

Proportionate Giving Worksheet

From the Old Testament we learn that the people were to give of their “first fruits”. The same principle applies to us today: to give the first fruits of our labours to God through the Church. We are invited to give in proportion to what God has given us. Some people use the “modern-day” tithe (5% of all income) as a guide for their giving. The percentage of giving is not necessarily the point; the principle is to give in proportion to our means.

Each person must prayerfully determine what is appropriate for them.

For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ... I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.⁵As it is written,
‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.’
(2 Corinthians 8:3–5, 13–15)

This worksheet offers a means of determining one’s present percentage level of pledged financial support for St. Jude’s and establishing a commitment for the coming year. **It is not to be returned to the church.** It is intended for personal use with prayerful consideration **in the privacy of your home.**

1. To find your current level of local church support, divide your pledge by your net income for the same period.

Example

(a) Current Annual Income: \$40,000

(b) Current Annual Contribution: \$400

Divide line (b) by line (a) = (c)

(c) Current Percentage of Giving 1%

Your calculation

(a) Current Annual Income: _____

(b) Current Annual Contribution: _____

Divide line (b) by line (a) = (c)

(c) Current Percentage of Giving _____

Remember: This resource is designed to be used in the privacy of your own home and to aid in your reflection on proportional giving.

Please use the pledge form on the parish website to communicate your financial pledge to the parish .

2. In thinking and praying about your financial commitment for the coming year you might consider the following options.

Option 1. The “Modern Day” Tithe

Example

(a) Expected Annual Income:	\$40,000
(b) Modern Day Tithe	5%
<i>Multiply line (a) by line (b) = (c)</i>	
(c) New Commitment	\$2,000

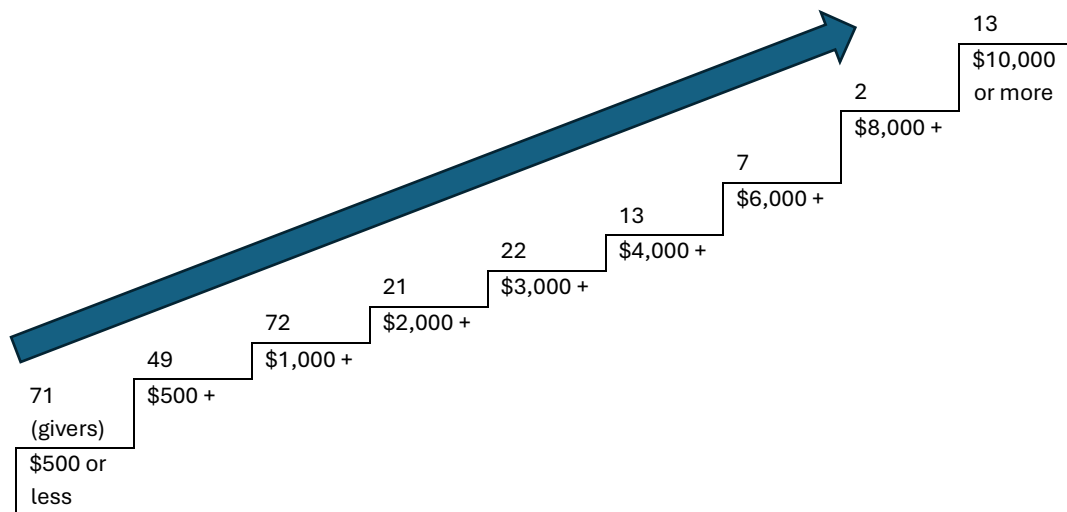
Your calculation

(a) Expected Annual Income:	_____
(b) Modern Day Tithe	5%
<i>Multiply line (a) by line (b) = (c)</i>	
(c) New Commitment	_____

OR

Option 2. The One Step Challenge

Consider the giving patterns at St. Jude’s for 2024 and consider accepting the challenge to take a step up for 2026.



OR

Option 3: Consider an Increase of One Percent or More

Weekly Giving										
Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
10,000	1.92	3.85	5.77	7.69	9.62	11.54	13.46	15.38	17.31	19.23
20,000	3.85	7.69	11.54	15.38	19.23	23.08	26.92	30.77	34.62	38.46
30,000	5.77	11.54	17.31	23.08	28.85	34.62	40.38	46.15	51.92	57.69
40,000	7.69	15.38	23.08	30.77	38.46	46.15	53.85	61.54	69.23	76.92
50,000	9.62	19.23	28.85	38.46	48.08	57.69	67.31	76.92	86.54	96.15
60,000	11.54	23.08	34.62	46.15	57.69	69.23	80.77	92.31	103.85	115.38
70,000	13.46	26.92	40.38	53.85	67.31	80.77	94.23	107.69	121.15	134.62
80,000	15.38	30.77	46.15	61.54	76.92	92.31	107.69	123.08	138.46	153.85
90,000	17.31	34.62	51.92	69.23	86.54	103.85	121.15	138.46	155.77	173.08
100,000	19.23	38.46	57.69	76.92	96.15	115.38	134.62	153.85	173.08	192.31

AND ALWAYS,

Option 4: Simply Prayerfully Consider

Simply prayerfully consider what your means allow and what God might be calling you to do.

Thank you again for your participation in St. Jude's mission and ministry.