

## St. Patrick Parish – Giving Fact Sheet

1. Our current financial need is the result of 2 facts:
  - a. Since 2008-09, the average weekly giving has fallen \$1,800 to \$23,700 (\$19,300 in envelopes, \$3,500 in electronic donations and \$900 in loose money).
  - b. We were forced to spend a lot of money this last year on repairs that were absolutely necessary: \$245,000 on the church roof (it was leaking and causing further damage as result), and \$52,000 on the church heating/hot water system which was on the verge of failure.
2. The decrease in parishioner giving is not due to a lack of generosity:
  - a. Parishioners donated \$19,000 for Haiti relief alone, and showed similarly exceptional generosity with other special collections.
  - b. Since 2008-09, mass attendance is down over 11% to 1,359 people per weekend, so fewer people are giving.
  - c. The economy has been in a recession and many people cannot afford to give as much.
3. Average weekly giving needs to be about \$26,800 per week (about \$3,100 more per week than we now receive) just to cover operational expenses such as loan payments, salaries, utilities, and routine maintenance. This is the bare minimum; it does not include money that will likely be needed for major system replacements. This \$26,800 minimum is 13.1% more than we are presently giving.
4. To meet this challenge, your parish leadership, under Father Gene's direction is taking two steps:
  - a. All discretionary spending has been cut as much as possible:
    - i. All salaries at the church and school have been frozen.
    - ii. All system replacements that are not absolutely necessary are being delayed as long as possible. This includes the air-conditioning system at the church (which is undersized and nearly in need of replacement), the church parking lot, and heating system upgrade at the school.
  - b. The members of the Parish and Finance Councils have all pledged to give at least 3%, and work toward giving 5%, of their gross household income to St. Patrick Parish.

The Parish and Finance Councils would like to challenge all parishioners to similarly increase their giving to the 3-to-5% of gross income range as well. Electronic donations are especially encouraged since it makes financial planning easier. The forms for such donations are in the pews and can also be found on the church website at:

<http://www.stpatrickofhudson.org/files/stpatrick/files/Direct%20Deposit%20Form2.pdf>

5. Questions? Please contact Finance Council Chair Brian Huffman at 715-426-0220 or Finance Council member Curt Carey at 715-386-8233.
6. Thank you for your gifts of treasure to St. Patrick Parish.

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This giving guide shows the amount of weekly giving that represents 3%, 4%, and 5% of giving for the income levels shown at the left.

Annual Gross Household Income	Weekly Giving At...		
	3% of Gross	4% of Gross	5% of Gross
\$10,000	\$5.77	\$7.69	\$9.62
\$20,000	\$11.54	\$15.38	\$19.23
\$30,000	\$17.31	\$23.08	\$28.85
\$40,000	\$23.08	\$30.77	\$38.46
\$50,000	\$28.85	\$38.46	\$48.08
\$60,000	\$34.62	\$46.15	\$57.69
\$70,000	\$40.38	\$53.85	\$67.31
\$80,000	\$46.15	\$61.54	\$76.92
\$90,000	\$51.92	\$69.23	\$86.54
\$100,000	\$57.69	\$76.92	\$96.15
\$110,000	\$63.46	\$84.62	\$105.77
\$120,000	\$69.23	\$92.31	\$115.38
\$130,000	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
\$140,000	\$80.77	\$107.69	\$134.62
\$150,000	\$86.54	\$115.38	\$144.23
\$160,000	\$92.31	\$123.08	\$153.85
\$170,000	\$98.08	\$130.77	\$163.46
\$180,000	\$103.85	\$138.46	\$173.08
\$190,000	\$109.62	\$146.15	\$182.69
\$200,000	\$115.38	\$153.85	\$192.31

Please prayerfully consider your personal financial situation and how you can best support St. Patrick Parish with regular giving that is appropriate for your household. We thank all our benefactors and appreciate all financial support, no matter what amount. May God bless you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

