



Blessed
to be a blessing

Faith Commitment
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work ... You will be enriched in every way for great generosity.

2 Corinthians 9:8, 11

**As you consider your gift,
remember the Five P's of Giving**

1. PLAN. Giving is part of our financial plan. Psalm 24 tells us, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." We give back to God some of the resources that He has shared with us to honor Him and help build His kingdom. A disciple gives!

2. PRIORITY. Giving is a priority in our plan rather than something I consider only after everything else. Proverbs 3:9 tells us to "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the First Fruits of all you produce" rather than simply giving what happens to be available. The best way to make giving a Priority in our Plan is to become a monthly electronic giver.

So ... how much should we give? The next two P's set us up for success with our giving ...

3. PERCENTAGE. We give a percentage of our income as an act of worship in our place of worship. What percentage? The biblical goal is the tithe, or 10%. More important than the "10," however, is the "%." Start somewhere, even 1% or 2%, and from there strive to grow in your giving over time.

4. PROGRESSIVE. We want to progress, or grow, in all we do as a disciple. We grow in our faith when we grow in our giving, so we increase our percentage giving over time.

What's the fifth P?

5. PRAY! Always invite the Holy Spirit into your giving decision and follow His leading. Bring your stewardship to God in prayer and ask:

*"Lord, considering all that You have given me,
what are You calling me to give?"*

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Everything is gift.

God has blessed each of us in countless ways — with life, faith, relationships, abilities, opportunities and material resources.

Christian stewardship begins by recognizing those blessings with gratitude and asking:

How is God calling me to share what I have received?

God blesses.

Disciples respond.

The blessing is shared.

Generosity Is Part of Following Jesus.

Stewardship is not simply about meeting the financial needs of our parish.

It is a way of living as a disciple.

Everything we have is ultimately a gift entrusted to us by God. As disciples, we seek to use those gifts intentionally — for our families, for those in need, for the mission of the Church and for the building of God's Kingdom.

As our discipleship grows, our generosity can grow with it.

A Question for Reflection

Considering all that God has entrusted to me, what is my next step in generosity?



*Please scan the QR code for a
digital version of your Faith
Commitment Card.*

My Faith Commitment

STEP 1: Contact information



Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Envelope # (if known) _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

STEP 2: Faith Commitment

With Faith and gratitude, I make the following Sunday offertory commitment to support our mission and programs:

My current gift: \$ _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

My new gift: \$ _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

☐ I would also like to offer the following one-time gift of \$ _____ to respond to the immediate ministerial needs of my parish.

STEP 3: Automatic Giving

☐ I am a current automatic giver. I will update my Faith Commitment to the amount shown above.

☐ I am a current automatic giver and need help updating my Faith Commitment. Please contact me.

☐ I will set up automatic giving for the first time.

☐ I need help setting up automatic giving for the first time. Please contact me.

☐ I prefer not to set up automatic giving and will continue using my offertory envelopes.

☐ I would like more information about remembering St. Thomas the Apostle in my will.

☐ I am new to St. Thomas the Apostle. Please send registration information.

Ways to Give

stapostle.org/giving/

Electronically Give to St. Thomas the Apostle through your checking account, credit or debit card. Please visit stapostle.org/giving/ for more information.

In the Offertory or By Mail Give cash and checks at Mass in the collection baskets. If you are sending checks by mail, please send to: St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563.

From your Brokerage Account Consult with your financial advisor to donate appreciated stock or a direct donation from your IRA account.

Prayer Intention

How Can We Pray for You?

As you prayerfully consider the blessings God has entrusted to you, please allow your parish family to pray for you as well. All prayer intentions will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks.

Thank You!

Thank you for the many ways you share God's blessings and help St. Thomas the Apostle become a community of disciples who make disciples.

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