**Sample Parish Offertory Letters**

**Sample 1 Parish Offertory Letter – General Stewardship**

 DATE

*“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members*

*of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” —1Timothy 5:8*

Dear <<Salutation>>,

 For many of us we would lay down our lives for our family and friends. When we see them hurting we want to help. As we hear in 1 Timothy this is exactly what God wants us to do. As Catholics not only do we care for our families, we have a rich history of serving others in need through establishing hospitals, schools and shelters.

 This very important mission is also carried out here at <<Name of Parish>>. Over the past few months I have witnessed parishioners caring for one another as if they were family. {List things your parish has done such as food drives, check ins for elderly parishioners, dropping off groceries for those in need, blessing healthcare workers at hospitals, making cards for those in care facilities, etc.} These are all wonderful ways we use our gifts and talents to share the love of Jesus and our Catholic faith!

 I am grateful for your generosity and your support of our mission. Throughout the past few months many families just like yours have continued to remember <<Name of Parish>>. Your gifts help meet the spiritual needs of our parish family as well as care for families in need..

 Thank you for boldly living out your faith by helping to care for those in need at our parish and in our community. May God watch over and bless you and your loved ones.

 Yours in Christ,

 <<Signature of Pastor>>

 <<Typed Name of Pastor>>

*P.S. Thank you for helping even more people to experience the love of Jesus in their lives!*

 *As our parish fiscal year came to an end on June 30, we were at \_\_\_\_\_ percent of our yearly operating budget. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to help us meet our budget today at <<online giving website>> or mail a check to the parish office.*

**Sample 2 Parish Offertory Letter – General Stewardship**

 DATE

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another*

*as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1Peter4:10*

Dear <<Salutation>>,

 A lesson we have all learned at a very young age is to share. Share our toys with our siblings, share treats with our classmates on our birthdays, share our love with others. This is a very valuable lesson and as we move through life it becomes even more important. As we grow older we recognize all that we have is a gift from God. He wants us to freely share these gifts to impact the lives of others. .

 One way you can do this is by volunteering your time here at <<Parish Name>>. We have many wonderful opportunities to serve such as becoming an Eucharist minister, religious education teacher or a member of the prayer chain to name a few. Whether you have one hour a month or 10 hours a week all volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated. Through generously sharing your time, talents and gifts we are able to help even more families discover, follow, worship and share Jesus.

 Our ministries here at <<Name of Parish>> are also financially supported by many wonderful families just like yours. For this I am very grateful. As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, I ask you to prayerfully consider sharing a little more with <<Name of Parish>>. Please know whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated. Working together, sharing our time, talents and gifts we will keep our parish strong and vibrant for future generations.

 Thank you for supporting our mission here at <<Name of Parish>> and the Church. Please know I keep you in my daily prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones.

 Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Pastor Signature

 Pastor Name

*P.S. Stewardship is a way of life. By sharing your time, talents and gifts you glorify God. Visit our parish website at <<website>> for volunteer opportunities and online giving. Thank you!*

**Sample 3 Parish Offertory Letter - Financial Update**

 DATE

Dear <<Salutation>>,

 What a great joy it has been to slowly start to gather again to celebrate Mass!

As we reconnect as a parish family, I am grateful to see so many of you. I also look forward

to when we will be able to all gather for Mass and celebrate important milestones such as baptisms and weddings.

 Through your prayers and financial support over the last few months we have been able to maintain our ministries here at <<Parish Name>>. I am grateful for you and your generosity. For the month of August our parish offertory was $<<Amount>>. In comparison to last year at this time, we are at a <<Number>> percent <<increase/decrease>> in giving. I am hoping as we continue to welcome even more families back to Mass our parish offertory will continue to increase as well.

 Many families just like yours remember <<Name of Parish>> weekly or monthly. For some, they have begun to give online at <<Parish Website Online Giving Link>> while others have continued to mail their gift to the parish office. I invite you to prayerfully consider supporting <<Parish Name>>. If you are already making a recurring gift, thank you!

 Thank you for your continued generous support of <<Parish Name>> through your prayers and gifts. Together we are leading even more people to discover, follow, worship and share Jesus. Please know I keep you in my daily prayers.

 Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Pastor Signature

 Pastor Name

 *P.S. Thank you for helping even more people to experience the love of Jesus in their lives!*

 *Our August parish offertory is at \_\_\_\_\_ percent of our yearly operating budget. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to help us meet our budget today at <<parish online giving website link>> or mail a check to the parish office.*

**Sample 4 Parish Offertory Letter - Parish Picnic**

 DATE

Dear <<Salutation>>,

 I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones doing well and enjoying the beauty of summer. Long walks outdoors, fishing and campfires are a few of my favorite things to do in the summertime. I also enjoy a good picnic.

 As you may know due to COVID-19 we had to alter our parish picnic plans here at <<Parish Name>> this year. Through those altered plans we raised $<<Amount>> to support our parish and ministries. This is roughly <<Number>> percent of what we normally raise from our parish picnic.

 If you did not have the opportunity to support this year’s picnic, I invite you to do so now. To help make up for the shortfall, we are asking each parish family that is able to do so to make a gift of $25, $50 or $100. Your gift will {list 2 or 3 things the revenue from your parish picnic supports such as Summer Vacation Bible Camp for kids, music materials for the choir or Alpha groups}.

 I am already looking forward to next year’s parish picnic and all the fun we will have together enjoying great food, each other’s company and good music. Thank you for your generous support of <<Parish Name>> and the Church.

 Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Pastor Signature

 Pastor Name

*P.S. The revenue from the Parish Picnic makes up \_\_\_ % of our parish operating budget. Please consider helping us make up the shortfall this year. To make your gift visit <<parish website online giving link>> or mail your check to the parish office today. Thank you!*