



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY STEWARDSHIP MODEL

Effective July 1, 2023 St. Peter Parish will begin participation in the new Diocesan Stewardship model. The goals, on a parish level, strive to make parishioners feel more responsible for the well being of their parish family and endeavors by encouraging you to PRAY with and for St. Peter, PARTICIPATE in the life of St. Peter, and SACRIFICIALLY GIVE to St. Peter on a parish level. The purpose of this flyer is to guide you on the path of sacrificial giving, as many things are changing from what we have done up to this point.

The overarching goal is that active stewards of the parish will still biblically tithe 10% of their first fruits. However, instead of 5% to St. Peter, 3% to the Diocese and 2% to worthy charities, you will give 8% to St. Peter and 2% to worthy charities. The 8% will “cover” your Parish tithe, donations previously given to the Diocese directly, and the MANY extra collections that St. Peter has had up to this point. In turn, the Parish will tithe 10% of its ordinary income to the Diocese for Diocesan operations AND so that the Diocese can donate to the Universal Collections on behalf of the parishes, in the manner they have before.

Here’s a quick guide to our usual envelopes/collections, and how they will operate in the new model of sacrificial giving:

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Church Contributions (weekly envelopes, monthly ABT, recurring giving): The call is to increase your tithe from 5% of your income to 8% of your income to St. Peter Parish. 10% of these donations will be tithed to the Diocese.
- Facility & Property Maintenance: We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this important fund. All donations are used for the betterment and upkeep of our Parish campus. 10% of these donations will be tithed to the Diocese.
- Initial Offering: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give in this envelope to your Church Contributions.
- Catholic Missourian: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add money that you would normally give in this envelope to Church Contributions.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Society of St. Vincent de Paul: We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this important charity. However, we cannot process these donations through the Parish, which means we will no longer collect donations through the bank ABTs or PushPay. Please use these envelopes and/or make any checks out to St. Vincent de Paul. We will collect the envelopes/checks and give them to SVdP directly. *
- Samaritan Center: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this charity, as it is not related to our Parish. Please send all donations directly to Samaritan Center, 1310 E. McCarty, JCMO 65101. *
- Roses for Life (Knights of Columbus): There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this campaign. We are working on ideas to support the Knights of Columbus Helias Council in this important drive. *
- Catholic Relief & Development: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Infirm Priest Fund (Easter): We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this Holiest of Days. All money collected will be forwarded to the Diocese as in the past. *
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.

- Communication & Education: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Diocesan Mission Collection: We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this important work of the Diocese. All money collected will be forwarded to the Diocese as in the past. *
- Retirement Fund for Religious: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Vogelweid Learning Center: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions.
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Seminarian Formation/Priest Retirement (Christmas Seminary): The parish will continue to be assessed from the Diocese for this collection. All donations in this envelope/collection will offset that expense, and will not be subject to the 10% tithe. *
- Christmas Parish: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions.
- Holy Days (Solemnity of Mary, Ash Wednesday, Assumption of Mary, All Saints Day, Immaculate Conception): There will no longer be envelopes/collections for these; add the money that you would normally give these collections to Church Contributions.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

In the new Diocesan Stewardship model, the goal is to lessen the various ways that parishioners are asked for donations, so they can focus on directly supporting their parish financially. To this end, starting in 2023, there will be NO Diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Parishioners that have contributed to the Diocese through the CSA are directed to donate those funds directly to St. Peter, as Church Contributions. These donations are subject to the 10% tithe; however, in the new model, the Parish keeps 90% of these funds whereas in the past, St. Peter got none of this money unless its goal was met. It is important for our Parish budget and operational purposes that those who have contributed to the CSA direct that money to St. Peter Parish. If you have not contributed to the CSA in the past for various reasons, please consider donating to St. Peter for this purpose.

NOTES

1. It is important that donations remain SEPARATE; we ask that you no longer write one check for different purposes/funds/charities. The Parish cannot take in any donations for other charities, or we will pay the 10% to the Diocese on top of sending the funds that were donated to the outside charity. Please help us make this transition as easy as possible.
2. You will receive your July envelopes as usual (our answers from the Diocese came too late to make changes for July). Please see the note above and the guidelines for each collection for directions on making the July donations.
3. Ladies Sodality and Holy Name dues envelopes will continue in our January packets. However, you must put separate funds into these envelopes; see NOTE 1. Because the collections are for dues, they are not subject to the 10% tithe.
4. If you give to Special Collections or Holy Days through a monthly ABT or through recurring giving in PushPay, those collections will stop or not be available after July 1. Please contact the Parish Office to change your giving to Church Contributions as soon as possible. We need your written permission to make changes to your ABT donations!
5. This new model of giving will take a bit to get used to...please remember that St. Peter depends on and is blessed by your generous giving. We are asking all families to prayerfully consider your current donation level, and make an adjustment to accommodate this new guidance as needed. We want St. Peter to be able to tithe to the Diocese and still operate, educate our children and adults, maintain our historic campus, and flourish in fellowship and hospitality in our community. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS, FAITHFUL SUPPORT OF ST. PETER PARISH!
6. If you have ANY questions, please call or email the Parish Office; we are happy to help!

** These worthy causes could be benefactors of your 2% gifts to other charities.*