

THE CORE TEAM STEPPING STONES

Giving

Throughout the Bible there are stories and anecdotes about **Giving** – both familiar ones like the poor widow, who gave all she had in the gift of a penny, and less familiar stories such as King David’s sacrifice to assure a fitting temple would be built “not ...for man, but for the **Lord God**” (1Chr. 29:1). Of course, when we **Give** to God, we are actually only returning what has always belonged to Him. So our tithes, our pledges, and our sacrifices truly demonstrate our love for God to the world around us. And spreading God’s love is our mission in life.



When St. Joseph Church builds a new Activity Center and Classrooms/Meetings Rooms we will have the opportunity to reach out to greater numbers of our brothers and sisters. Our church and school will grow and, consequently, touch more of our neighbors with the Good News of Jesus Christ and His unconditional love for us. And in the not too distant future our free-standing church will assure we can continue this task. What a privilege we are being given when we choose to participate.

Each family at St. Joseph should take to heart this call from God to further His Kingdom. We can do this through our prayers, volunteering our service when asked, and during this building phase, sacrificially **Giving** of our finances. Don’t forget, when God asks, He also equips. St. Paul reminds us that “we are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance” (Eph. 2:10). Please consider what good work God has called you to **Give**.

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