



## What does it mean to tithe?

St. Thomas More Parish resides within the boundaries of the Rockford Diocese. Our diocese encourages each family to adopt the modern Catholic interpretation of the Biblical Tithe:

5% of one's time, talent and treasure is directed to your *parish*

4% of one's time, talent and treasure is directed to *worthy causes*

1% of one's time, talent and treasure is directed to Diocesan Stewardship

Sometimes it is not possible to meet these goals. Parishioners are encouraged to adopt this sacrificial gift giving as an eventual goal by taking a step closer to accomplishing the full tithe each year.

## **Parish Support:**

**Online Giving** - ParishPay is one way to support the mission of St. Thomas More. Online donations can be made one-time, weekly, monthly, or annually with the payment method of your choice: Credit Card, Debit Card, or eCheck. ParishPay gives you the ability to schedule donations according to your personal budget. For more information, visit [ParishPay.com](http://ParishPay.com) or call 866-PARISH-1 (866-727-4741). Marilyn Bauman in the parish office is available to answer your general questions regarding ParishPay. Contact Marilyn at 847-888-1682 x10 or [mbauman@stthomasmorechurch.org](mailto:mbauman@stthomasmorechurch.org).

**Sunday Envelopes** - Sunday Envelopes are mailed every two months to registered families. Packets include Sunday and Building Fund envelopes, as well as special envelopes for Holy Days and Flowers during the liturgical seasons. If you choose ParishPay and do not want to receive offering envelopes, please contact the parish office.

**Tax Deduction** - ParishPay and Offertory Envelopes allow the parish to track your tax-deductible contributions, which is done as a service to parishioners for easy tax reporting. Tax letters are issued at the end of January for the prior year and detail your stewardship of Sunday giving, Holy Days, Building Fund, and Flowers.