

Our report to the parish in the August 23rd e-newsletter of the church's 2018-19 financial performance raised an interesting question: "How much should I give to help the church pay its bills?" The question goes to the heart of good stewardship practices. If we are invested and participate in the mission of Ss. Peter and Paul, and understand that it costs money to operate the church, then what amount does the church recommend that we, as dedicated parishioners, give toward its financial well-being? We encourage parishioners and regular attendees to give weekly by choosing a percentage of your gross or net income to give. The traditional biblical ideal is 10%, but choose a percentage that is within your range. What matters is to start somewhere, give with a thankful heart and, as Paul advises us in Corinthians, give cheerfully. Any gift is appreciated. If you are already giving regularly, you may wish to consider an increase. For example, if every parishioner household gave a minimum of \$15 per week, we would meet our budgeted income for offertory. If each gave \$30 per week, we could cover all our expenses without continuing to dip into our savings. Your commitment to contribute a generous percentage of your income weekly gives our church the confidence that it will have the financial resources that it needs! Please also consider automated giving; it makes life easier for you and for us.

Thank you. SSPP Finance Council