

Leave your checkbook at home...

Enjoy the convenience of Electronic Giving

Sacred Heart Parish wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offerings. Electronic giving offers convenience for you and much-needed contribution consistency for our parish. If you are interested in signing up simply complete the authorization form and return it to Sacred Heart. If you are already using Electronic Giving, but would like to increase your donations, check the box to "Change Donation Amount", make your changes, and return it to Karen in the office, or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your stewardship of treasure.

Frequently Asked Questions About Electronic Giving

Q. What is Electronic Giving?

A. Electronic Giving (also known as E-Giving) is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make contributions without writing checks.

Q. What are the major advantages of electronic giving?

A. It saves time! It saves work! It simplifies your life! You also help Sacred Heart stabilize its budget and save money. No need to worry about contributions when you are on vacation, or gone for the winter or summer months. Your donations continue automatically.

Electronic giving is all about convenience for you and consistency for the church. It eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track with pledges even when you are unable to attend Mass. The church in turn benefits from a crucial consistency in donations, which enables reliable financial planning, as well as a reduction in the volume of check and cash contributions that must be manually processed by volunteer offertory collection counters.

Q. How does it work?

A. Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to Sacred Heart's account. Contributions are transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network—the same network already used by families to make mortgage and utility payments or to receive payroll earnings and Social Security income distributions.

Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

A. On its due date. If your due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday, then it will be deducted the next business day.

Q. How frequently can I donate via E-Giving?

A. You can choose to give weekly, twice a month, or monthly, whichever works best for you.

Q. Can I put amounts in different funds and special offerings, and have those all withdrawn from my account at the same time?

A. Yes. When you complete the authorization form, you can designate amounts for different funds such as your regular Sunday donation and Building & Grounds. We also have additional lines for you to designate other funds. The combined total will be withdrawn from your account, but Sacred Heart will record the contributions according to the amounts and funds which you have designated.

Q. If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?

A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date.

Q. Without a cancelled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?

A. Your bank statement shows an itemized list of electronic transfers. It is your proof of contribution. In addition, Sacred Heart will provide a year-end letter confirming your donations for the year.

Q. Is electronic giving risky?

A. Electronic giving is less risky than check contribution. It cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed in the mail.

Q. What if I change bank accounts?

A. Notify us and we will give you a new authorization form to complete. The form is also available on our website.

Q. How much does electronic giving cost?

A. It costs you nothing and saves you time.

Q. What if I try it and don't like it?

A. You can cancel your automatic deductions by notifying us any time. But, once you've enjoyed the convenience, time, and money savings of electronic contribution, we doubt you will want to go back to making contributions the way you did before.

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