



MORE THAN ENOUGH

Holy Faith Church 2024 Annual Campaign

"And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces." Luke 9:16-17

Frequently Asked Questions About Pledging

What is a Pledge?

A pledge is your best estimate of what you plan to give the church throughout the coming year. Your pledge can be stated in weekly, monthly, or annual increments.

There may be times when unexpected personal financial burdens arise. Or perhaps an unexpected windfall is gained. Perhaps the parish has meant something extraordinary this year to you or those you love.

Because your pledge is not a binding commitment, at these times you should feel free to adjust your payment schedule as needed, by delaying, reducing, accelerating, or increasing your pledge. Please contact Holy Faith's Financial Secretary, Mike Centlivre at bmwcent@aol.com to change.

What is an Appropriate Pledge Amount?

Whether you are a lifelong member, or a relative newcomer, your pledge will help fund Holy Faith's ministries for the coming year. In 2023, the average pledge was \$3,767.

However, each person must decide what to give. Two households each giving generously could contribute very different amounts due to differing circumstances. Consider how important your faith is for you and this community - what does your heart tell you?

I already contribute throughout the year by sending occasional donations. Why pledge?

Pledging is a way of making a commitment to God by joining with others to support our work. A commitment made ahead of time allows us to plan the 2024 budget based on clear expectations of income. Occasional gifts are greatly appreciated but do not provide a predictable income stream adequate to fund our operating budget.

I know I am unable to make any financial contribution in 2024. Should I complete a pledge card anyway?

Yes, in fact, this is helpful information. You could complete a pledge card and indicate "0," or you could email our Financial Secretary, Mike Centlivre at bmwcent@aol.com.

Either way, being in touch helps us plan and it saves you from receiving a reminder phone call from us.

Who knows what I pledge to Holy Faith?

Only our Financial Secretary (currently Mike Centlivre) and Pastor Andrea may access giving information (and Office Manager Laurie Tikkanen if you submit your pledge online).

How are we funding the new Outreach Coordinator position?

Last fall, Holy Faith's Parish Leadership Team envisioned creating this 10 hr/wk position in response to the results of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). That survey revealed a broadly held desire to roll up our sleeves and help make our world look a little more like the Kingdom of God. In particular, members said that we want to grow.

Additionally, the CAT said that we want to do more about food insecurity in our area, and that we want to reach out to children and families. Continuing to serve elders was named a third priority.

Through the 2022 pledge campaign, Holy Faith members supported the vision through increased financial pledges, funding the position for approximately two-thirds of the year. Your continued financial support is needed to sustain this position, which is intended to help us grow and to share God's love with people beyond our walls.