

**Sample Offertory Commitment Card**

**Commitment of Treasure**

"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 35:9-10

I understand that Holy Rosary Church is asking all parishioners to review the amount that they give to the parish offertory and to determine whether that amount is enough, too much, or not enough. My/Our new average commitment per week for the next 12 months is:

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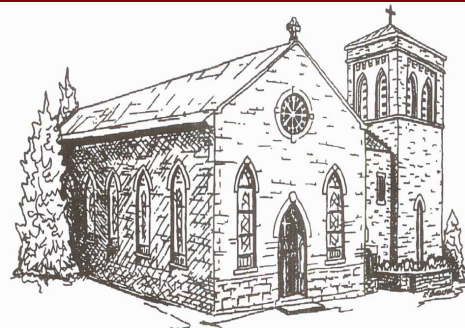
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Uniting All With God

**Time ,  
Talent &  
Treasure**



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Catholic Church**

**Supporting the Catholic Church**

Do I give too much to my Church? Do I give just right? Do I give enough? These are not just financial questions. They are also questions of time and talent.

What happens when we give our time and talent in service to God and his Church? When I first realized that God was calling me to the priesthood, I said, "Lord I can't do it, priests have to get up in front of people. I have no talent for doing that. I would be scared and too stressed to do it. Everyone would be looking at me."

Through various ways God assured me that I do have the talent and what I don't know I can learn. So with fear yet joy I entered the seminary. I took every speech class I could. I volunteered to get up in front of people whenever I could. It was tough, but God got me through it. I love being a priest. If I would have held back on my talent, I would not be a priest today.

God will help us through whatever it is he wants us to do. God does want us to use our time and talent in his service. Some talents we know we have, some may still be hidden, all of them come from God.

When you use what God has given you in service to God and his Church you will be doing good works and you will see the great value you have in God's kingdom.

I encourage you to consider the various ministries of our parish, consider the time and the talent God has given to you, consider how you can share your time and your talent with God's Church, and then take action and be a part of the good works of your parish.

On the weekend of Nov 1-2 you will have the opportunity to make a commitment of time and talent. I ask every person, (age 16 & over) to fill out the time and talent card at Church. The parish will use the card to help you participate in the good works of the Church.

-Father Randy Budnar

**Holy Rosary Parish  
Financial Statement**

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08  
(JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008)

<b>Income</b>	
Church	\$287,909
School	31,510
Maintenance	39,727
Cemetery	5,319
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b><u>\$364,465</u></b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
All Salaries and Benefits (Including Clergy, Religious and Lay Salaries, Auto, Ongoing Ed., FICA, Health Ins. -- Church and School)	\$232,482
Operations (Utilities, Insurance, Ordinary Repairs, Maintenance -- Church and School)	64,412
Extra-Ordinary Maintenance (Sound System)	23,844
Parish (Non-School) Expenses (Supplies, Liturgy, Other Ministries, Printing, Office, Parish Activities)	41,411
Educational Expenses (School, Books, Supplies, In-Service, Administration)	15,414
Diocesan Assessments	15,965
<b>TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$393,528</u></b>
FY 2007-08 (7/1/07 - 6/30/08)	

**SHORTAGE FROM FY 2007-08: (\$29,063)**

## Current Offertory Contributions

Contribution envelopes are generated for **320** households each year. Throughout the year, approximately **100** households use envelopes. An analysis of offertory over the last year showed that **336** households gave **less than \$1 per week, did not give at all, or did not do so using envelopes.**

The giving pattern of our parish for an **average Sunday** is shown in the following chart.

### Average Weekly Contribution by Number of Households

JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH June 30, 2008

Number of Households	Amount Per Week
336	Less than \$1/week
94	\$ 1-5/week
62	\$ 6-10/week
73	\$ 11-20/week
35	\$ 21-30/week
7	\$ 31-40 week
10	\$ 41-60/week
2	More than \$61/week

I ask that every parishioner **consider the gifts that God has given** to him or her. Then, compare those to the amount that you **return in gratitude** for those gifts.

Reflect what you're spending on items such as fast food, movie attendance or rental, going out to dinner etc. Think about the **ratio of these expenditures to your support of our parish.** A look at the average weekly contribution chart will indicate that the average *Holy Rosary* parishioner probably spends more in a week on pizza than on assisting in the mission of our parish.

Ask yourself if the portion of your income that you give to the work of the Lord is enough, too much, or not enough. Look at the **sample of the commitment card** that is on the back cover of this brochure. Then, **decide what amount you will indicate**, when you receive the card for your household, at Mass **this weekend.**

Without receiving a commitment card from each household, we have no way to **predict our annual income.** It is our firm belief that through sound planning, we can **avoid any financial crisis** and **preserve our parish's well being now and in the years to come.** We pray that parishioners will carefully review the **suggested weekly offering** chart and the information in this brochure and respond generously.

Commitment Weekend  
November 1 & 2, 2008

At all masses this weekend you will be asked to indicate the amount that you wish to give weekly. If you give monthly, quarterly, etc., please **indicate the average weekly amount** of that gift. A sample of the offertory commitment card is shown on the back of this brochure.

Please carefully consider the gifts that God has given you and contribute part of them to **help with the work of the parish.** Come prepared to complete the commitment card that will be provided. If you change the amount that you give, please begin giving the new amount by **January 5, 2009.**

### How Much Should We Give?

Many people ask whether or not there is a standard for giving. Each person, or family, must arrive at that conclusion **independently.** However, the following scale is provided in order to serve as a guide for those that are interested in using it.

### Suggested Weekly Offering

Annual Family Income	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%
\$15,000	14.00	12.00	9.00
\$20,000	19.00	15.00	12.00
\$30,000	29.00	23.00	17.00
\$40,000	38.00	31.00	23.00
\$50,000	48.00	38.00	29.00
\$75,000	72.00	58.00	43.00
\$100,000	96.00	77.00	58.00

In figuring your new weekly contribution amount, take your **YEARLY INCOME** and **multiply by 3, 4, or 5%.** Then take that amount and **divide it by 52 weeks.** This will give you your suggested weekly offering amount. Fill this amount in on your commitment card November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$15,000 \\ \text{(ANNUAL INCOME)} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{r} 3\% \\ \text{(CHOSEN PERCENTAGE)} \end{array} = \$450.00$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \$450.00 \\ \text{(RESULT FROM ABOVE)} \end{array} \div \begin{array}{r} 52 \\ \text{(WEEKS IN THE YEAR)} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} \$8.65 \\ \text{(WEEKLY COMMITMENT AMOUNT)} \end{array}$$

Enter the **weekly commitment amount** on your commitment card November 1<sup>st</sup>. (You may wish to round this amount to the nearest dollar, as in the chart to the left.)

### Sample Offertory Commitment Card

On the back cover is a **sample** of the card that you will receive at mass this weekend. Please determine which member of your household will complete the card and what your commitment will be before coming to church.

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