



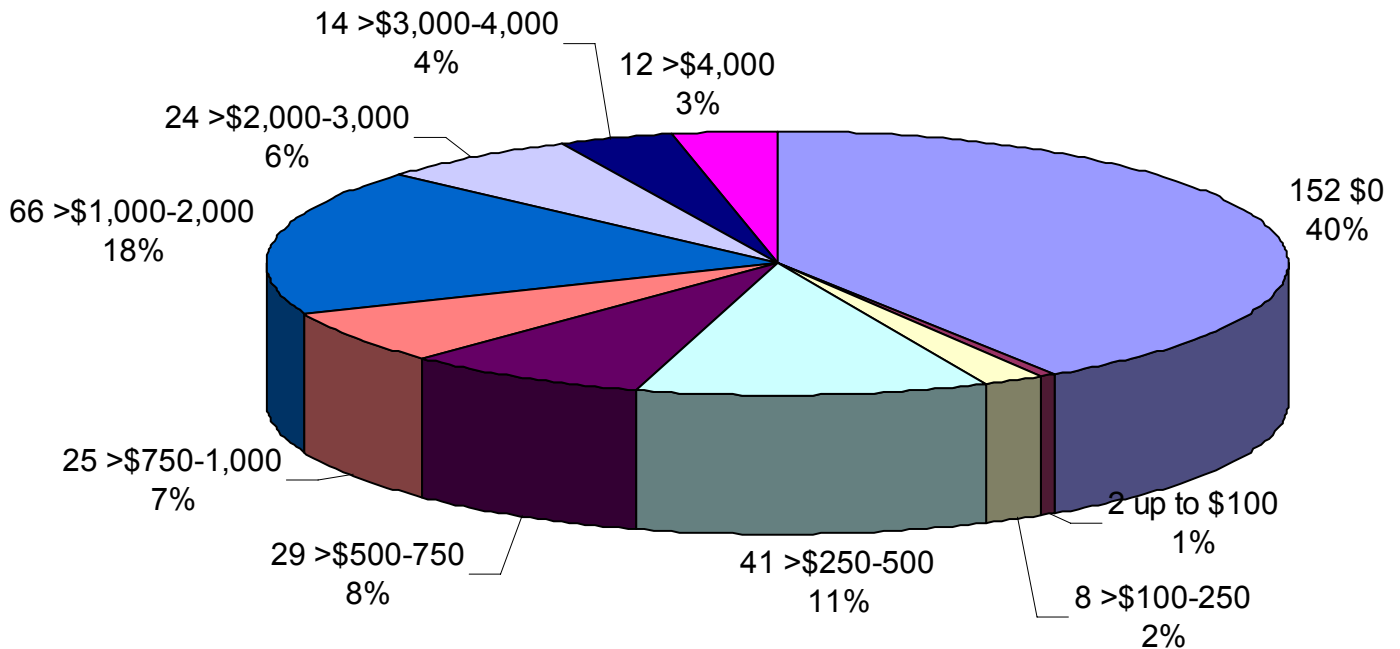
SUPPORTING OUR FAITH COMMUNITY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2008

In the coming days, you will receive letters and pledge cards in the mail from our Stewardship Committee kicking off our 2008 Commitment Drive. Below you will find some information relating to our 2007 pledges. One of the more difficult issues

we face as a faith community is the 40% of our membership who do not pledge. While some give cash in the offering plate, it is a relatively small part of our operating funds and does not allow us to create a financial plan based on committed giving. My prayer is that these households who have not pledged or do not give, will take some time to reflect upon what St. John's means to them, their family, and the greater community and then prayerfully make a financial commitment to our spiritual home. To the 60% of our parishioners who pledged, I offer you my sincere thanks for helping us build a faith community that welcomes all people, to gather in love, and to then go out and serve.

Once you have completed your pledge card, you may mail it back to the church or bring it on Commitment Sunday, September 30. During the liturgy we will offer up those pledge cards to our Heavenly Father by placing them in the baptismal font. For me, this is a reminder that I brought nothing into this world and I will take nothing out of it. Everything that we have here and in the next life is a gift from God. This pledge then becomes a symbolic act of my family's offering of ourselves in service and devotion to our loving God. Quite frankly, it also has a practical side. My pledge commitment allows the vestry to make a financial plan for ministry in 2008 that enables us to carry out our mission in Christ's name. See you in church. Fr. Mark

2007 Pledges of our 373 Households



Wherever you are on your faith journey...St. John's welcomes you.