

## Stewardship Opportunities

There are many ways for parishioners to make a planned, proportionate, and sacrificial gift to Saint Pius X:



- **Sunday Collection:** In addition to being an instrument for making financial contributions to the parish, the weekly envelope can serve as a concrete expression of traditional giving that each baptized Christian makes during the celebration of the Eucharist.

- **Capital Campaign:** While construction is complete on the new PEC, contributions are still needed to pay the loan which is covering unfunded costs.
- **Stock Gifts:** Stock gifts are a great way to support SPX. Gifts of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that have increased in value since you owned them can result in extra tax savings. You can deduct the full current market value of the stock on your tax return and avoid paying capital gains tax. If your portfolio has incurred losses, you can use those losses to reduce your regular income.
- **Planned Giving:** Planned gifts are commitments made by donors to transfer capital assets, including cash, stock, certificates of deposit, real estate, or other forms of personal property, to a qualified religious, educational, or charitable organization. Leaving a gift through your will, establishing a charitable remainder trust, creating a gift annuity, or designating St. Pius as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy are just a few of the ways you could plan now to make a difference in the future.



Good stewardship as it relates to church finance must include ethical, legal, and fiscal standards and requires pastors and parish staff to be open, consultative, collegial, and accountable in the conduct of affairs. Parishioners must accept responsibility for their parishes and contribute generously – both money and personal service – to their programs and projects.

–STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE’S RESPONSE

## Consider pledging electronically



*It's simple!*

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) automatically deducts your pledge from your checking or savings account on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Make Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving a priority by giving of your ‘first fruits’.

*What are the advantages of Electronic Funds Transfer?*

- Gives you an easy and direct way to make your financial Stewardship commitment.
- Allows Saint Pius X to more confidently provide funds for various ministries.
- Provides you the freedom to change your pledge at any time.
- Reduces the amount of paper for you and Saint Pius-help us go green!



*Does anyone really pledge electronically?*

Each month more and more parishioners are choosing to contribute their financial stewardship electronically.

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## The Call to Financial Stewardship



*Tell them to*

*do good,*

*to be rich in good works,*

*to be generous,*

*ready to share,*

*thus accumulating as treasure*

*a good foundation*

*for the future,*

*so as to win the life*

*that is true life.*

*-1 Timothy 6:18-19*

*Reflecting on our  
Sacrificial Gifts*

SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving



Money and all of the things we possess are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously and sacrificially share for our family needs and for the good of others. God has blessed each of us with material possessions and these gifts are intended to be shared. Why?

Because each of us has the responsibility and an inherent desire to help others in need and to support the ministry of the church, as well as other worthwhile charitable organizations. If we don't, we become unfulfilled and unhappy. All of us have different levels of material resources, but we are all called to return in thanksgiving a proportionate gift, each in a measure we have been blessed with.

"If there's one idea that sums up our family's giving that is it: we do it, not because we think our gifts will change God, the world, or the charities we support. We do it because it changes us. It is a regular, tangible reminder of the many blessings God has given us and our family, and a concrete way to show our genuine gratitude."

-Kate Peterson, 2008 Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving Witness Talk

## Why should I make a financial pledge to Saint Pius X?

Pledging helps Saint Pius plan and budget for our operating budget. Not only does pledging help us plan, but it also allows for hundreds of programs to be possible each year.



## Did you know?

- Every year over 775 liturgies are celebrated at Saint Pius
- There are almost 3,000 families who attend Saint Pius
- Over 1,200 children and youth participate in our religious education programs.

For these reasons and many more, Saint Pius relies on your generous support!

## Giving Patterns

As of June 30, 2008, Saint Pius X had 2,930 registered parishioners, 69% of whom are considered givers. Approximately 7% of the regular givers use Electronic Funds Transfer for their offertory giving. The table below shows the giving information and giving patterns for the families registered at the parish.

Weekly Amount	# Givers	% of Total Givers	Total Amount Given	% of Total Amount Given
\$77+	27	1%	\$188,950	12%
\$19+	482	16%	\$870,978	56%
\$10-\$19	417	14%	\$292,165	19%
\$5-\$10	348	12%	\$123,456	8%
less than \$5	755	26%	\$73,925	5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,930</b>		<b>\$1,549,474</b>	
non givers	901	31%		

...the *gratitude* in our HEART and the work of our HANDS show our *love* for others...

receiving, thanking, sharing and praising God for the gifts we have received.



## How much could I pledge?

This chart represents the various levels in which you may participate.

Consider what you are able to give.

Yearly income	A 2% pledge per week	A 5% pledge per week	A 7% pledge per week	A 10% pledge per week
\$20,000	\$8	\$19	\$27	\$38
\$40,000	\$15	\$38	\$54	\$77
\$60,000	\$23	\$58	\$81	\$115
\$80,000	\$31	\$77	\$108	\$154
\$100,000	\$38	\$96	\$135	\$192

# My 2009 Financial Pledge

## CONTACT INFORMATION (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*In thanksgiving for God's gracious love, we prayerfully make this commitment.*

## MEMBERSHIP

- I/we proudly affirm my/our membership in St. Pius X Parish.
- I/we no longer belong to St. Pius X Parish.

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

- I/we affirm our resolve to be faithful in Mass attendance and seek to grow in Catholic faith and discipleship.

## STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

- I/we affirm our resolve to prayerfully consider ways in which my/our talents can be more fully shared as part of stewardship.

## STEWARDSHIP OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our offering to God's work through St. Pius X Parish beginning November 15, 2008 will be:

Weekly Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or Monthly Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or Annual Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and return this completed form along with your completed EFT form, if applicable, in the enclosed envelope. Forms can be returned to the parish office, in the collection basket, or by mail.