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*God loves a
cheerful giver.*

He who sows sparingly will
reap sparingly, and he who
sows bountifully will reap
bountifully.

Everyone must give
according to what he has
inwardly decided; not sadly,
not grudgingly, for God loves
a cheerful giver.

God can multiply his favors
among you so that you may
always have enough of
everything and surplus for
good works.

—2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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*Offering
Commitment
2010*

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Commitment of Offering to the Church of Saint Joseph • St. Joseph, MN

*Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with first fruits of all your produce.*

Proverbs 3:9

*God has blessed.
Honor him by
blessing others.*

As wise stewards of all we have and are, we serve as caretakers of the time and the talents that God has given. A life of stewardship is a challenge, and the call for financial stewardship can be our greatest challenge. A scriptural model can help us better prioritize our regular giving.

There are five aspects of wise financial stewardship. First, giving is planned. It is meant to be intentional, involving decisions made thoughtfully, in advance. Secondly, giving is proportional, a regular percentage of a person's income, no matter how generous or modest. In addition, biblical giving is sacrificial, modeled on the work of Jesus Christ, from the best we have to offer. Giving is also free, not coercive and not conditional. Lastly, and most importantly, giving is an act of prayer, offered in thanksgiving out of a heart of gratitude.

Proportional giving, from the first fruits of God's blessing

Recognizing that all we have is a gift from God, we are asked to give from the 'first fruits' of our income. We offer our best to God, and we do so as proportional givers.

In thanksgiving and gratitude, a proportional giver commits a regular percentage of income to the Lord and his work. After prayerful consideration, please make a commitment that reflects God's blessing in your life.

The scale printed below is provided to help illustrate your current percentage of giving and to help you and your family determine your level of giving for the year to come.

| Yearly Income | Weekly Giving | | |
|---------------|---------------|------|-------|
| | 1% | 2.5% | 5% |
| \$20,000 | \$4 | \$10 | \$20 |
| \$30,000 | \$6 | \$15 | \$30 |
| \$40,000 | \$8 | \$20 | \$40 |
| \$50,000 | \$10 | \$25 | \$50 |
| \$60,000 | \$12 | \$30 | \$60 |
| \$70,000 | \$14 | \$35 | \$70 |
| \$80,000 | \$16 | \$40 | \$80 |
| \$90,000 | \$18 | \$45 | \$90 |
| \$100,000 | \$20 | \$50 | \$100 |

Your generosity and sacrifices are genuinely appreciated.

Commitment for 2010

In prayerful thanksgiving for the many blessings God has bestowed and in wise stewardship of those gifts, I/we state our intention to contribute, trusting God for the health and ability to do so:

\$ _____ per week per month

plus Holy Days \$ _____
(does not include special offerings)

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Envelope No. _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

Electronic Offering Option

I/We currently use Electronic Offering

Change my current deduction to \$ _____

I/We authorize the Church of Saint Joseph to automatically withdraw my pledge amount on the 20th of each month, beginning January 20, 2010.

Please include a voided check to provide necessary routing information. This authority remains in effect until I/we notify the Church of Saint Joseph in writing to cancel, at least one week prior to the next withdrawal date, or by notifying my/our financial institution three days before my/our account is to be charged.

\$ _____ per month Date _____

Name _____

Please fill in and return this commitment card at Mass on November 21-22. You may also drop it into the Parish Communication Center, bring it to the parish office, or mail it to the address on the reverse side. Thank you.