



Generous giving is an acknowledgment that everything we have is a gift from God, and is to be used in His service (Luke 12:33, Acts 20:35, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, James 1:17, 1:27, 1 Peter 4:10).

Frequently Asked Questions About Stewardship

How do I know how much to pledge?

This is a personal decision since each family's situation differs. Stewardship is your membership to our church. Giving is to be done cheerfully, rather than as an obligation (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). Our church expenses have been growing steadily each year. Please consider raising your pledge amount each year as you are able.

Why is it so important to pledge in January?

Our church budget is based on our expected annual income and expenses. Forecasting stewardship in January helps meet parish goals.

I don't like to pay my pledge until December. Should I still pledge in January?

Yes. January pledging allows for effective fiscal budgeting. Pledge your annual amount, then pay weekly, monthly, semi-annually or annually.

If I cannot complete my pledge amount, what do I do?

Simply contact the church office and request to modify your pledge. If you cannot complete your pledge and do not contact the church, it can affect your "good standing," which may prevent you from voting in church elections.

How do I pledge and pay online?

Pledging and paying online is EASY. Go to our website www.StKatherinegoc.org and click DONATE. Under Stewardship, click click 2019 PLEDGE CARD. Once completed, click the link to DONATE. Click Create New Account for online giving. That's it, you're done for the year!

Why do I have to update my information for online paying every year?

We ask for updated information to provide you the opportunity to review your pledge for the following year. We anticipate automatic online annual giving in the future to simply the process.

Doesn't the Greek Festival bring in most of the funding for the church?

No. Although the Festival is an important source of funding, it actually accounts for only 25% of the total revenue brought in each year. Stewardship raises three times as much and is our primary source of funding for operating expenses.

What does my pledge pay for?

It costs approximately \$1,800/day to keep the church doors open. All operating expenses are paid from stewardship. Some examples are mortgage, utilities, pastoral and staff salaries and benefits, candles, permits, and maintenance of all facilities. Additional costs are directly related to church programs.

I already pay for Greek Dance School, Greek Language School, and basketball. Why do I have to pay stewardship too?

These programs operate independently from the church budget. The church provides the facility in addition to expenses enabling their operation and receives no money from these organizations. ***It is also important to know that families participating in our children's ministries must be currently pledged stewards.***

If I donate to a memorial, building fund, or the St. Katherine Foundation, does that count as part of my stewardship? No. Stewardship is represented entirely by your stated pledge.

If I make a non-monetary donation to the church, can this represent my stewardship?

No, your stewardship pledge cannot be substituted for non-monetary donations. However, your donations to the festival and the church are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. (See your CPA for further advice.)

FACT: 48% of St. Katherine's parishioners give 10% of total stewardship. Prayerfully examining your pledge is recommended annually so that your pledged amount is aligned with your personal ability to support your church and its many ministries.