

ST. JAMES PARISH

2024 Stewardship Appeal Newsletter

Please take time over the next couple of weeks to review and pray about the challenge below.



TITHING, PROPORTIONATE GIVING, AND YOUR COMMITMENT

The leadership of St. James is presently engaged in prayerful deliberation about the ministry of stewardship to which God calls each of us as disciples. Stewardship as a ministry focuses more on how we, the members of St. James, can joyfully give back to God from the gifts God has given us and less on the dollar amounts needed to balance the church budget. A community that embraces Stewardship as a ministry takes seriously the biblical call to tithe 10% of our time, talents, and money to building God's Kingdom.

Recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, we encourage every parish household to consider accepting the following challenge prayerfully: **allocate 10% of our gross household treasure to building God's Kingdom—5% in support of the vital ministry of St. James Parish, 1% to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and 4% to**

other efforts in building God's kingdom, such as non-profits serving those who are in need in our community and the world. If you give 5% or more to our ministries at St. James, we appreciate your sacrifice to our mission! If you can consider a more significant commitment, we will be grateful because we know that some of our members will not be able to increase their commitment this year.

The chart below will assist us in evaluating our challenge. Its household income ranges will allow us to determine our current giving levels to St. James. **We are asked to prayerfully consider increasing our commitment to St. James by half of one percent of our family income for 2025.** If we continue this pattern as we move into the future together, we will reach our stated goal of supporting the church ministries with at least five percent of our family income.

The chart below will assist us in determining what impact a one-half-percent increase will have on our giving.

Total income	0.50%	1%	1.50%	2%	2.50%	3%	3.50%	4%	4.50%	5%
\$150,000	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,750	\$4,500	\$5,250	\$6,000	\$6,750	\$7,500
\$125,000	\$625	\$1,250	\$1,875	\$2,500	\$3,125	\$3,750	\$4,375	\$5,000	\$5,625	\$6,250
\$100,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$5,000
\$75,000	\$375	\$750	\$1,125	\$1,500	\$1,875	\$2,250	\$2,625	\$3,000	\$3,375	\$3,750
\$50,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500
\$25,000	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$750	\$875	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,250
\$15,000	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$375	\$450	\$525	\$600	\$675	\$750

We NEED 100% of parish household's participation; therefore, **if you are new to giving to St. James**, we encourage you to prayerfully consider committing at least \$5 (less than a latte) or \$10 or more a week. A \$5-a-week commitment equals \$260 a year, and every commitment, regardless of size, is greatly appreciated.