



Thank you for your continued support of St. John Neumann parish. We are still receiving pledges for our 2010 Offertory Commitment drive, but are far from our \$678,245 fiscal year budget goal. For those of you that have not turned in a pledge form yet, here are some questions and answers that may help you.

**Q. How are the offertory funds used?**

A. An annual pledge to the offertory program will support our daily operations in the coming 2010 calendar year. This includes funding our ministries and outreaches, religious education and spiritual programs, music, staff salaries and benefits, monthly utilities, normal buildings and grounds maintenance, taxes, insurance premiums and other typical ministry costs.

**Q. What is the difference between the offertory funds and the debt reduction funds?**

A. It is your financial commitment to the offertory that will help keep our doors open and our parish operating from day to day, while also allowing us to continue to support more and more programs as we grow. Your commitment to the debt reduction campaign is used to pay off the loan incurred when we built the church building that we worship in each week. We appreciate your sacrifice to help with both funds. None of your debt reduction contributions are used to operate our parish, but only to pay off our debt. Likewise, we keep the offertory funds separate from the debt reduction funds, so that our effort to reduce debt never interferes with our ability to run our parish with all of its programs and ministries.

**Q. Why should I make a pledge? I like to just give when I can.**

A. A pledge helps us better plan. Parishioners making pledges to the offertory helps us to stay within budget. Our parish finance committee works hard to be good stewards of the money you give to St. John Neumann. If you would like to see the most current annual report, please contact the parish office or go to our parish's website [www.saintjohnsunbury.org](http://www.saintjohnsunbury.org) and click on parish information.

**Q. What is Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)? Why is it better than envelopes, checks or cash?**

A. EFT is the automatic monthly payment from your checking account or credit card. Payments can be made on the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Using EFT provides a regular monthly source of funds for the parish to operate, while giving you peace of mind that you are supporting your parish on a regular basis, even while you are out of town for work or vacation. Plus, there is never an occasion when you forget your offertory envelope, check, or cash. Additionally, rather than giving cash or a check, using EFT makes it easier for you to plan how much you want to give to the parish monthly (and annually), while also tracking your contribution for tax deduction purposes.

**Q. Why do I still get envelopes if I choose EFT?**

A. You will still get a packet of envelopes quarterly if you choose EFT. The packet will have debt reduction and special collection envelopes. It does not include the weekly offertory envelopes.

**Q. How do I determine what I should pledge?**

A. This is a personal choice that should be approached prayerfully. Give your gift to God from the first fruits, not what is left over. Give the gift of treasure from your heart as a sacrifice to Him with true joy, not out of obligation. The Bible gives us a reference point from which to start as good stewards of all God's gifts: 10% of our first earnings (fruit). This may shock you, even scare you, but do not let it. TRUST IN GOD. Look at the treasure God has entrusted to you, refer to the reverse side of this sheet and decide what personal sacrifice you and your family can make to maximize your gift to God. Pray for the wisdom to understand the difference between your wants and your true needs. Then, with joy, give back to Him.

If you have questions that you would like addressed regarding the development program at St. John Neumann, please contact Jackie Sutton at [jsutton@stjohnsunbury.org](mailto:jsutton@stjohnsunbury.org) or 740-965-1358 ext 23.

## Take a Step to Total Stewardship of Treasure....

1. Find your gross household income in the chart below. Move across to find your current weekly\*\* parish gift(s).
2. Move straight up the column to determine your percentage of giving.
3. Prayerfully consider taking a step in faith up to the next percentage level.
4. Consider setting your eventual goal at 8-10% or more to your Church and an additional 2% or more to other charities. It may take a few years to get there, but it can be done by taking just one step at a time.
5. If you do not enroll in monthly Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT); please use your Sunday envelopes to make your gift.

			<b>Percentage Giving Table</b>									
			<b>Percentage of Income Gift</b>									
			2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
<b>Household Income</b>			<b>Results in Weekly** Giving to the Parish Offertory Program</b>									
Weekly	Monthly	Yearly										
\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$13	\$15	\$17	\$19	
\$385	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$8	\$12	\$15	\$19	\$23	\$27	\$31	\$35	\$38	
\$481	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$10	\$14	\$19	\$24	\$29	\$34	\$38	\$43	\$48	
\$577	\$2,500	\$30,000	\$12	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$35	\$40	\$46	\$52	\$58	
\$673	\$2,917	\$35,000	\$13	\$20	\$27	\$34	\$40	\$47	\$54	\$61	\$67	
\$769	\$3,333	\$40,000	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$46	\$54	\$62	\$69	\$77	
\$865	\$3,750	\$45,000	\$17	\$26	\$35	\$43	\$52	\$61	\$69	\$78	\$87	
\$962	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$67	\$77	\$87	\$96	
\$1,058	\$4,583	\$55,000	\$21	\$32	\$46	\$53	\$63	\$74	\$85	\$95	\$106	
\$1,154	\$5,000	\$60,000	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$69	\$81	\$92	\$104	\$115	
\$1,250	\$5,417	\$65,000	\$25	\$38	\$50	\$63	\$75	\$88	\$100	\$113	\$125	
\$1,346	\$5,833	\$70,000	\$27	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$81	\$94	\$108	\$121	\$135	
\$1,442	\$6,250	\$75,000	\$29	\$43	\$58	\$72	\$87	\$101	\$115	\$130	\$144	
\$1,538	\$6,667	\$80,000	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$92	\$108	\$123	\$138	\$154	
\$1,731	\$7,500	\$90,000	\$35	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$104	\$121	\$138	\$156	\$173	
\$1,923	\$8,333	\$100,000	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$135	\$154	\$173	\$192	
\$2,404	\$10,417	\$125,000	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$144	\$168	\$192	\$216	\$240	
\$2,885	\$12,500	\$150,000	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$173	\$202	\$231	\$260	\$288	
\$3,365	\$14,583	\$175,000	\$67	\$101	\$135	\$168	\$202	\$236	\$269	\$303	\$337	
\$3,846	\$16,667	\$200,000	\$77	\$115	\$154	\$192	\$231	\$269	\$308	\$346	\$385	
\$4,808	\$20,833	\$250,000	\$96	\$144	\$192	\$240	\$288	\$337	\$385	\$433	\$481	

**\*\*Monthly givers should multiply their weekly result by 4.33 (=52/12) to determine their monthly level of giving**