



Steward's corner

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."
- Luke 12:48

✠ **Spending Time with God in Prayer.**
Visit the Lighthouse Media Kiosk in the back of church and pick up a CD for your drive to work.

✠ **Using Talent to Participate in Building His Kingdom.**
Take part in the Mass by becoming a lector, usher, or extraordinary minister. Visit <http://sfastl.org/113> for contact information on these and more ministries.

✠ **Being Generous with Treasure.**
Recap for week of 4/9/17

- **Offertory Collection**
318 online registrations. 381 envelopes received.
Weekly Total: \$17,260.90
Year-to-Date Total: \$713,728.00
- **Collection vs. Overall Budget**
Weekly Total: (\$2,681.56)
Year-to-Date Total: (\$24,143.10)
- **School Deficit Funded by Parish**
Weekly Total: \$6,920.34
Year-to-Date Total: \$256,052.57
- **The Francis Fund**
Keeping Catholic Education Affordable
Weekly Total: \$553.00
Year-to-Date Total: \$65,900.00

YOU make the DIFFERENCE! Gifts of your treasure helps provide a location and/or materials for:

- *Spring Landscaping Materials*
- *New Phone System*
- *Easter Flowers*

St. Anne's Sodality would like to thank everyone who worked, baked, donated and purchased desserts at our Lenten Fish Fries. We were able to add \$2,100.00 to our treasury. Your generosity helps us to continue with our Eight Grade Scholarship Awards and supporting our parish Pro Life Program. A special thanks goes to Schnucks Bakery - they made our job easier with their generous donation of cakes each week. Thanks again for everyone's help.

WEEKLY REFLECTION:

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" - LUKE 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

FAQ ABOUT TITHING #9

WITH OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO CONVERT TO GIVING AWAY A FULL 10%. ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS?

Even if giving a full tithe is not immediately possible for you, it is important to work towards this goal. You can begin by committing to giving a gift that is planned, proportionate and sacrificial. Most Catholics do not even know how much they give back. When they take the time to calculate that amount they are often surprised and discomforted. We often think we are very generous yet despite the strong urging throughout sacred scripture to give back 10% the average Catholic today gives less than 1%.

The first step in working towards a tithe is to determine what percentage you are currently giving back. Then see if you can increase that percentage by at least ½ percent. If you increase your giving every year by at least ½ percent or more, you will eventually reach a full tithe. A full tithe is 10%. It is usually suggested that you give 5% to your parish and 5% combined to any other charities that touch your heart.

Of course, it might be necessary to eliminate something from your family or personal budget in order to increase your giving every year. Eliminating discretionary monthly expenses – such a phone or cable packages, memberships, entertainment, subscriptions, etc. – is often a good place to start. Sometimes input from the entire family might be helpful in finding a way that you can tighten the budget so that more can be given upfront to God. A legalistic approach to a certain percentage really isn't as important as developing an overall grateful and generous way of life. Many who begin on this type of stewardship journey eventually find that they feel called to increase their giving even beyond the 10% level.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SPIRITUAL HEARTBURN AND TYPOLOGY

The disciples recounted how their hearts were burning within them when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them. One of the many beautiful elements of the Faith is Biblical typology, the fulfillment of elements of the Old Testament in the New Testament. Common examples are Noah's Ark prefiguring the Church, the Flood prefiguring Baptism, and Moses prefiguring Jesus Christ. As we rejoice throughout this blessed Easter Season, let us pray with the Old Testament and see how Christ fulfills what is found in it. St. Augustine wrote, "In the Old Testament the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament the Old Testament is revealed." Through typology we can experience spiritual heartburn, the best kind, and more fully appreciate God's plan in salvation history.
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