

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STEWARDSHIP AT-A-GLANCE

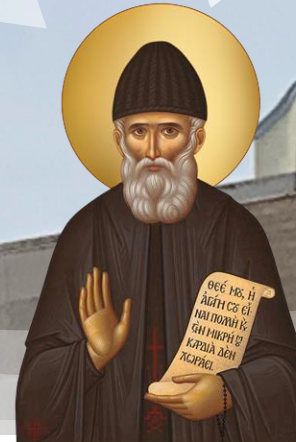
2025



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Take me and break me, for I am willing to be broken, that you may have the Bread of Life!

Philotimo
The reverent refinement of goodness; the radiant love of the humble man bereft of himself, but with a heart full of gratitude to God and his fellow man; because of his spiritual sensitivity he tries to repay even the slightest good that others do to him.



ST. PAISIOS

Leventia
Courage, honesty, generosity of heart, directness, bravery and in general the willingness to lay down one's life for others.

Remember this:

The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart — not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Fulfilling Our Stewardship

Many ways to give:

- One-time payment
- Monthly
- Any payment schedule
- Cash/check/credit card/online

Stewardship	2023	2024 Projected	2025 Targeted Goal ¹
Number of Stewards	611	612	630
Total Amount Pledged	\$553,652 ³	\$552,930	\$1,407,558
Average Pledge/ Steward	\$906	\$900	\$2,234
Percentage of Income ²	1.22 %	1.21 %	3.00 %

¹ Calculated based on the 2023 median household income of \$74,474 for the city of Chicago.
² Percentage of Income based on the 2023 median household income.
³ \$510,388 collected leaving an 8% gap at the end of the year of unfulfilled Pledges.

The Stewardship Challenge

Please help us continue our growth and meet our challenge:

430 stewards by Sunday, February 23!

Stewardship should be the main source of revenue for a parish, covering the expenses and providing ministries to the parish and the community. The challenge:

- **Non-Stewards** in 2024, we challenge you to become a steward and consider pledging 3% of your household income as stewardship.
- **Current 2024 Stewards** who are not yet giving 3% of their income as stewardship, we challenge you to commit this year to give 3%.
- **Current 2024 Stewards** who are giving 3% or more, we challenge you to increase your stewardship by 1%

Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and mail it back, or place it in the basket before Christ at the front of the church.

BREAKING THROUGH OUR COMFORT LEVEL VIA PHILOTIMO AND LEVENTIA!

Stewardship of St. John the Baptist has remained constant (flat) over the last 5 years. "Constant" brings stagnation and hinders growth.

Inspired by the wisdom of St. Paisios on *Philotimo*, may we break through the glass ceiling of our comfort level. May we remember that the investment of our stewardship is not just an obligation to pay parish expenses but is our offering unto Christ Himself; and even more, it is our offering back to Christ of all that He has generously given to us.

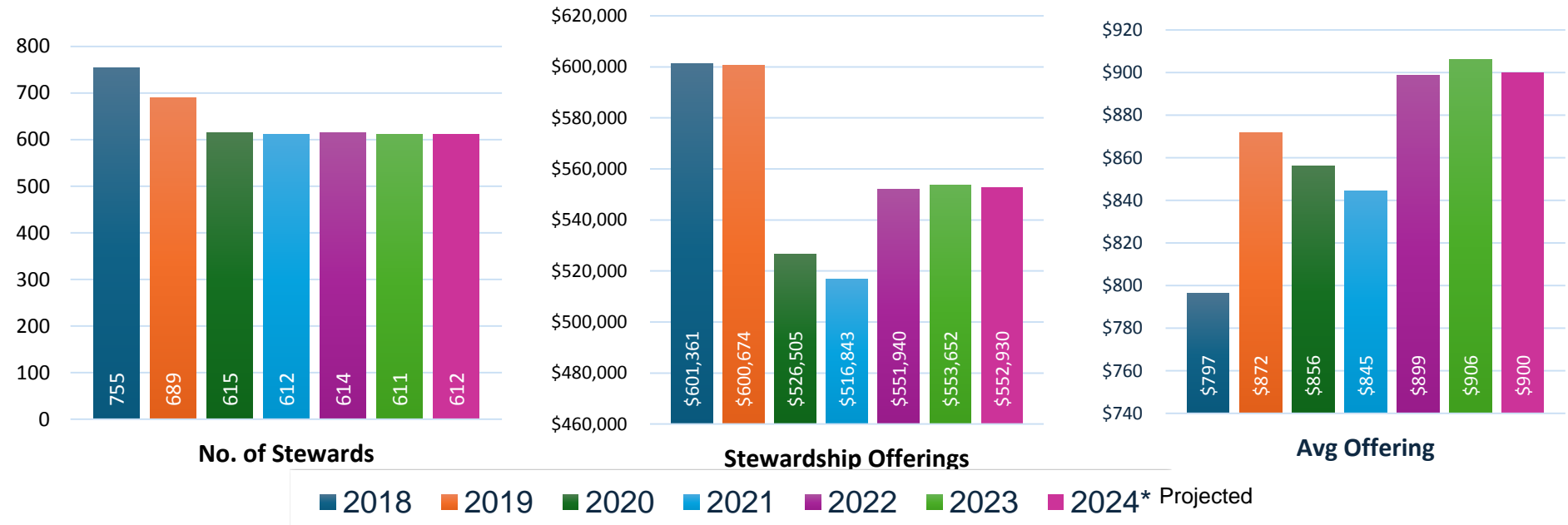
The heart of these spiritual virtues is the essence of self sacrifice, beauty, and love towards God & neighbor. Together, we can live up to that high calling of Philotimo & Leventia! Together, by reflecting these virtues, we will bring new souls to Christ!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MINISTRIES

Stewardship offerings help support the ministries of St. John the Baptist, including:

- Acolytes
- Adult religious education
- Athletics
- Bookstore
- Catechism for seekers
- Chanting
- Church Office
- Feed my Neighbor Outreach Ministry
- IOCC
- Jr. Choir
- OCMC / Mission Team Chicago
- Parish Council
- Philoptochos*
- Prison Outreach
- Sunday Church School
- TEAM Belong Disabilities Ministry
- Vacation Church School
- Website/ Social Media
- YAL
- Youth Ministries:
 - Hope - Jr. GOYA
 - JOY/Faith - GOYA

*Recipient of the Metropolis of Chicago 2022 AGAPE Award and the National Philoptochos 2022 Combined Ministry award for excellence in unity for its outreach

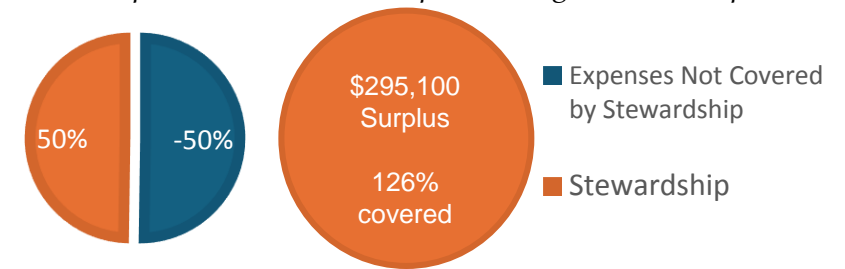


With a small sacrifice, we can grow our stewardship not only to cover our expenses, but further expand the Gospel!

If everyone gives 3% of their yearly income, St. John the Baptist would have a surplus through stewardship alone



Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.
- Matthew 25:21



Why fill out a pledge card? True Stewardship starts by making a promise to God and holding ourselves to it. The act of filling out and submitting that pledge card solidifies that promise.

Stewardship is a deliberate, sacrificial offering, not a convenience gift where we throw what we feel comfortable with in a tray or write a check whenever we have some extra funds.

A pledge can be adjusted at any time if circumstances change, whether positive or negative.

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME – \$70,000- \$80,000

	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%
\$70,000	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$4,200	\$4,900	\$5,600	\$6,300	\$7,000	\$7,700	\$8,400
\$80,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$5,600	\$6,400	\$7,200	\$8,000	\$8,800	\$9,600

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST’S AVERAGE 2024 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP IS AROUND \$900

REALITY!

THIS MEANS THAT WE ARE GIVING JUST ABOUT 1%!
 650 STEWARDS AT \$900 A YEAR: \$585,000

BIBLICAL GOAL OF 10%: \$7,500
 650 STEWARDS AT \$7,500 A YEAR: \$4,875,000

STEADFAST GOAL OF 3%: \$2,250
 650 STEWARDS AT \$2,250 A YEAR: \$1,462,500

FAITH & WORKS GOAL OF 2%: \$1,500
 650 STEWARDS AT \$1,500 A YEAR: \$975,000

ANNUAL GIVING BASED ON TITHING

	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%
\$30,000	\$300	\$600	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$2,100	\$2,400	\$2,700	\$3,000	\$3,300	\$3,600
\$40,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,800	\$3,200	\$3,600	\$4,000	\$4,400	\$4,800
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,000
\$60,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$6,000	\$6,600	\$7,200
\$70,000	\$700	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$4,200	\$4,900	\$5,600	\$6,300	\$7,000	\$7,700	\$8,400
\$80,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$5,600	\$6,400	\$7,200	\$8,000	\$8,800	\$9,600
\$90,000	\$900	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$5,400	\$6,300	\$7,200	\$8,100	\$9,000	\$9,900	\$10,800
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,000
\$110,000	\$1,100	\$2,200	\$3,300	\$4,400	\$5,500	\$6,600	\$7,700	\$8,800	\$9,900	\$11,000	\$12,100	\$13,200
\$120,000	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$4,800	\$6,000	\$7,200	\$8,400	\$9,600	\$10,800	\$12,000	\$13,200	\$14,400
\$130,000	\$1,300	\$2,600	\$3,900	\$5,200	\$6,500	\$7,800	\$9,100	\$10,400	\$11,700	\$13,000	\$14,300	\$15,600
\$140,000	\$1,400	\$2,800	\$4,200	\$5,600	\$7,000	\$8,400	\$9,800	\$11,200	\$12,600	\$14,000	\$15,400	\$16,800
\$150,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$10,500	\$12,000	\$13,500	\$15,000	\$16,500	\$18,000
\$160,000	\$1,600	\$3,200	\$4,800	\$6,400	\$8,000	\$9,600	\$11,200	\$12,800	\$14,400	\$16,000	\$17,600	\$19,200
\$170,000	\$1,700	\$3,400	\$5,100	\$6,800	\$8,500	\$10,200	\$11,900	\$13,600	\$15,300	\$17,000	\$18,700	\$20,400
\$180,000	\$1,800	\$3,600	\$5,400	\$7,200	\$9,000	\$10,800	\$12,600	\$14,400	\$16,200	\$18,000	\$19,800	\$21,600
\$190,000	\$1,900	\$3,800	\$5,700	\$7,600	\$9,500	\$11,400	\$13,300	\$15,200	\$17,100	\$19,000	\$20,900	\$22,800
\$200,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$24,000