



What is a Pledge?

A pledge is a financial commitment made to the church. A pledge indicates the amount of money that an individual or a family commits to the parish for the coming year.

The function of a pledge is to provide for the needs of the congregation using a portion of each person's income. The theology of Christian giving recognizes that everything we have (already) comes from God and that our donations are a response to God's gifts. This theology is reflected in the prayer spoken over our offerings on Sunday:

All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

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What is the level of giving at St. John? St. John's 2023 annual budget is \$633,227. Approx. \$449,000 (or 71%) of annual revenue comes from voluntary offerings. Voluntary offerings include Pledge Offerings (\$385,000) and Non-Pledge Offerings (\$64,000).

The average giving level at St. John this year is approximately \$4,935 per pledge.

Is there a difference between Pledges and Non-Pledge Offerings? Yes.

Pledges allow us to plan for parish life in the coming year and to make a budget for our ministries and financial responsibilities. How are Pledges used? Pledges comprise 70% - 80% of the church's annual budget and directly impact everything from maintenance and office supplies to ministry activities and staff wages.

How can I Pledge? Pledge cards may be downloaded from our website, stjohnnyork.org/giving. You may also request a pledge card from the church office, financialadm@stjohnnyork.org. Pledge cards may be placed in the Sunday Offering, mailed to the Church Office, or emailed to the Financial Administrator at any time.

Who sees my Pledge? Pledges are stored in a locked file cabinet at the church. Those who have access to pledge cards include the Treasurer, the Financial Administrator, and the Rector.