



This is our home.

“But who do you say that I am?”

—Matthew 16:15”

And who are you?

The world asks us to be many things.
God calls us to be only one: God’s own.

We are nourished.



We are encouraged.



We are nurtured.



We are loved.



We are sheltered.



We are uplifted.



Stewardship FAQs

What is stewardship?

As Christians, we believe that everything we have is a gift from God. We are not owners, but stewards of God’s many blessings. Stewardship is about prayerfully offering back to God from the gifts we have received. Our offerings support the ministries of St. James’ Church so that we can fulfill our mission. Financial giving is the one way in which all of us can participate in all of the activities of our church.

Why do we always talk so much about money?

Because, like it or not, money plays a central role in our daily lives. Money can become either a valuable tool in our spiritual development or a stumbling block on our path to a Christ-centered life. When used with conviction—perhaps even as a spiritual practice—money can further our work as God’s hands in this world, bringing glory to God and enabling more and more people to know the love of Jesus Christ. But, as with any tool with which one hopes to create great works, a dedicated practice is essential. How might our financial habits open our lives up to God and to our neighbors? Where might God be calling us to go today? And tomorrow?

I give. Why should I make an annual commitment?

A commitment of record is a statement of belonging, of saying, “this is my spiritual home,” and “I consider myself a member of St. James’ Church.” By making a commitment, we allow the church to plan a budget that accurately anticipates the revenue that will be received from parishioner giving.

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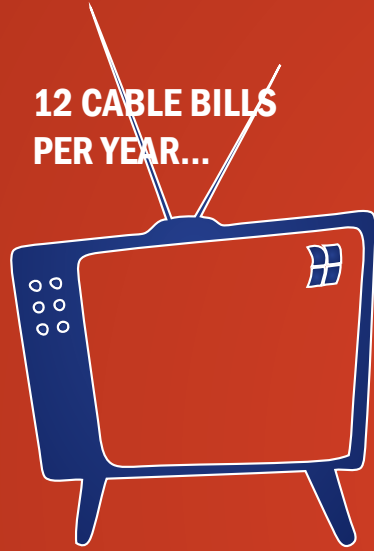
When incorporated into our everyday lives, stewardship is an opportunity for spiritual growth. Strive to give in proportion to the gifts you have been given. The chart at right suggests proportional weekly gifts based on your household income.

If those weekly numbers seem high, you might want to consider them in light of some other expenditures...

5 COFFEE CART VISITS PER WEEK...



12 CABLE BILLS PER YEAR...



6 CAB RIDES PER MONTH...



36 MEALS OUT PER YEAR...



God provides for us; we are called to provide for each other.

We give in gratitude to God for the blessings we daily see and feel.

Our gifts transform our parish, our city, and the world.

We all play many roles and wear many hats, our days filled to bursting with obligations and demands. But even as we fill our days, we may find ourselves feeling empty. The world asks us to be many things. God calls us to be only one: God's own. We find happiness that fills us in the blessings God gives us: our friends, our families, our faith community, our talents, and our skills.

And in our opportunities to share our gifts and our blessings with a world that needs them.

In 2012, stewardship at St. James' Church invites you to draw God into all aspects of your life—from your finances to your Friday night plans. We invite you to make a 2012 Commitment to St. James' and to join with us in supporting and creating a place that strives to

connect people with the lasting happiness—the great purpose—that God has for each of us.

Ask yourself, "What are my blessings?" And then, "How might I be a blessing to others?" The answers will be a gift to you, those you love, to God, and to the world.

WEEKLY GIVING AMOUNTS

Give big. Think bigger. Small changes in your week can change the life of the world.

ANNUAL INCOME	1 %	2 %	3 %	4 %	5 %	6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	12 %	15 %
\$ 10,000	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ 15	\$ 17	\$ 19	\$ 23	\$ 29
30,000	6	12	17	23	29	35	40	46	52	58	69	87
50,000	10	19	29	38	48	58	67	77	87	96	115	144
70,000	13	27	40	54	67	81	94	108	121	135	162	202
90,000	17	35	52	69	87	104	121	138	156	173	208	260
110,000	21	42	63	85	106	127	148	169	190	212	254	317
130,000	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	300	375
150,000	29	58	87	115	144	173	202	231	260	288	346	433
175,000	34	67	101	135	168	202	236	269	303	337	404	505
200,000	38	77	115	154	192	231	269	308	346	385	462	577
250,000	48	96	144	192	240	288	337	385	433	481	577	721