

What does it mean to make a financial pledge to St. Timothy's?

Making a pledge is promising a specific amount of your resources to St. Tim's over the course of one calendar year.

Why is pledging important?

Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure makes church happen! Stewardship — giving back to God a portion of what God has given you — is part of maintaining one's spiritual life. It allows us to reflect on the gifts God has given us and show our gratitude. There is also a practical reason for pledging: *St. Tim's plans our operating budget and the entire year of events based on pledges received*, helping us continue all the programs you love and rely on!

Where does my pledge money go?

100% of your pledge money keeps St. Tim's moving forward as a church. Pledges fund our priest and staff salaries, music, building repairs, community celebrations, heat and light for all of our buildings, etc. *None of that would be possible without pledge dollars.*

How much should I pledge?

Your commitment should be an intentional response to God's gifts in your life. After looking at your income, consider what percentage you are called to return to God. No pledge is too small or too large. Our hope is that you become a member of our community and participate as the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Does St. Tim's receive other funding?

We generate income from the preschool (we also pay all expenses for the preschool, including salaries, benefits, insurance, materials, etc), and a small amount from renting our spaces, but we do not receive any other outside grants, funding, or financial support. Your pledge contributions form our annual budget and sustain our community's life together.

How do I make my pledge?

There are four ways to make your pledge: fill out a pledge card and bring it to church on Sundays or to the office during the week; fill out the [Google form](#); log onto sttims.org/realm and make your pledge; or email our treasurer, Larry Mendoza (larry@sttims.org).

Can I give stocks or other financial instruments?

Yes, this is a great way to give that may help you to offset capital gains. Please contact the treasurer for instructions for donating securities (Larry Mendoza, larry@sttims.org).

Can my employer match my gift?

Oftentimes, yes! We are verified through Benevity, and many companies allow you to give through a donation platform that automatically generates the maximum amount of matching dollars from that employer. This is a great option to help St. Tim's secure more funding. For questions, email our Administrator (Nete Christoffersen, admin@sttims.org).

Are my donations tax deductible?

Yes, they are tax deductible. St. Tim's is a 501c(3) organization. You will be able to access a statement that details all the donations that you made during the year.

Who knows my pledge information?

Your pledge is kept confidential among the treasurer, bookkeeper, and rector.

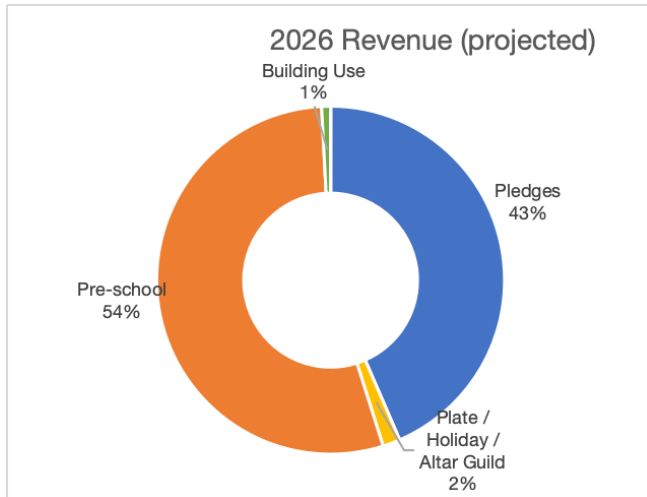
Is Stewardship all about money?

No, it is about a faithful, intentional way of life that deepens our relationship with God and one another. Stewardship is the responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure. Knowing that God is the source of all that we have and all that we are, we recognize our responsibility to participate in the life of our church family.

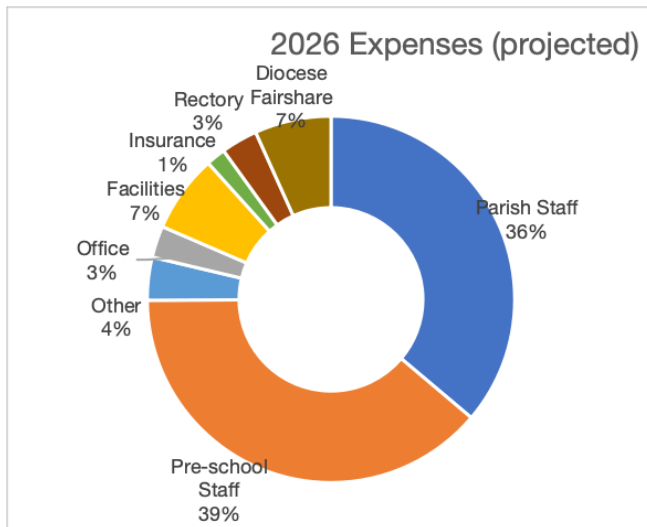
I have another question.

Please email the Stewardship Chair, Ros Barajas (ros.barajas91@gmail.com) and/or our Rector, the Rev. Nikky Wood (nikky@sttims.org).

2026 Budget Information



Revenue	2026 budget
Pledges	\$419,594
Plate / Holiday / Altar Guild	\$15,656
Pre-school	\$521,393
Building Use	\$8,000
Other	\$-
Total Revenue	\$964,642



Expenses	2026 budget
Parish Staff	\$346,429
Pre-school Staff	\$371,123
Other	\$36,246
Office	\$26,726
Facilities	\$65,639
Insurance	\$16,385
Rectory Mortgage	\$30,784
Diocese Fairshare	\$64,377
Total Expense	\$957,709

* Annual budget, approved January 2026.

2027 Notes:

Our combined resources help us live into our call as the Body of Christ in Mountain View as fully as possible. Together, we are a presence of joyful, loving inclusion in this corner of Silicon Valley, sharing God's delight and welcome with the wider community. We're excited to collaboratively build an energized, flourishing, life-giving spiritual home for all.

We take seriously our obligation to offer equitable, living wages that are competitive with similar positions in our area, and we expect the Cost of Living Adjustment for 2027 to be 3.5%. Additionally, health costs are projected to rise 12.5%. Our budget will have to grow accordingly. Further pledge income helps stabilize the church's budget from fluctuating preschool revenues.

Please help us continue to offer fair and just compensation by taking these and other rising costs (utilities, etc.) into consideration as you make your pledge for the upcoming year, and let the goodness of this place overflow to share the goodness we have received with those around us.

Thank you!