of 87 families ★ \$1,120.27
average contributions of those giving ★



We all want to give back to God. We know that giving back to God is just a small way to show our gratitude for all that He has given to us. We know that it feels good to be generous. Yet sometimes it is difficult to move from “knowing” to “doing.” Here are a few suggestions:

- ✝ Know what percentage of your income you are giving to God. To determine this, multiply your weekly gift by 52 (or the number of weeks you give.) Then divide this total by your annual salary. This is the percentage you are giving back. Are you happy with this number? Does it truly reflect your faith and trust in God?
- ✝ Pray about whether you can increase this number.
- ✝ Once you determine what your weekly giving will be, make that the first check which you write each time you sit down to pay bills. **Give to God first.** Don’t wait and give Him just what is left over.
- ✝ As you place your gift in the Offertory basket each week think of something for which you want to thank God. Remembering to thank God for special blessings as you place your gift in the basket reminds you that your giving is actually a way to return some of the abundant blessings that God has given to you.

www.osvonlinegiving.com/4613



- + No more worrying about bringing (or forgetting) your envelope or check to Mass.
- + Your offertory is given electronically. (Great during vacations and bad weather).
- + The process is safe, secure and can be updated at any time.
- + It costs you nothing and saves you time!

Please remember St. Joseph Church in your long term financial and estate planning.