



Stewardship of Giving 2010

A Message from Father Pat...

Stewardship of Giving ~ Week Three (March 7, 2010)

If we listen and answer God's call to be Christian stewards, then we embrace the offering of our prayers, time/talent, and financial support as a way of life.

As we pray and discern, here are some questions to consider:

- ~ *What do we own? What owns us?*
- ~ *Is it time for me to consider increasing my offering?*
- ~ *Is my financial support proportionate to my ability to give?*
- ~ *Am I giving an amount I feel would be acceptable to God?*

A prayerful decision should be one that is made according to our means and according to Christ's words that ask us to share the gifts God has given us.

Stewardship of Giving packets will soon be mailed to your home. Please read the packet carefully, reflect and pray about your financial commitment to our parish, and return your completed pledge card according to the instructions provided.

Our parish is abundantly blessed by parishioners who are generous in prayer, service in parish ministry, and financial support. I am grateful for your generosity and commitment. May God bless the people of St. Thomas More as we prayerfully discern our financial contributions to our parish.

"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold."
~ Sirach 35:7,10

Please refer to the reverse side for financial remittance options available.



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Effective July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Remittance Options

St. Thomas More offers several convenient methods for remitting your annual financial offering. When you receive your *Stewardship of Giving* pledge packet in the mail, please indicate your preferred choice for remittance on the pledge card.

Offering Envelopes: You may use the church offering envelopes which are mailed monthly; these include weekly offering envelopes as well as for holy days and special collections. If you do not currently receive the envelopes, please contact Lois in the Parish Office at 534-9000.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): This method withdraws your pledge offering automatically from your checking account via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Simply complete an EFT form (available in our Gathering Space or on our website, www.stmore.org) and return it to the Parish Office.

Click and Pledge: This method automatically charges your offering to your credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Select the ***Click and Pledge*** icon on the left hand side of our website homepage at www.stmore.org and follow the instructions.

Other: You may remit your pledge by cash or check on a schedule of your choosing. Select the “Other” choice on the pledge card and specify your schedule choice.

Please Note: If you place cash in the offertory during Mass, we are unable to apply that offering to your financial pledge record. Be sure to place the cash in an envelope and print your name on the front.

*Please contact the Parish Office at 534-9000
if you have questions about any of our Remittance Options.*