

## FROM THE PASTOR



Jesus knew about the numerous concerns that we have; our experiences were His. He begins one of His discourses echoing concerns that He had heard, "What are we to eat, or drink, or wear?" We could add, What shall we invest in? How do we insure a secure future? I believe His

answer would be exactly the same, get your priorities straight, and discern the transitory from the everlasting. "Be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and of what he requires of you, and He will provide you with all these other things." Do we trust God's promise?

Just as families and individuals are making plans for the future, our faith family is looking forward—planning growth in our life of Faith, in the power of Hope and the renewing spirit of Charity. Your gift of talent and time recreates the ministry of our beloved Savior; your gifts of treasure insure that powerful worship, lively faith education, and the means to provide solid administration of your gifts continue. As stewards of your sacrificial giving we gratefully and diligently put to use your gifts for the sake of the Kingdom. To assist our planning efforts, please indicate on the attached form what your intended sacrificial gift will be to St. Regis in 2007.

I know that you would deem it inappropriate to give only "remains" to the work of God who has given you all that you have, God wants us to use our gifts to our advantage, but to also remember that our gifts are primarily for the building up of His Kingdom. "Amen, I say to you there is no one who has given anything for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive 100 times more in this present age, and eternal life in the age to come."

In gratitude for your past generosity, I invoke God's blessing upon you, and invite you to continue in the faithful spirit of sacrificial giving, expecting the blessing promised of 100 times more in this age, plus the bliss of eternal life from the ever faithful Giver of all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Norman Nawrocki

## Your Contributions Made Easy

### *St. Regis' Automatic Offering Plan*

Our parishioners can enjoy the convenience, safety, and reliability of making their weekly or monthly sacrificial giving through the St. Regis Automatic Offering Plan. Simply complete the four steps on the Intention Form inside and we will do the rest. Be sure to select Option 1: *Automatic Offering Plan* for Step 3. It's safe, easy, and absolutely free.

St. Regis' Automatic Offering Plan is similar to payment programs offered by banks, telephone and utility companies. Your contributions are automatically withdrawn from any bank or credit union. It's 100% safe; no one but you has access to your account, and nothing can be withdrawn without your authorization. You can change or cancel your contributions by simply sending a written notice to the Parish Office.

Join Father Nawrocki and other parishioners already taking advantage of this option. If you have any questions, please call Ken Krach at the Parish Office at (248) 646-2686 x103.

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*The St. Regis Parish Family thanks God for our Roman Catholic faith tradition, our foundation. We build our community by centering on the Eucharist. Christ is our cornerstone. We act as stewards — sharing our faith, gifts and talents with all people.*

*Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam.  
(To the greater Glory of God.)*

## STEWARDSHIP St. Regis Parish



*Seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness, and all  
things will be given you besides.*

*-Matthew 6:33*

## HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

It's not the gift, but your intention to give that is most important. Any amount given to the church is always meaningful. The tithe spoken of in the Bible is 10%. We ask our parishioners to give 5% of their gross income to the parish, 2% to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and 3% to Catholic Education or other charities.

Some families give less and some families are able to give more. Spend some time prayerfully considering what your financial intentions will be for 2007.

Use the chart below to determine an amount that is suitable for your household, then let us know what your intentions are by filling out the intention form.

## GUIDELINES FOR WEEKLY GIVING

<u>Weekly Income</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>7%</u>	<u>5%</u>
\$200	\$20	\$16	\$14	\$10
\$500	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25
\$750	\$75	\$60	\$52	\$37
\$1,000	\$100	\$80	\$70	\$50
\$1,500	\$150	\$120	\$105	\$75
\$2,000	\$200	\$160	\$140	\$100

## A PRAYER OF RESOLUTION

*O God, I resolve to put You first in my life.  
I recognize that You have blessed me with all that I have and all that I am.*

*I commit to giving back to You the first portion of my blessings.  
Doing so may seem scary at times, but I hear Your reassurance in Scripture:  
"Do not worry anymore,"  
and know that I can depend on You.*

*I resolve to sacrifice when necessary but always to do so out of a spirit of sincere love, just as Your Son, Jesus did for me.*

*I humbly accept the challenge to share from my means rather than from my excess.*

*I recognize that being a good Steward is nothing more than being truly Christian. From my heart, I thank You Lord for blessing me and I trust in Your love.*

*Dear God, I resolve to be generous with my time, talent and treasure, giving in proportion to the gifts I have received.  
At times I may fail, but I pledge to keep trying.  
In doing so, I will confidently live each day with a spirit of true peace and joy.*

Amen.

## STEWARDSHIP INTENTION FORM

Please fill out this 4-step form, and return to the Parish Office or drop into the Sunday collection.

### 1 OFFERING AMOUNT

- My weekly intention for 2007 will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ or  
 My monthly intention for 2007 will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ or  
 My one time gift for 2007 will be \$\_\_\_\_\_

### 2 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name of family \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day phone \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 METHOD OF DONATION

Choose one of two options:

- Option 1: Initiate Automatic Offering Plan

I authorize St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-4055 to withdraw automatically my pledged offering:



Please include a voided check to provide the necessary routing information.

I have enclosed a voided check to provide the necessary routing information. This authority will remain in effect until I notify St. Regis Catholic Church in writing to cancel, at least one week prior to the next withdrawal date. Pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the 15th of each month.

- Special cards will be provided to families choosing this option. The cards may be placed in the weekly collection as a sign of your gift to St. Regis.

- Option 2: Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes will be sent to you for your contributions.

### 4 SIGNATURE

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Have someone contact me about alternative types of giving: e.g., stock transfers, memorial gifts, gift by will, a contingent life insurance designation.