

St. Martin Parishioners,

As of July 1, 2022, our parish and diocese began a new fiscal year. For us, this means something a little more because we will be fully implementing Stewardship as our way of life in our parish.

One change with Stewardship is that our parish will no longer be contributing a fixed amount to the diocese each month. Instead, we will be sending 10% of our general operating income to the diocese, because 10% is a biblical tithe. The diocese will then be covering many of the needs that were previously fulfilled by some of the second collections and special envelopes. The diocese will only have three collections per year – Easter (Infirm Priests), July (Missions) and Christmas (Priest Retirement and Seminary Formation).

Another part of this change is that the diocese will no longer be mailing out a Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) in October. Please include your contributions for this in your tithe to the parish.

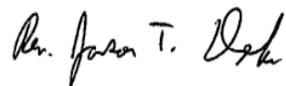
This is also true for all of the second envelopes. For example, if you were using envelopes such as “Maintenance” to donate additional money to the parish, please include that in your regular Sunday offerings as well. Maintenance costs and other expenses that were previously part of special envelopes will be covered by the general parish operating revenue.

The graph on the next page demonstrates how your tithing process changes. For example, your household gives an average of \$50/month Special Donations/Fundraisers and \$50/month Diocesan Special Collections. These do not change. Then, if you average \$500/month in your Sunday offering, \$100/month in additional parish envelopes and \$100/month (\$1,200/year) to the CSA, you would combine these three in your monthly Sunday offering to the parish, which would then total \$700/month. Special Donations/Fundraisers and Diocesan Special Collections (Easter, July and Christmas) remain unchanged, so your **total average tithe remains the same**.

Even though the financial part of Stewardship comes up frequently because it is something very easy to define, the financial part simply provides the funds for us to carry out our mission. The goal of Stewardship is to draw us closer to Christ. We will also be focusing on the four pillars of Stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. We will use them to define how we organize our ministries and open opportunities for all to serve.

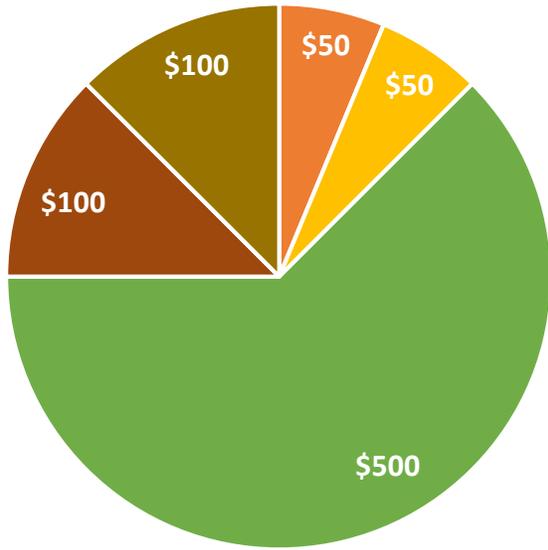
I have heard from several visiting parishioners from other parishes about how welcoming and friendly we are at St. Martin. Let’s keep growing that sense of welcome!

Peace and God Bless!



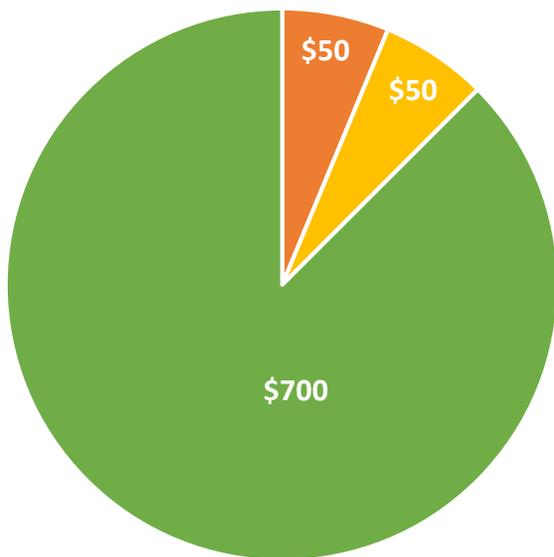
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### Offerings before July 1, 2022



- Special Donations/Fundraisers
- Diocesan Special Collections
- Sunday Offering
- Additional Parish Envelope Offerings
- Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

### Offerings after July 1, 2022



- Special Donations/Fundraisers (2) Parish Picnic, School Fundraiser
- Diocesan Special Collections (3) Easter, Missions, Christmas
- Sunday Offering (Additional Envelope Offerings and CSA now to be included in Sunday Envelopes.)