

Saint Mary Parish

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Dear Parishioner,

I am writing to thank you for your on-going commitment to St. Mary Parish. Despite the continued challenges of the Corona Virus Pandemic, the parishioners of Saint Mary's have generously supported our parish and courageously lived out the Gospel message in an uncertain world.

Our finances, however, continue to be our greatest challenge. To be honest, our offertory has slipped and we are having a hard time meeting the increased expenses of our parish. Most notably, our gas, electric, insurances, and general supplies have out-paced our operating income. We need your support!

Like any household, our parish evaluates income and expenses to estimate what we can afford for church operations, ongoing or new programs and general maintenance of our facilities. Our Finance Council is closely monitoring expenses and anticipated income as we begin this new year. This process is made easier when all parishioners make an annual financial commitment to the parish. This allows us to more accurately anticipate our income and budget accordingly.

An annual commitment is just that – a specific amount you promise to the parish for the year. It helps you, too, to budget your offering in the spirit of Stewardship. The method of payment is up to you. Many parishioners fulfill their commitment weekly using church envelopes for the collection. Another option is online giving which we encourage all parishioners to consider. Its simple and easy to use. Go to our parish website to learn more: <https://stmarysfranklin.org/>

Please take the time to review the enclosed *Commitment Renewal Card* and consider renewing your financial commitment to St. Mary's. I ask that you simply indicate your new level of giving and place the commitment card in the Collection Baskets at the doors of the church or return it to the parish office by mail. Your new commitment should begin February 5, 2023.

It has been a number of years since we have asked for an increase in our Offertory, so I hope that you would consider "taking a step" in your giving. It will make a difference for our parish!

Thank you in advance for your support, understanding and generosity.
Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Brian F. Manning
Pastor

SIGNATURE _____

Name _____

Address _____

Please Check One	My New Weekly Offering	My Annual Gift
<input type="radio"/>	\$10	\$520
<input type="radio"/>	\$12	\$624
<input type="radio"/>	\$15	\$780
<input type="radio"/>	\$18	\$936
<input type="radio"/>	\$20	\$1,040
<input type="radio"/>	\$25	\$1,300
<input type="radio"/>	\$30	\$1,560
<input type="radio"/>	\$40	\$2,080
<input type="radio"/>	\$50	\$2,600
<input type="radio"/>	\$60	\$3,120
<input type="radio"/>	\$75	\$3,900
<input type="radio"/>	\$100	\$5,200
<input type="radio"/>	\$_____	\$_____

A Financial Commitment to
Saint Mary Parish

"TAKE A STEP"

SUGGESTED WEEKLY/ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION BASED ON STEP INCREASE

How/When to Make your Pledge?

Please complete the reverse side of this pledge card indicating your new level of financial commitment to our parish.

Place the card in the enclosed return envelope and bring it with you to Mass on February 4th & 5th. You may also mail it back to the parish.

Your commitment — whatever the amount — makes a difference. Thank you for your generous support!

Your Current Contribution Weekly / Annually	STEP 1 Weekly / Annually	STEP 2 Weekly / Annually	STEP 3 Weekly / Annually
\$5 \$260	\$6.25 \$325	\$6.75 \$351	\$7.25 \$377
\$10 \$520	\$12.50 \$650	\$13 \$676	\$15 \$780
\$15 \$780	\$18.75 \$975	\$19.50 \$1,014	\$25 \$1,300
\$20 \$1,040	\$25 \$1,300	\$30 \$1,560	\$35 \$1,820
\$25 \$1,300	\$30 \$1,560	\$35 \$1,820	\$40 \$2,080
\$30 \$1,560	\$37.50 \$1,950	\$40 \$2,080	\$45 \$2,340
\$35 \$1,820	\$45 \$2,340	\$50 \$2,600	\$55 \$2,860
\$40 \$2,080	\$50 \$2,600	\$60 \$3,120	\$75 \$3,900
\$50 \$2,600	\$65 \$3,380	\$75 \$3,900	\$100 \$5,200
\$75 \$3,900	\$100 \$5,200	\$125 \$6,500	\$150 \$7,800
\$100 \$5,200	\$125 \$6,500	\$150 \$7,800	\$175 \$9,100