

Each year, St. Augustine's asks every parishioner to make a financial commitment to support the ongoing ministries of the church during the coming year. If you are new to the church or about to make your first-ever pledge, we hope these questions and answers will be helpful.

### What is pledging?

Pledging is your heartfelt, faithful spiritual practice to financially support St. Augustine's ministries and programs in the year ahead. It is a personal example of gratitude that you have for all our God has given to you and your family.

# Why not simply make non-pledge contributions?

Pledges provide the Vestry with an estimate of expected income essential to the preparation of the church's annual budget. St. Augustine's simply cannot operate and thrive without a reasonable estimate of its financial resources. Your pledge reinforces the importance of God and St. Augustine's in your life.

# How much should I pledge?

Your pledge is a personal decision between God, you and your family. It should be grounded in your faith, love and commitment to God's work through St. Augustine's. It requires reflection, prayer, and priority. Traditionally, we consider a pledge amount that is 10% of our income. Scripture tells us: "A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy." (Leviticus 27:30)

# Is my pledge confidential?

Yes. Pledges are kept confidential.

# How do I submit my pledge?

You can mail in the pledge card included or go to the St. Augustine's website at <u>www.staugustinevero.com/stewardship</u> and complete the online stewardship pledge form there.

### How can I pay my pledge?

There are several convenient ways to honor your pledge:

- By recurring payment through your own bank account.
- By cash payment, placing it in an envelope with your name, in the collection basket.
- By check, writing "2024 pledge" in the memo line and placing it in the collection basket. Note: If you submitted a pledge card this year, any payment received will automatically be assigned to your 2024 pledge unless otherwise noted.
- By appreciated stocks or IRA, please contact Wayne Elliott, treasurer@staugustinevero.com
- By Church Center app on your cell phone. Details are on the "Giving" page of our website about how to install/use this convenient app.

Any payment may also be sent by mail to: St. Augustine's Church, 475 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32968

# What if I need to update and change my pledge amount?

We understand that life's circumstances do change, often unexpectedly. Contact the church to have your pledge amount adjusted confidentially at any time during the year.

# Want to know more?

Please contact treasurer Wayne Elliott with any additional questions. Email: <u>treasurer@staugustinevero.com</u>