



ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Offertory Commitment Program

*A decade ago, St. Michael Parish began the Offertory Commitment Program, enabling us to rely on only one offertory collection to sustain and enhance parish programs, activities, and services. The **Offertory Commitment Program** has ensured our financial viability and allowed us to commit to the future of our vibrant parish. We ask, therefore, that each parishioner **renew** or make a **new offertory commitment** to assist us in meeting our operating expenses, and other financial commitments, such as our many outreach programs. We invite each parishioner to prayerfully reflect upon the gifts that God has bestowed upon them and to make a commitment that reflects their thanks.*

The highlights of this program are as follows:

- 1. All second and special collections, including the Grand Annual Collection, have been eliminated with the exception of World Missions, the Clergy Fund, and unusual circumstances such as devastating Tornadoes. St. Michael's sets aside a percentage of our offertory to support other charitable outreach programs locally, nationally, and internationally, including St. Vincent de Paul Society, Pastoral Outreach, Scholarship Aid, and Lazarus House.*
- 2. Each parishioner has the opportunity to choose that method of offertory commitment that best suits their style of giving. These contribution options include *annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly or weekly offertory commitments*. See reverse side for on line giving/electronic giving information.*
- 3. If you choose an annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly, or electronic contribution, we will mail a commitment reminder and reply envelope in advance. We encourage this method because it will truly assist our parish in the planning and budgeting process. Additionally, this method will eliminate the printing and distribution costs of so many weekly envelopes.*
- 4. If you would like to fulfill your financial commitment to the parish by using your weekly envelopes, please continue to do so. We will continue to have a single weekly offertory collection at all Masses. All weekly and monthly donors (who do not give electronically) will receive a report of contributions with each envelope packet. These statements will reflect your cumulative giving in the calendar year and will include your donations (*up to two months prior*).*
- 5. Please note that our annual Easter and Christmas Appeals will not be included in your annual commitment as these funds are used to assist in the retirement and medical needs of our priests and religious sisters and brothers.*

Growing in Faith, Love, and Service to Others