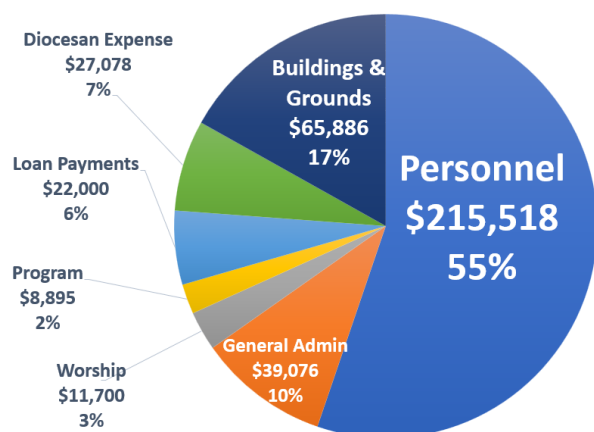


Q: When we give money to St.

Alban's, where does it go?

A: The money you give toward our annual giving campaign pays for our **yearly operating expenses**.

Below is a break down of our **2023** budget (\$390,153).



Q: What's the capital campaign?

A: Money given to the capital campaign is **set aside for capital improvements**, such as new windows, HVAC, etc., that are not part of yearly maintenance. It's a campaign that runs from 2022-2024, and it's *not too late* to pledge and give to that as well!

When you give online you can set up a one-time or a recurring gift toward General Fund (operations), Capital Campaign or a specific ministry. You can also write it on the memo line of your check or on an envelope with cash.

Q: How do I submit my pledge?

A: Fill out a pledge card and put it in the offering plate, send it by mail, or drop it at the church office. You can also submit via our website under the "Give" section.

We'll officially gather all pledges on Commitment Sunday, Nov. 19.

Q: How do I pay my pledge?

A: There are so many ways!

- Set up a one-time or recurring gift **on our website**
- Place a check or cash **in the offering plate**. If you use cash, put it in an envelope with your name on it.
- **Donate stocks or other assets** and receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of your securities at the time of donation. You can also make a donation when you take your Required Minimum Distributions (**RMDs**). Consult a professional to see what's best for you.

More Questions?

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Rooted in Abundance

Annual Stewardship
Campaign for 2024



Q: What does it mean to be a member* of St. Alban's?

A: Being a member of St. Alban's means that 1) You **regularly attend Holy Eucharist**, however you define attendance (in person, at home, online) and regular; 2) You **participate in the life** of St. Alban's by joining a ministry, serving on Sunday mornings, helping with Campus Clean-Up, attending Christian Formation, etc.; 3) You **make a financial contribution** to our common life.

*To be a member according to the canons (laws) of The Episcopal Church, you need to be baptized or confirmed here. If you come from another Episcopal church, you can officially transfer your membership. If you come from another denomination, you can be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church (depends on if you were confirmed). If you have been away a long time, you can choose to reaffirm your faith.

Q: What is "stewardship"?

A: The notion of stewardship has its roots in Genesis, when God charged humans with caring for the earth and all its creatures.

To make it more concrete, the Book of Common Prayer defines stewardship as "**our personal response to God's generosity** in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and money. It reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation.

Parish members are **encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge**. This pledge represents their specific Christian commitment to "work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (BCP, p. 856).

Q: What does the Scripture have to say about giving?

A: The Bible says to **give our first fruits to God**, whether it's the first batch of dough (Num 15:20-21) or the firstborn of the womb, or the best of the oil, wine, and grain, and choice fruits (Num 18:12-18). When we do so, we **acknowledge that everything comes from God and belongs to God** and that we trust in God's abundance, that we will always have enough.

Q: What's a pledge?

A: A pledge is your **best estimate** of the financial commitment you can make to St. Alban's for 2024. If circumstances change, **you can always increase or decrease your pledge**. You can give on a schedule that works best for you (weekly, monthly, yearly) and at a time that makes the most sense for you (Jan vs. Dec, for example).

Q. Why can't I just drop money in the plate when I can?

A: That's appreciated, too! Knowing how much we can expect helps us plan our budget and programs in advance.

Q: What about tithing?

A: To tithe is to set aside a portion of what comes to you for God. This is often understood to be 10% because the Hebrew word for "tithe" is translated as "ten" or "tenth." Many people equate tithing to giving 10% of their income. (See chart on website)

Q: So, how much should I give?

A: Please commit to giving an amount that feels right and sustainable for you and yours, while stretching your limits a little more each year.