

## Parish of St. Cletus

### Mission Statement

*The parish family of St. Cletus is a faith community empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our leadership consists of laity and clergy working together.*

*We are part of the larger Church of St. Louis and thus act as one Body of Christ.*

*Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and service to each other, to celebrate the liturgies of praise, healing and thanksgiving, and to enable all the members to grow in their relationship with God and one another.*

# Church of Saint Cletus

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased that we are able once again to send you this latest version of our Guide Book and Directory. I hope that it serves you well in providing you with adequate information concerning our parish's numerous ministries, organizations, and committees. They are testimonies to the vitality and energy of our very fine community of faith.

To help you to become better aware of all the resources of St. Cletus Parish, this Guide Book and Directory is divided into three sections. The first section gives the history of St. Cletus and introduces you to the members of our parish's Pastoral Team. It also provides an excellent profile of parish life, explanations of the Church's sacramental life, and a detailed section on stewardship and tithing.

The second section is a "Time and Talent Directory." All parish ministries, committees, organizations, and activities along with a brief description of each are listed. This time and talent directory corresponds to the "Stewardship of Time and Talent" section listed on our parish's registration form.

The third section lists the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our registered parishioners. If there is an error in this section, please notify the parish office so we can make the necessary corrections. PLEASE NOTE: these names, addresses, and phone numbers are to be kept semi-confidential. Please do not use them for any type of advertising, business-related, or political solicitations. The people of our parish have entrusted their personal information to each other through this Directory. I ask that you do not betray that trust even with the best of intentions.

I hope that this Guide Book will be a stepping stone toward greater involvement on your part here at St. Cletus. Please take some time to read closely the part entitled "Parish Committees, Organizations & Activities." Please choose to commit yourself to one or more of these ministries or activities. By sharing your time or talent in these ways, you will be giving some of your God-given talents back to God. Each of us is called by God to be a good steward of our personal gifts and talents. I encourage you to develop these talents and to share them with our community.

St. Cletus is a wonderful parish. You, the people and families of the parish, are the ones who are primarily responsible for our parish's vitality and spirit. Sunday Eucharist is the heart of every parish's life. I am very gratified to see how our parish's vitality and spirit is best exemplified at Mass each week. Please always remember that it is in these celebrations of the Eucharist that we find our truest identity.

Sincerely,

Reverend James J. Benz,  
Pastor

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## Parish History

Prior to 1960, St. Charles was viewed as a small river town to the northwest of St. Louis. It was a closely-knit community. Many St. Louisans saw it as a place to visit on a weekend to get away from the noise and pollution of the big city. Because it was semi-rural and in close proximity to St. Louis, St. Charles became more and more attractive to the residents of St. Louis. Consequently, St. Charles experienced a tremendous growth in its population in the 1960's and this growth has continued through the 1990's. Many former residents of St. Louis and its suburbs along with out-of-state residents have made St. Charles their home and the vital community it is today.

As people flocked to St. Charles, many needs had to be addressed. One of those needs was the building of new churches and schools for the expanding Catholic population. To meet this growing need, Archbishop Ritter founded St. Cletus parish in 1965. It was established at a site near Elm and Duchesne within the city of St. Charles. Rev. Omar Brauner, the first pastor, celebrated Sunday Mass in the gymnasium of Duchesne High School on September 5, 1965.

Fr. Brauner immediately made plans for the construction of St. Cletus parish. In less than two years, St. Cletus parishioners had a place to call their own. Sunday Masses were celebrated in a “transformed gymnasium” which was adjacent to the new school building. The huge lot adjoining the school was earmarked for a church which was to be built at a later time. The school building only had room for the seventh and eighth grades. St. Cletus and St. Peter, the neighboring parish, shared school facilities. This sharing of school building and resources between two parishes was one of the first attempts by the Archdiocese to plan on a regional level.

As the Catholic population “exploded” in St. Charles, the Archdiocese realized that St. Cletus, due to its close proximity to St. Charles Borromeo and St. Peter parishes, was not adequately meeting the needs of the Catholic population. Consequently, Archbishop May had all of the parishes in St. Charles redistricted. Ironically, St. Cletus church and school were now located within the boundaries of St. Peter parish!

Thus in 1981, a site for the “new” St. Cletus had to be found. It was also in this year that St. Cletus received a new pastor, Fr. John Kerber. So the task of finding a suitable place to build a new church, rectory and school had begun. The site chosen was a good Lutheran farmer’s field near the northwest intersection of Droste and Zumbahl Road. In December of 1981, Archbishop John L. May granted permission to begin building at 2705 Zumbahl Road. First the rectory was constructed. The priests moved into their new rectory in August 1982. Groundbreaking for St. Cletus Church and School was held on May 16, 1982. The dream of St. Cletus Parish became a reality on April 17, 1983 when the new church and school were dedicated by Archbishop May. In the fall of 1983, St. Cletus School opened its doors to students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Over a period of twenty-two years at its new location, St. Cletus has grown from 400 families to over 1500 families. With construction of new subdivisions in the parish, St. Cletus will continue to grow in numbers and vitality.

In November of 1994, Rev. James P. Callahan was appointed the third pastor of St. Cletus by Archbishop Justin Rigali. Under Fr. Callahan’s guidance, a new parish center was constructed in the church basement to provide much needed office and meeting space for parish life and activity. Major improvements to the parish church and school were made in 2002.

In July of 2004, Rev. James J. Benz was appointed as the fourth pastor of St. Cletus by Archbishop Raymond Burke. In the fall of 2005, the parish celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary. Inspired by this landmark observance, the parish began a campaign to “honor the past and to bless the future.” Pledges totaling almost \$1,700,000 were raised largely to build an endowment for future parish needs. The parish now numbers almost 1700 families.

## For Your Information

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Liturgies

(Saturday Vigil) 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M. (Life Teen)

### Weekday

Monday-Friday 7:00 A.M. & 8:00 A.M. (alternating Mass with communion services each week, check the bulletin)

### Holydays

Please consult the bulletin or the parish website

## Sacramental Information

### Norms for Infant Baptism

As a community of faith, St. Cletus Parish has the responsibility of ensuring that infants baptized into the Catholic Church will be raised in the faith. Toward the fulfillment of this responsibility, the following norms have been adopted. Parents are encouraged to fulfill the following responsibilities and to have their child baptized within a reasonable time after birth.

### Parental Requirements

**Parish Membership:** For a child to be baptized in the Catholic Church, his/her Catholic parent(s) must be a registered and practicing member(s) of St. Cletus Parish, regularly participating in Sunday worship in our parish church, and supporting the parish through their gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Such a commitment provides reasonable assurance that the child to be baptized will be raised in the faith. If you have recently moved into St. Cletus parish and are now registering, a letter from the pastor of your previous parish stating that you were registered and practicing will be required. If you have not been registered in a Catholic parish for more than two years, you must speak with a member of the parish clergy concerning your desire for the baptism of a child.

**Preparation Session:** To ensure that parents are aware of the meaning of baptism in Christian life and the commitments they are making, they are expected to participate in a program of instruction and preparation. Deacon Mark McCarthy conducts this program. Please email

mmccarthy@saintcletuschurch.org or call 636-946-6327. Godparents, while not required to participate, are welcome. If parents have participated in the program at St. Cletus within the last three years, they need not repeat it. Parents are required to register in advance and are encouraged to participate in this session before their baby is born.

Sacramental Marriage Parents who have not been sacramentally married in the Catholic Church must speak with a member of the clergy before they can enroll their child for baptism.

Godparents: In choosing a God-parent or sponsor for your child, parents are asked to seriously consider the following information. The sponsor's role is to assist parents in passing on the faith in which the child is being baptized. Therefore, parents should choose someone who will take the role seriously and who will be a good role model for the child.

Parents should speak personally with the sponsor about the meaning of this role and their expectations. Church law sets minimum requirements: A sponsor must be at least sixteen years old, already confirmed, and a practicing Catholic. If parents choose two people to be sponsors, they are to be male and female. Although non-Catholics may not serve as sponsors, they may serve as witness an official to the baptism, but must be themselves practicing the Christian faith.

## Confirmation

Currently, Confirmation for youth occurs in the eighth grade. Our Confirmation preparation program begins the end of the child's seventh grade year and continues from September through March of their eighth grade year - with the reception of the Sacrament in April. As always, arrangements can be made if needed due to a change in location, or a desire to receive the Sacrament after a child's eighth grade year. He or she should contact Fr. Benz to make proper arrangements. After a brief preparation program, the individual may choose to be confirmed either with our eighth graders or at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on Pentecost Sunday when adults from the entire archdiocese gather for the celebration of this sacrament.

## Reconciliation

Weekly Celebration. There are weekly celebrations of the sacrament in church every Saturday afternoon from 4:00- 4:45 P.M., and on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 P.M. If it is not possible for an individual to come at that time, he or she should feel to call one of the parish priests to arrange an appointment. The priests are more than happy to do this.

Services of Reconciliation. During Advent and Lent the priests of the parish lead the community in a communal prayer service followed by individual confessions.

FIRST PENANCE The normal time for the first celebration of the Sacrament of Penance with children in our parish is in the first semester of their second grade year followed by their first reception of the Eucharist during the second semester.

## Adult Initiation (R.C.I.A.)

If an adult wants to join the Catholic Church, he or she is invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). In general, this process focuses on understanding how faith operates in our lives, how we can live it out in daily life, and how we can express it in worship and praise. The priests or lay people try to show how our faith can be enriched by relating to others in the parish community.

Various stages in the process are marked by liturgical celebrations in Church at the Sunday Liturgy; the Rites of Enrollment and Welcoming, Election and Scrutinies.

The process culminates at the Easter Vigil Service, when an individual either is baptized (if he or she has not been baptized previously), or makes a profession of faith (if he or she has already been baptized), confirmed and receives First Communion in the Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office and ask for Deacon Mark McCarthy 636-946-6327 or [mmccarthy@saintcletus.org](mailto:mmccarthy@saintcletus.org)

## Marriage

Engaged couples planning to be married at St. Cletus should make contact with Deacon Mark McCarthy at least six months in advance, but should know that many couples do so at least a year prior to their preferred date. Definite plans for a wedding date should not be decided until such contact has been made and the couple's readiness for marriage has been determined.

Preparation for marriage involves the couple taking and reviewing a pre-marital inventory of communication and compatibility, participating in any one of several Marriage Preparation Programs, and planning the wedding ceremony with the presiding priest or deacon. Couples in which one member is not Catholic will also meet with the priest or deacon to discuss implications of the Catholic faith for their marriage. Deacon Mark McCarthy 636-946-6327 or [mmccarthy@saintcletus.org](mailto:mmccarthy@saintcletus.org)

## Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is a tangible sign of God's love for us when we are facing serious health needs. (There is a special communion rite, called *viaticum*, and special prayers reserved for people who are close to death, but the other rites of pastoral care for the sick are intended for those who are seriously ill or facing surgery.)

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

**Hospital Visitation** Our clergy and lay ministers of the parish are interested in visiting members of the parish when they are in the hospital. However, hospitals no longer automatically inform parishes when a parishioner is admitted. We will be able to visit only if we know you are in a hospital. It is most helpful to us when you or a family member notifies the parish office.

**Communion for the Sick** Holy Communion is brought once a week to those who are sick or unable to go to church on a regular basis. If you or a family member want to be put on the list on a regular or temporary basis, please call the parish office.

**Individual Anointing** If you are planning to go to the hospital for surgery or extended care, contact the parish office before you go, in order to arrange for the celebration of the sacrament. This sacrament is for the sick or the chronically ill, not for the dying or dead. Individuals in hospitals should ask the chaplain there for the sacrament if you are not able to celebrate it here with one of our priests.

**Communal Anointing** Periodically during the year, the sacrament of the sick is celebrated at Mass for all those who need the grace of the sacrament. We also celebrate this sacrament at the 8:00 A.M. Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

## Parish Ministries...a Call to Serve

Below you will find a selection of ministries and groups through which you can serve the Lord and His Church.

**Adult Faith Formation:** St. Cletus supports lifelong adult formation. The parish strives to reach all religious educational needs through various adult education programs during the year. Adult Catholic faith education encourages the building up of the Kingdom of God through ongoing catechesis.  
Fr. Jim Benz 636-946-6327

**Bereavement:** Someone you love has died. You are faced with the difficult but important need to mourn. Your grief is unique.  
Martha Baronovic 636-947-3431

**Cancer Support:** welcomes those with Cancer, in Remission, Spouses, Caregivers and Friends.  
Tony Petti 636-443-2380

**Centering Prayer:** is the deepening of our relationship with the living Jesus Christ. Come! Join us! We gather to experience the gift and peace of Centering Prayer.  
Martha Baronovic 636-947-3431

Environment & Art Committee: Members serve the parish in preparing an environment for worship that will mediate the presence of God. They are responsible for decorating the Church and worship space, caring for the plants and flowers and helping setup and take down the seasonal decorations.  
Cindy and Mike Clegg 636-493-0255

Eucharistic Ministry: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are special ministers of Communion who have the privilege of assisting the presider in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. Some of these ministers bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Training and practice are provided.  
Maureen Minich 636-946-1857

Funeral Luncheons: This parish service provides a funeral luncheon for friends and families of deceased parish members. The luncheon is served in the Parish Center which can accommodate up to 150 people. Volunteers are needed to donate food and/or work the luncheons.  
Janet Haislip 636-724-3225

Job Search Ministry: Our mission is to serve the unemployed and underemployed of the St. Cletus community who need help during their job search transition by providing spiritual and practical job search support services.  
Mike Sepe 636-795-7074 or  
Bob Burns 636-940-9401

Lectors: participate in a ministry of public proclamation of the Word of God in the Readings at Mass. Training and practice are provided. Workbooks are available to help lectors.  
Maureen Minich 636-946-1857

Legion of Mary: is a lay evangelistic effort. They are men and women who offer their services to the pastor to aid in performing spiritual works in the parish.  
Barry McCauley 636-724-2135

Life Teen: Life Teen® is our youth ministry program geared toward our high school teens. The teens participate in 11:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday. The program also includes opportunities throughout the year for retreats, service projects, play n' pray in the gym, building friendships, spiritual direction, leadership development and fun. Volunteers (college age students in particular) are needed for the Core Team. Volunteers (adults/parents of teens) are also needed for our Life Support Team, which assists our youth minister in implementing Life Teen®.  
Bob Hamer 314-623-5258

Liturgy Committee: This committee is responsible for planning the liturgical seasons of the year, the weekly liturgical celebrations and para-liturgical services throughout the year. This committee assists the music director in planning the liturgical music. Interested persons are encouraged to make a two to three year commitment.

Deacon Mark and Liz McCarthy 636-946-6194

Marriage Preparation Couples: Trained married couples work one-to-one with engaged couples in usually four sessions covering various aspects of Christian marriage and family life to help them be ready for this life-long commitment.

Deacon Mark McCarthy 636-946-6327 or mmccarthy@saintcletus.org

Men's Club: is open to all men of the parish. The Men's Club sponsors the Parish Athletic Program, which includes boys and girls soccer, T-ball, basketball & volleyball. They provide a free family breakfast in the Spring and Winter. In addition, the club provides funding for school equipment and scholarships to Duchesne High School.

Don Santellano (636) 724-3659

Music Ministry: We welcome all those who are interested in sharing their musical and/or vocal talents with our parish community by either playing or singing at our parish's liturgies.

Tina Bishop 636-946-6327 ext. 1718

Nursing Home Ministry: Our mission is to support the priest or deacon in celebrating Mass or Communion Service for the residents of the Nursing Home and to bring our Church community to the residents by interacting with them during this time.

Diane Judge 314-807-6236

Our Lady's Prayer Group: We pray the Rosary and occasionally view videos to enhance and deepen Marian devotion. We also pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Eleanor Rupp 636-947-3860

Peace & Justice: Our social justice committee's goal is to educate the parish concerning justice issues in our community and in society at large.

Members of this committee attempt to address injustices in concrete ways.

Jim LaVictoire 636-928-5064

Prayer Groups: Prayer opportunities at St. Cletus range from individual prayer in front of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Adoration) to parishioners gathering for prayer and sharing their faith at various times during the week (Centering Prayer, Men's Bible Study, Our Lady's Prayer Group, etc.).

Parish Office 636-946-6327

PSR: Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) offers parishioners the opportunity to serve as Catechists for Kindergarten through 8th year in grade school. Substitutes and aides are also needed at times. Previous experience is valued but not required. Training, certification and on-going support are provided.

Mary Olmsted 636-255-1717

PTO: The Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) strives to promote unity between home and school as well as to support the principal, teachers, and parents in their efforts to provide quality education and formation in our Catholic Faith at St. Cletus School. Throughout the year, the P.T.O. sponsors fundraisers primarily the Share the Profit certificates sales and fish fries on the Fridays of Lent.

Christine Crutcher 636-669-8527 or

Dana Bryan 314-440-7852

Quilters: meet every Wednesday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. We hand-quilt all types and sizes of quilts to be used as prizes and for the raffle at the November Social which is hosted by members of our parish's St. Vincent DePaul Society. All proceeds are used to assist those in need in our parish community. We welcome all quilters and anyone who has a desire to learn to quilt.

Mary Schlueter 314-517-1277

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a Catechumenate Program designed to initiate and welcome new adult members into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Our emphasis is on prayer, scriptures, study and sharing the experience of our faith. Members of the parish are invited to participate as catechists and sponsors or to assist with hospitality.

Deacon Mark McCarthy 636-946-6327 or

[mmcarthy@saintcletus.org](mailto:mmcarthy@saintcletus.org)

Respect Life: The Respect Life Committee coordinates within our parish the respect life programs and activities of our Archdiocese. If you're concerned about strengthening the value of human life within our society for the sake of children, including the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and all persons, you may want to consider joining this committee.

Deb Young 636-332-2201

Room at the Inn: Once evening a month, St. Cletus houses homeless women and children as part of an area wide ministry called "Room at the Inn."

Various volunteers transport our guests to our parish center and back to the Room at the Inn facility, where they prepare the parish center to serve as dining and sleeping quarters, prepare and serve a nutritious meal, and spend the night with them. Most importantly we welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mary Howle 636-734-2119

School Volunteer: Our parish's day school is always in need of volunteers to help fill all sorts of roles, for example, playground monitor, lunch room helper, teacher's aide, office assistant, etc.  
Rosann Doherty 636-946-7756

Servers: Through this ministry any boy or girl of the parish (beginning in 5th grade) may assist the priest and other liturgical ministers with the preparations and celebration of the Mass and other services.  
Deacon Mark McCarthy 636-946-6327 or mmccarthy@saintcletus.org

Senior Cletes: This organization welcomes all of our retired parishioners. The meeting begins with a lunch and continues with a guest speaker or some form of entertainment. Day trips are planned throughout the year.  
Betty McMichael 636-946-5566

Service Sprouts: was created with the intention of providing an outlet for young children to participate in charitable service. The group meets monthly to complete a service project. We welcome anyone willing to participate in the service projects.  
Katie Nikodem 314-323-5630

Small Faith Communities: Small Faith Communities provides Catholics an opportunity to experience a sense of community within our larger parish community. These groups consist of 8-10 people who reflect together on the readings for Sunday Mass.  
Ed Andrzejewski 636-493-6254

Stephen Ministry: provides emotional and spiritual care needed when others are faced with a crisis or difficulty.  
St. Cletus Stephen Ministry 636-255-1739

Stewardship Committee: enhances Parish Life by engaging and educating our parishioners in Prayer, Participation and Generosity, instilling in them a pride of ownership and belonging.  
Scott Meisinger 636-525-1630

Stitches for Life: is a group of ladies who enjoy sewing, crocheting and knitting. We make various items for the poor and needy in the St. Charles area. We also provide PRAYER SHAWLS for anyone experiencing difficulty in their lives.  
JoAnn Cheli 636-936-3626

St. Vincent de Paul: The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists the poor in our community. Members care for individuals and families needing emergency assistance with food, shelter, utilities, clothing, or help with other basic needs.  
Dan Peters 636-947-7847

St. Dorothy's Society: The primary purpose of the St. Dorothy Society is to beautify the grounds of St. Cletus by planting and maintaining the trees, shrubbery and flowers. Cutting the grass and trimming the trees and shrubs are also part of the society's responsibilities.  
Jim and Jeanie McCoy 636-723-3128

Suppers 8: is a social organization at St. Cletus that allows adult parishioners (couples or singles) to meet in a small group setting and share a meal together. Dinner is hosted in members' homes and rotated each month with dates and locations chosen by each group. The host prepares the main dish, while other members bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. At the end of the fourth month, the small groups gather in the Parish Hall for a collective pot luck before groups are rearranged and a new session begins. We generally have 2 sessions occur each calendar year. This is a fantastic way to make new friends of the people you see in the pews each week!  
Sue Schutz 314-973-8707 or s\_schutz@msn.com

Transitioning to Singleness: Divorced and Widowed Transitioning to Singleness is a program to help those who are separated, divorced, or widowed to recover, to make changes, and to be able to move on in a healthy way.  
Lee Schellert at 636-946-7782 or  
lschellert@charter.net

## Additional Ministries....

*"WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR  
HEART WILL BE ALSO" Luke 12:34*

Altar Linen Care ..... Jennifer Iffrig ..... 636-940-9858

Annual Catholic Appeal ..... Rick Chenot ..... 636-947-8091

Children's Liturgy of the Word .. Barb Sullivan..... 636-723-7955  
Or ..... Julie Rieffel..... 636-925-3550

Communion to the Homebound ... Parish Office ..... 636-946-6327

Eucharistic Adoration ..... Jennifer Iffrig ..... 636-940-9858  
 ..... Jan Dubray ..... 636-947-4654  
 Finance Council..... Ann Ficken ..... 636-949-9885  
 Fish Fry (during Lent)..... Nancy Allen..... 314-277-1667  
 Men’s Bible Study..... Mike Conoyer ..... 314-795-1160  
 ..... Mike Clegg ..... 636-493-0255  
 Parish Picnic..... Jason Holtegrew ..314-913-2456  
 School Board ..... Jason Stockmann .314-298-9731  
 Sunday Pre-School ..... Erin McMillian .... 615-424-3405  
 Usher..... Mike Sullentrop ..636-916-3474  
 Vacation Bible School ..... Laura Henderson 636-373-3312  
 Vocation Committee/Serra Club.. Fr. Jim Benz .....  
 ..... 636-946-6327 ext. 1711  
 Hospitality..... Mike Boschert ... 636-724-2262

## A Guide for Making Your Stewardship Intention

While your commitment to giving is important for a vital parish life, **FIRST** spend some time experiencing our parish activities, sharing our Sunday worship, reviewing our Time and Talent Directory, and talking with other members.

**SECONDLY**, think about what you expect from your parish, and the gift of your time and talent as an investment in St. Cletus.

**FINALLY**, think about what’s really possible, listen to your heart, and challenge yourself to grow.

Many find little or no time left at the end of the day. That is why it is so important for you to plan when and how you can share your time and talent with your Parish and those in need.

Your gift of treasure should also fully express your gratitude to God for all you have received. We encourage you to use the **GUIDE FOR WEEKLY GIVING** printed at the right to determine an appropriate level of support you wish to return to your Parish throughout the year.

1. Find your total household income in the left columns.
2. Move across to find the amount you currently give weekly in your Sunday envelope.
3. Look straight up to the top of the chart to find the percentage your gift represents.
4. Please prayerfully consider giving at a higher level.

**TAKING THE NEXT STEP**

Our faith presents us with the belief that our God will not be outdone in generosity. Our scriptures promise an abundance to those who give out of gratitude. We encourage you to consider pledging at the next level to the right of what you are now giving. For example, if you are presently giving 2% to the parish, consider pledging 2.5% or even 3% now.

Consider setting your eventual goal at 10% (5% to the parish and 5% to other charities).

Household Income		1%	Weekly Giving to the Parish Sunday Envelope							
Hourly	Yearly		1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5%
\$2.90	\$6,000	\$1.25	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$3	\$3.50	\$4	\$4.50	\$5.25	\$5.75
\$4.25	\$8,840	\$1.75	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.25	\$5	\$6	\$6.75	\$7.75	\$8.50
\$4.80	\$10,000	\$2	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10
\$7.20	\$15,000	\$3	\$4	\$6	\$7	\$9	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$14
\$9.60	\$20,000	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$15	\$17	\$19
\$12.00	\$25,000	\$5	\$7	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$17	\$19	\$22	\$24
\$14.50	\$30,000	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$14	\$17	\$20	\$23	\$26	\$29
\$16.75	\$35,000	\$7	\$10	\$13	\$17	\$20	\$24	\$27	\$30	\$34
\$19.25	\$40,000	\$8	\$12	\$15	\$19	\$23	\$27	\$31	\$35	\$38

\$24.00	\$50,000	\$10	\$14	\$19	\$24	\$29	\$34	\$38	\$43	\$48
\$29.00	\$60,000	\$12	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$35	\$40	\$46	\$52	\$58
\$33.50	\$70,000	\$13	\$20	\$27	\$34	\$40	\$47	\$54	\$61	\$67
\$38.50	\$80,000	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$46	\$54	\$62	\$69	\$77
\$43.50	\$90,000	\$17	\$26	\$35	\$43	\$52	\$61	\$69	\$78	\$87
\$48.00	\$100,000	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$67	\$77	\$87	\$96