Stewardship 2027

Into Deeper Waters

MATTHEW 14:29

THE BASICS

Q. What is Stewardship?
A. Stewardship means wisely caring for something that belongs to someone else. The Bible calls us stewards of God's creation. Everything belongs to God, not us.

Q. What is Annual Stewardship?
A. Each fall, we have a three-week Stewardship campaign to invite members to make a financial pledge for the next year's annual operating budget.

Q. What is a pledge?
A. An annual pledge is a commitment or estimate made in faith of what you will give to the church in the coming year.

Q. I'm already giving, do I have to make a pledge?
A. We are grateful for all who give, whether pledged or non-pledged. However, the vestry can only budget for next year based on pledged giving.

Q. Once I make a pledge, when do I start giving?
A. Most members start giving toward their pledge in January 2027. For tax reasons, some members "pre-pay" their 2027 pledge before the end of 2026. Contact Jennifer Kuhn in the parish office if you want to know more about this.

Q. What are the church's goals for the year?
A. Our budget is designed to fund our ongoing ministries while allowing us to plan for the growth that we are experiencing. Our planned budget allows for us to strengthen ministries for our increasing numbers from children to retirees, deepen our ministry partnerships, and strengthen pastoral care and clergy leadership.

UNDERSTANDING GIVING

Q. Why is the church leadership asking members to increase their pledge?
A. Our 2027 operating budget needs to increase by at least 25% to sustain our growing church.

Q. When I make a pledge, what will the money be used for?
A. These gifts go towards the church's operating budget. This includes all the day-to-day ministry at St. Paul's including worship, pastoral care, local outreach, Christian formation for all ages, care of our campus, staff salaries, insurance, and keeping the lights on.

Q. How much should I give?
A. St. Paul's encourages our members to use the biblical standard of the tithe (10% of annual income) found in Numbers 18:21. Of course, each household prayerfully decides their level of sacrificial giving. Our goal is to see each member giving in faith, generosity and in love. We would never want your household to suffer because of your pledge.

Q. Why is St. Paul's talking about money? Isn't that personal?
A. Money belongs to God, so for Christians, money is not secret or "off limits." Jesus talked about it a lot. We never want to create pressure or shame around giving. We do want to be open about how our members' generosity makes the ministry of our church possible.

Q. What if I lose a job and can't fulfill my tithe?
A. We understand that circumstances change. If you find yourself in this situation, you may change your pledge amount at any time. What is most important to us, is that you are giving regularly. There is no pledge to small.

ST. PAUL'S IS PRIMED FOR GROWTH

In 2027, your generosity will ensure our parish can meet God's call in the following ways:

- Strengthening and increasing our investment in children, youth, and young families
- Better telling our story and sharing our growing impact on the Katy community
- Shoring up the physical and financial foundations for St. Paul's future

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Please Make your pledge by November 15

ALL THE MINISTRIES YOU KNOW AND LOVE AT ST. PAUL'S ARE FUNDED BY MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS.

EXAMPLE MONTHLY PLEDGING CHART

For each annual income level, this chart shows how much a household would give per month, based on the percentage of income pledged. For example, if annual income is $60,000, and one pledges 10% of annual income, the monthly amount is $500.

Percent of Income Pledged

Annual Income	3%	5%	7%	10% (tithe)	15%	20%
$20,000	$50	$83	$117	$167	$250	$333
$40,000	$100	$167	$233	$333	$500	$667
$60,000	$150	$250	$350	$500	$750	$1,000
$80,000	$200	$333	$467	$667	$1,000	$1,333
$100,000	$250	$417	$583	$833	$1,250	$1,667
$150,000	$375	$625	$875	$1,250	$1,875	$2,500
$200,000	$500	$833	$1,167	$1,667	$2,500	$3,333

MONTHLY GIVING AMOUNT

THE DETAILS OF GIVING

Q. How can I submit my pledge?
A. Online at stpaulskaty.org/stewardship or via a physical pledge card available from the church. Pledge cards may be returned in the offering plate, via mail, or at the church office.

Q. OK, I've made my pledge. Now I'm ready to start giving towards my pledge. How do I do that?
A. There are several ways:
(1) Give securely online. Go to www.stpaulskaty.org and click the "Online Giving" tab.
(2) Set up a recurring gift using your bank's online bill pay service.
(3) Mail or drop off a check to the church office with "Annual Stewardship" on the memo line. Please do not combine annual stewardship giving with other giving.
(4) In church on Sunday, place a check or cash in the offering plate at any of our services. If giving cash, use a **GIVING** envelope and be sure to write your name on the envelope.
(5) Prepay for the entire year by contacting Jennifer Kuhn in the church office.

Q. Can I give by transferring stock or other securities?
A. Yes. Contact our Parish Administrator, Jennifer Kuhn, at jkuhn@stpaulskaty.org.

Q: Can I fulfill my pledge with a distribution from my IRA?
A: Yes! Parishioners can contribute directly from their IRA accounts to take advantage of tax benefits and fulfill required minimum distributions (RMD). Contact Jennifer Kuhn to set this up.

CONTACT US

Q. I've got other questions. Whom can I contact?
A. You can reach out to the vestry, Jennifer Kuhn our Parish Administrator, or Fr. Hayden. You should always feel free to call the church or send us an email. We're always happy to talk Stewardship!