

## GIVING AT ST. THERESE

St. Therese Catholic Church is blessed in many ways. We have beautiful facilities (although they are in need of expansion). We have dedicated Parishioners who help by donating their time and expertise. And we have many sacrificial givers who help us monetarily. We do our best to keep our expenses reasonable and necessary, but it still takes a substantial amount of money to keep our programs and facilities going.

We have had questions about the uses of the various envelope types. And now with our Get Going! Get Growing! Capital Campaign in full swing, we are getting more questions about how to differentiate different intentions of giving. With that in mind, we have prepared a list of each envelope type, how we use the funds received, and the various methods available to give to each type. Each of these envelope types is integral to the overall budget of the parish, and we rely on each category of giving.

**Adult Sunday Offering:** This fund is the “bread and butter” of the Parish’s income. These are the white, weekly envelopes included in your envelope packets each month. Contributions to this fund are used to offset the costs associated with the day-to-day operations of the parish. These costs include payroll, supplies, sacramental preparation, liturgical programs, religious education programs, and our subsidy to the Sioux Falls Catholic School system, which is a substantial expense. Contributions can be made to this fund through the envelopes provided, or through WeShare, our online giving program. This is an especially good fund for online giving as it helps maintain a steady income stream for our ongoing needs. WeShare can be accessed through our parish website ([www.sttheresesf.org](http://www.sttheresesf.org)). Please call Wendy at the Parish Office if you would like assistance setting up an account.

**Holy Days:** Holy Day donations are also used for the day-to-day expenses of the church. We rely especially on Christmas and Easter contributions to help boost our Adult Sunday offerings. As a Holy Day nears, there are special envelopes included with your monthly mailing. You may also make donations through WeShare.

**Building Fund:** The Building Fund is primarily used for the care and maintenance of the facilities. The contributions to this fund are really an investment in the future of our parish. As the building ages, it requires maintenance to keep it functional and sound. Some of these items, such as this year’s heat exchange unit replacement, can be rather expensive. Snow removal last winter was another large expense. The envelopes with the pink stripe across the top can be used for these funds. This is also a good fund for giving online through WeShare.

**Get Going! Get Growing! Capital Campaign Fund:** This fund is specifically earmarked for the building project that has been presented. In order to start building, we need to have pledges in place for the full amount, and cash in hand for half of the amount. New in this mailing is an envelope with a blue and green stripe across the top designating the enclosed funds for this specific project. Please use these envelopes for any pledge payments or donations that you make for this project. We also ask that you use a separate check for these envelopes. You can automate your Get Going! Get Growing! pledge payments by calling Wendy to have her set up an ACH payment schedule for you.

**Second Collections:** These are collections that we take for the benefit of organizations outside of our St. Therese Parish family. Annual appeals such as Peter’s Pence and World Mission Sunday usually have envelopes available either in your packet or in the gathering space of the church. They are also available on WeShare for online giving. We collect the funds, and then submit them (often through our diocese) to the appropriate organizations.

We do our best to record your donations according to your intent. Anything that you can do – such as using the appropriate envelope, or making a clear instruction in the memo line of your check – is greatly appreciated. As always, you can call Wendy at the Parish Office (338-2433) if you have any other questions, or if you would like to know how your gifts have been recorded in the past. Thank you all for your continued stewardship.