

PARISH FUNDS

Offertory – General Fund - Your continual support and contributions are greatly appreciated and welcome on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis; whichever is most convenient for you.

Faith Builds Campaign/Debt Relief Fund - Your continual support and contributions are greatly appreciated and welcome on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis; whichever is most convenient for you.

Poor Fund - Your continual support and contributions are greatly appreciated and welcome on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis; whichever is most convenient for you.

Youth Ministry - Your continual support and contributions are greatly appreciated and welcome on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis; whichever is most convenient for you.

SCL School Endowment - SCL School Endowment Fund helps pay tuition for families experiencing financial hardship. Your continual support and contributions are greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

Men's Association – The suggested month of giving is **January** and the suggested amount is \$20. However, any dollar amount is greatly appreciated at any time convenient for you.

Easter Offering - Easter Collection. Suggested month of giving is **March/April**

Ladies of Charity - The suggested months of giving are **April and December** and the suggested amount is \$15. However, any dollar amount is greatly appreciated at any time convenient for you.

Ascension - The suggested month of giving is **May**. However, your contribution is greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

Assumption - The suggested month of giving is **August**. However, your contribution is greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

Parish ProLife - The suggested month of giving is **October**. However, your contribution is greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

All Saints Day Offering - The suggested month of giving is **November**. However, your contribution is greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

Thanksgiving Offering - The suggested month of giving is **November**. However, your contribution is greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

Immaculate Conception - The suggested month of giving is **December**. However, your contribution is greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

Christmas Offering - The suggested month of giving is **December**. However, your contribution is greatly appreciated and welcome any time that is convenient for you.

ARCHDIOCESE FUNDS (with descriptions)

St. Louis Review – (January) Archdiocese St. Louis Review subscription.

Lifeline Coalition – (January) The LifeLine Coalition (LLC) is a group of Catholic social service agencies and pro-life caregivers who are committed to assisting men and women in crisis pregnancies. The LifeLine Coalition Campaign is an annual drive to raise money to provide practical assistance including medical expenses, food, clothing, housing, counseling, adoption services and spiritual guidance.

Solemnity of Mary – (January) The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas.

Eastern Europe Church – (February) The Collection builds the future leadership of the Church by supporting more than eighty people from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union who are now studying in Rome. The countries in Central and Eastern Europe have faced many years of hardship. They have been oppressed by czars, radical Communism, horrendous crimes against humanity, and revolutionary, civil, and world wars. Under communism, organized religion was opposed in favor of atheism to overthrow the power of the Russian Orthodox Church. Since the collapse of the former Soviet Union in 1991, Central and Eastern European countries have been working to rebuild political structures, social welfare, and the economy. The USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore the faith and the light of Christ in these countries that have dark pasts but bright futures. The funds collected in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe are used to grant monies to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation, and the transmission of the Gospel message through television, radio, and the Catholic press.

Black and Native Americans Mission – (March) Evangelization and 125 years of service among the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities has been the singular purpose of the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Office supervises the Collection – the only annual appeal mandated by the Third Plenary Council – and distributes these funds as diocesan grants. Through the years, the funds from the annual appeal have been responsible for continuing the Church's faithful in supporting the evangelization needs of the Black and Native American communities in the United States. Each year, Ordinaries appeal to the Black and Indian Mission Office for help in the tasks of parish support and evangelization. It is only through the constant generosity of Church members toward the Collection that such efforts are realized. The Collection takes place in Catholic churches throughout the United States on the first Sunday of Lent.

Catholic Relief Services - (March) The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. The funds collected

through the CRSC support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

Holy Land/Good Friday (April) Christians living where Christ walked, taught, lived and died, live in a land of war, death and destruction. The Holy Land Collection is a pontifical collection that supports the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. Funds for this collection not only support the holy places, but also pastoral, charitable, educational and social works throughout the Holy Land.

Priest Retirement (April)

Catholic Home Missions - (May) The CHM educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work. The Subcommittee principally focuses on (1) evangelization activities, (2) religious education, (3) ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople; (4) support of poor parishes across the county.

Catholic Communications - (May) The Catholic Communication Campaign funds an array of Catholic projects, including the For Your Marriage campaign, podcasts of the daily readings, televised Christmas Masses – and the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website). These projects bring Catholic messages of faith to millions of people who may otherwise not receive it. CCC is how the Good News gets around to you. Half of all donations collected stays in our diocese to support local communications needs.

Cardinal Glennon Hospital - (June) Built in the 1950s at the request of Cardinal Joseph Ritter, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center is the only free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital in the world. Executive Director of the Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation, Dan Buck says that this annual collection dates back to the 1950s when Cardinal Ritter asked for support from Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis to help build the children's hospital.

Mission Coop Plan – (June) One of the most important missionary education, animation, and support programs is the Missionary Plan of Cooperation. Each year, in cooperation with the National Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Mission Office extends an invitation to missionary groups and dioceses in mission lands to speak at parishes in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. These groups and dioceses make an appeal for their missionary cause and ask for the parishioners' prayers and financial support. Through the generosity of each parishioner, these missionary groups and dioceses receive the help they need to spread the Good News of Jesus and his message of hope, love, and peace to people around the world.

Holy Father (Peter's Pence) - (June) In September of 2006, Pope Benedict XVI gave a homily in which he explained that those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your

generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

Friends for Life – (August) Young Friends for Life is a prolife group formed by the Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate. Its mission is to promote the dignity of human life to and through the community of Catholic young adults in St. Louis. The target audience of Young Friends for Life is young adults between the ages of 22 and 35 or so, who do not remember the landmark Supreme Court decisions of 1973 firsthand, but who live in a society that is suffering the consequences. Young Friends for Life meets quarterly and intends to host one or two high-energy, low-time commitment events a year to raise awareness about timely issues and raise money to fund other prolife activities in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Latin America Apostolate – (August) Since 1956, the Archdiocese of Saint Louis has sent its own priests of the Archdiocese as missionaries to La Paz, Bolivia in South America. Due to the shortage of native priests in the Archdiocese of La Paz, Archbishop Abel Antezana requested that Archbishop Joseph Ritter send priests from Saint Louis to serve in La Paz. Archbishop Ritter said that the decision to send priests of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis as foreign missionaries was the most important decision in his twenty-three years as a bishop. This has been a special blessing for the priests, as well as for other missionaries, whether the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O'Fallon, Missouri, or the Papal Volunteers in Latin America (PAVLA).

Catholic University – (September) Catholic University is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican. As such, it has a special responsibility to educate future leaders for our Church and our Nation. In this sense, The Catholic University of America belongs to all of us in the Church, regardless of where we live. The financial sacrifices required of Catholic parents to provide a truly Catholic college education are enormous. All of the funds received through this collection underwrite the financial aid program at the university. Simply put, your contributions directly benefit students at Catholic University from all over the United States, including our own diocese, by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Every year, nearly 3,000 students at CUA receive scholarship support through the funds raised via the National Collection for Catholic University.

Permanent Diaconate – (October) The annual Deacon Formation collection provides financial assistance for men going through the eight-year formation program for the permanent diaconate.

Mission Sunday – (October) Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow - as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Propagation of the Faith worldwide.

Retired Religious – Regina Cleri – (November) The retirement fund for religious provides support for thousands of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. The National Retirement

Religious Fund also offers numerous assistance services that include workshops, fiscal and demographic analysis, and the coordination of volunteer consultants who are experts in elder care, financial planning, and community leadership.

Campaign for Human Development - (November) The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

Kenrick Seminary – (December) Kenrick-Glennon Seminary has been a place of faith, learning and fraternity for more than 100 years. Our Church is blessed with many young men who are discerning the priesthood and spreading the new evangelization with amazing enthusiasm and devotion. These future priests will lead us in love, nourish us by His word, and renew the Church with His Sacraments. Each and every gift is greatly appreciated by our seminarians and by the many people who will benefit from the holy and simple priests who are currently being formed at the seminary.