



INSTRUCTIONS

Please take some time to fill out each section of this brochure (Time, Talent, Treasure) and then return it to church in the offering plate on or before **All Saints Day (Sunday Nov 5th)**.

THE TITHE

You may have heard the term "tithing" to describe giving to church. But what is a tithe? "Tithe" means "a tenth" in Hebrew, and it comes from the biblical exhortation that God's people were to give 10% of their produce (grain, materials, etc.) back to God as an act of worship and a way to ensure that everyone in the community had enough. Today, our produce is equated with our income, and the tithe is a standard for helping us consider how we might be generous with what we have as an act of thanksgiving for God's provision in our own lives.

We encourage you to consider the tithe and its relationship to your journey of discipleship-- how you prioritize and allocate your time, your talent, and your treasure.

MAKE A COMMITMENT

The Church is not the clergy or a select group of leaders.

The Church is built of **ALL** its members. **Your gifts, your presence, and your passions are a vital part of St. Richard's and our witness to the world.**

Our annual stewardship campaign is a great time to take stock of your involvement and to prayerfully discern how God is calling you forward in faith this year.

Make your commitment today!

STEWARDSHIP = DISCIPLESHIP

Stewardship is about how we follow Jesus in the way we spend all that God gives us-- our **time**, our **talent**, and our **treasure**.

TIME

Time is the most valuable resource we have. Only God alone knows our account balance. Because time is so precious, it is all the more important that we exercise discernment in how we spend it and what of it we give back directly to God in worship, prayer, study, and service to others.

TALENT

Whether it's musical ability, a love for gardening, or simply being friendly and welcoming, God has given you gifts and abilities to use for the growth of his kingdom. The church should be a place where you discern, explore, and engage each of those gifts.

TREASURE

God's vision for the church is one in which all give of their material resources for the common good (Acts 2:44-45). Our giving to the church should free us from the transactional nature of the world, drawing us closer to each other and to God.



ST RICHARD'S
Episcopal Church



STEWARDSHIP 2024

MANY MEMBERS
ONE BODY
1 CORINTHIANS 12

[SAINTRICHARDS.ORG/GIVE](https://saintrichards.org/give)

TIME

Did you know that the average person has approximately **5,840** waking hours in a year? That means that even if you attended church and formation hour *every Sunday* for an entire year you would only spend about **3%** of your time in church.

We invite you to consider how you might stretch your time commitment to God in this next year, whether that be through attending church more often, joining a Bible study, volunteering at a parish event or two, or even carving out some time for daily prayer/Bible reading.

In 2024, I feel God leading me to steward my time by...

(Ex: "Attending formation classes regularly.")

1.

2.

3.

TALENT

God has given you unique skills, interests, and passions. In the space below, please share a few of those skills and interests (they do not have to be church-related!) that you might want to use in service to God this year.

If you aren't sure how you might identify or use your talents here at St. Richard's, don't worry! Just reach out to Fr. Cameron at Cameron.nations@saintrichards.org. We won't leave you hanging.



THE NUMBERS

Below is a snapshot of where we are and what we hope to raise as we head into 2024. For a more in-depth look at our 2024 proposed budget, please visit our annual stewardship page on our website at saintrichards.org/budget2024.

**AMOUNT WE NEED TO RAISE
IN PLEDGES IN 2024
FOR ANNUAL OPERATING**

\$625K

**2024 PARISH HALL DEBT SERVICE
(NOT PART OF OPERATING \$)**

\$120K

**APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF
HOUSEHOLDS WHO CALL
ST. RICHARD'S HOME**

225

**NUMBER OF PLEDGES
RECEIVED FOR 2023**

99

**NUMBER OF PLEDGES
WE HOPE TO RECEIVE FOR 2024**

150

HOW TO GIVE

Please visit saintrichards.org/give for information on how to give online. In addition to gifts via auto-draft, we also accept cash, checks, and investments.

WHAT IS PLEDGING?

Pledging is an act of spiritual intention. It is not a binding contract, but rather a means for prayerfully considering one's financial offering each year.

WHY IS PLEDGING IMPORTANT?

By making a pledge to St. Richard's, you enable us to plan ahead and set our own annual budget.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

How much you should give is between you and God. Though the biblical standard is the tithe, giving 10% of your income (net or gross) might be a bit of stretch for you at this season in your life. That's ok. The point of our financial stewardship is not to meet an arbitrary benchmark, but rather to grow in faithfulness and generosity as followers of Jesus. Begin with what you think you can comfortably give, and then consider giving just a percent or so more. Every single gift really does make a big impact, helping us reach our goal and fulfill our common mission.



TREASURE

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please fill out the information below and drop this entire brochure in the offering plate on or before All Saints Day (Nov 5th). Please note that even if you give regularly, filling out a pledge card is the only way we can count your gift as an official pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

I/We pledge to give \$_____ to support the ministries, staff, programs, outreach, and operations of St. Richard's in 2024. (This amount is your total pledge for the year.)

I will give my financial gift (please circle one):

weekly every 2 weeks monthly twice a month

quarterly annually

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____