



Gratitude and Giving

Do you often stop to pray in gratitude for all that God has given to you?

Think about the abundance in your life:

- Family and friends
- A safe home with electricity, internet, and furniture
- Clothes and food
- A vehicle for transportation
- Access to education and employment
- Medical care
- Vacations and entertainment
- Talents and abilities
- A faith community where you can pray freely with others

Stewardship is giving back to God in gratitude for all that God has given to you.

Did you know that EACH MONTH it costs our parish:



\$730

building safety and security



\$2,939

social justice support and charities



\$3,149

heating and cooling our buildings



\$7,154

technology support for our staff, programs, and school



\$10,464

cleaning and maintenance of our facilities



\$16,150

medical and dental premiums for our church and school staff

**Monthly parish financial report is available upon request.*



Determining Your Contribution

Each household is invited to pray about what a meaningful stewardship gift would look like. Most of us put our money toward the things we value.

Ask yourself: What value do you place on your faith and the ability to practice it?

If you are not currently contributing, depending on your income, you might give:

- \$10 a week (the cost of two cups of coffee). That adds up to \$520 a year, almost the cost of a month of safety and security at St. Bart's!
- \$50 a week (the cost of dinner for two). That's \$2,600 a year and could pay for music for the choir.
- \$100 a week (the cost of a tank of gas for an SUV). That's \$5,200 a year and would support our summer Catholic Kids Camp.

If you have been giving the same amount to St. Bart's, could you increase your gift by 5% or 10%? If so, please change your giving amount online or call Marilyn Nelson, Director of Stewardship and Development, for assistance at 952-473-6601 x222.



Just as costs in your home have increased, the costs to maintain our spiritual home have also increased.

What is pledging and why is it important?

Your pledge is not a legal contract, and we understand that financial situations change. Making your confidential giving intention (pledge) does two things:

1. It makes your intention real and is a way to remind yourself that your faith matters.
2. It helps our parish budget for monthly expenses.

How can I make my contribution?

Choose a giving method that works best for you:

- Automatic payment from your bank account or credit card
- Sunday Giving Envelopes
- Donor Advised Fund
- IRA Distribution
- Gift of Stock or Commodities

Completing your pledge is easy!

There are three ways to make your pledge:

1. Go to st-barts.org and click "Log In" to access the member portal. (If you need assistance, contact the parish office at 952-473-6601.)
2. Scan this QR code to complete your form online.
3. Complete a paper copy of the pledge form and return it in the collection plate, at the Welcome Desk, or to the parish office.

For more information or assistance, contact:

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We are grateful for your generosity!



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