

St. Joseph Parish Tithing Outreach Program Enters Its Twelfth Year

Since originating in 2012, the Tithing Outreach Program has awarded over \$1,000,000 in grants to many local charities. Our parish once again will make grants to worthy local charitable organizations in 2023. We value your input. All parishioners are invited to nominate one or more charities that you think deserve consideration.

Our parish has pledged to give 5% of its Sunday revenue income* to the Parish Tithing Outreach Program. This, in addition to the parish subsidy of our elementary school and our parish school of religion of approximately \$1,000,000 annually exceeds God's word for us to donate 10% of our income.

Many of our brothers and sisters are poor and need financial help, and as a loving Catholic community, we are committed to reaching out to as many of them as possible. The Tithing Outreach Program is another way for us to help.

If you would like a specific charitable organization to be considered for our tithing program for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, please inform that charity of our program and provide the appropriate contact at the charity with a Tithing Outreach application form. That form is available at the parish office or on the parish web site at <http://stjoecot.org/about/finance-council/>. All organizations requesting funds must have a St. Joseph-Cottleville parishioner sponsoring them.

In determining which organizations will receive grants, The Tithing Outreach committee will give highest priority to those charities that serve the poor, that are locally based, and that have a demonstrable, immediate financial need. National organizations are not eligible.

Due to the number of requests. We may not be able to accommodate all requests. The charity can be religious or secular, but in either case the charity's philosophy must be consistent with Catholic teaching. The money awarded must be used for services for the charity's beneficiaries and must not be used to hire employees or increase the compensation of the charity's existing employees or pay for any other administrative/overhead costs. The organization must also be a 501(c)(3) charity and not a for-profit company.

St. Joseph parish organizations are not eligible for this program. In addition, organizations that are connected to our parish, such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and the Knights of Columbus, are not eligible. Charities that received gifts in the five previous fiscal years will not automatically receive gifts in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Those charities must reapply for gifts in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please call Laura Lyng, the head of the Finance Council's Tithing Outreach program, at 314-607-4575.

St. Joseph's twelfth annual Tithing Outreach program will be based on our parish's fiscal year of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Applications will be accepted beginning in January, 2023, and must be received by the Parish Finance Council by June 30, 2023. The Finance Council's Tithing Outreach committee will review the applications in July, 2023, and gifts will be announced by August 15, 2023.

*Sunday revenues consist of unrestricted Sunday offerings and parishioner contributions eligible for corporate matching gifts.