

## ***Sharing our Treasure with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis***

St. Barnabas Parish is our local experience of the Catholic Church. It is our home of prayer and worship of God. We also belong to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Our tithing helps support the work of the larger Catholic family.

While we are called to tithe 10% of our income for the needs of the Church and other special causes, 1% of that tithing should be given to the needs of the Archdiocese. The annual pledge of our giving to the Archdiocese will be taking place in the next few weeks. We pledge our 1% over a 12 month period for the social ministry and educational needs of the poor and less fortunate of the Archdiocese.

This pledge period is called the ***United Catholic Appeal Christ our Hope***. This collection of funds helps all the social agencies of the Archdiocesan Church which would not be covered by any other assessment or collection.

***United Catholic Appeal*** will help feed the hungry and clothe the disadvantaged of central and southern Indiana. This collection of funds stays right here at home in Indiana to help our neighbors.

***United Catholic Appeal*** will help several thousand Hoosiers have the basic

necessities of life that we often take for granted. Please fill out your ***United Catholic Appeal*** pledge card. Consider giving 1% of your income to this important ministry of the local Church.

Our goal this year is to raise \$172,226. All of us doing our part will make it possible. I really believe that if we only give to the parish, and not to the Archdiocese, *then the parish will suffer*. Why? Because if we ignore that 1% of our tithing to the Archdiocese, we become narrow-minded stewards only thinking of our own needs and not others.

Your generosity in the past has been great! For this reason, I continue to thank every one of you. Please remember that we live not just for ourselves, but as Christians, we ought to live for others too. I know that these economic times have been very difficult, but please do what you can. Above all, pray about it.

Please pray for me as I do for you. St. Barnabas is a wonderful parish thanks to you.

Respectfully, Msgr. Tony



## ***Sharing our Time and Talent with Others***

I once heard Fr. Jim Farrell say that every aspect of our lives is a gift from God. Our time here on Earth is certainly one of those precious gifts. We give of our life when we help others in need. Our decision to volunteer for a good cause is definitely a good use of our time.

All of us are very busy people. Time is valuable to us. I am very impressed that wherever I am, there are so many people from St. Barnabas Parish giving generously of their time as volunteers. May God bless you for your many efforts to help others, whether it be time spent feeding the poor, taking Holy Communion to the sick, helping our young people with their service hours, and more. These and many other examples of stewardship are evident at St. Barnabas.

All of us have various talents. Our faith community at St. Barnabas is filled with people who can accomplish any goal presented to them because of the talents that God has given them. Using our

diverse talents proves that we can do more together as the Body of Christ than we can alone. The natural talents that God has given us will help us bring His loving presence into the lives of those who are in need. Once again, the people of St. Barnabas are blessed with every talent needed to make others aware of God's love and mercy. St. Barnabas is filled with good stewards, and I am sure that God is pleased with us.

Thank you for being such a great Parish. I am truly blessed to be your Pastor. Please pray for me as I do for you each and every day!

Respectfully, Msgr. Tony



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Thank you for being so generous with your financial giving to the offertory collection and the many stewardship efforts that take place here. I feel blessed to be your pastor.

This article is intended to help our adult parishioners (21+ years of age) to plan for your tithing (parish giving). The Scriptures say to tithe 10% of your income to the Church and other special causes of interest to you. We cannot give to everyone. Choices must be made and God understands this.

As a Catholic, 5% should go to your parish's weekend collection; 1% should go to the Archdiocesan needs, and 4% to your other special causes such as cancer research, etc.

If you make \$30,000 a year, then ideally you would plan to give the Church \$30 per week. I know that this would be a big jump for many, but please prayerfully consider working in that direction over a few years.

The economy still isn't good; many people are out of work or on limited incomes. This affects all of us. I would never ask anyone to do the impossible. If you cannot give to the Church a full 5%, then please give what you can. Every amount given is appreciated by God. Those who give nothing could at least give \$1 per week, for example. Everyone should be giving what they can

Please note that the intention of this article is educational. I believe that there are many people attending Mass who have never been taught about tithing. Please pray about it. St. Barnabas Parish is a wonderful parish thanks to you, but this parish needs your help to build a hopeful future. Please pray for me as I do for you.

Respectfully, Msgr. Tony

