

Giving to the Church, Priceless!

Any major league baseball fans out there? Who do you root for? Any Cubs fans here? Cubs fans endured years of frustration before finally winning the World Series last year. Baseball season started last month and will last seemingly forever! Seriously, counting the playoffs and the World Series major league baseball could run into nearly November! Baseball is about as American as you can get.

Have you ever gone to a game? If you are planning to do that let me warn you, it's expensive! It is estimated that a family of four can expect to pay over \$200 on average going to the ball park to root for the home team. From the price of the ticket to parking and then food watching baseball live can be expensive.

You are probably saying, "You have the focus all wrong. Instead of thinking how much you spend think about the memories you are building." You know that ad that shows a family at the park and it rings up the cost of everything. It then ends by saying, "Spending time with your son at the ballpark, priceless." So, if you are going to the ballpark don't focus on the \$200 you are going to spend. Focus on the memory.

So the average American family of four at the ballpark spends \$200. It might surprise you to know that the median gift to a church annually is \$200. We don't charge for seats here they are free. We don't charge you to visit you in the hospital or to minister to your needs. We do that for free. We watch your kids, train your teenagers, equip and encourage you, thus making you a better person, parent, spouse or whatever else you are called to do. We do that for free out of love. Yet all that is supported by the generosity of people like you.

Thankfully we don't stop at \$200. We don't put a price tag on what we do. One reason why is because what we do can't be measured by earthly standards. We're not working on producing memories but are committed to, **(Use your vision statement) or say, building God's Kingdom one person at a time.** To us that is what is priceless! So as our ushers come forward we encourage you to give because giving to the Church is, priceless!