

SPIRIT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP POLICY – April, 2017

Stewardship Policy:

1. The parish tithing of treasure consists of 15% of the offertory. The Funding Committee is responsible for the allocation of the tithe.
2. No second collections will be taken at any liturgy for Spirit of Christ Catholic Community. The Archbishop's Annual Campaign, The Archdiocesan World Mission Appeal and the Seminary Appeal are the only exceptions. The list of 2nd Collections from the Archdiocese of Denver is given to the Funding committee to allocate from the 15% tithe. These 2nd Collections will be disbursed in line with the months the Archdiocese has requested. As tragedies occur we will make the exception and the people can contribute through the parish. The parish will then send one contribution to the organization seeking financial support.
3. There will exist, on an on-going basis, methods of educating the community regarding stewardship. The Funding Committee is accountable for directing this implementation.
4. All financial resources of Spirit of Christ Catholic Community will be allocated through the annual budget.
 - a. The general offertory is the first priority
 - b. Any fee charged by ministry is to cover costs incurred only.
 - c. If the revenues exceed expenses, the funds will be allocated to the general fund.

There are some organizations that are budgeted annually from the 15% that offer hands-on opportunities for parishioners to support a cause by:

- a. Buying Fair Trade Coffee (supporting the grower not the middle man) in Third World Countries.
This is not a fund raiser. We make no money from the sale. The money is sent to the Fair Trade Growers to provide a living wage for the field workers.
 - b. Collecting items for the homeless and the families in transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.
 - c. Collecting items for the migrants twice a year.
 - d. Collecting food weekly for the Arvada Community Food Bank.
 - e. The Business Administrator will accept specific donations of services, objects or money on approval. The Business Administrator is responsible to report to the Finance Council, and the Funding Committee.
5. The Pastor is responsible for reporting to the parish on an annual basis the volunteer, ministry and financial status of the parish. The Pastor is accountable to the Funding Committee.
 6. The Funding Committee will make available opportunities for stewarding outside the Spirit of Christ Catholic community, which cannot be accommodated by the annual budget.

We ask that each household consider this list as an additional method of giving:

Reverse Collection
Drive for Growing Home
Annual Migrant Workers Drive
Monthly Support of the Arvada Community Food Bank
Various other drives as approved

7. All appeals for written or verbal publicity for outside needs are to be submitted to the Bulletin Editor for discernment and action. However, no sales for outside activities will be permitted on the premises without the approval of the Pastor and the Funding Committee.