

St. Joseph Church- Olney

Auto Withdrawal, aka, Electronic Giving

Frequently Asked Questions About Electronic Giving

Q. What is auto withdrawal or electronic giving?

A. Electronic giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

Q. What are the advantages of electronic giving?

A. It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you can't attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and more accurately determine its budget!

Q. How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?

A. Once you complete and sign an authorization form and return it to the Parish Office, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

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

A. Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the authorization form.

Q. What if I signed up already and I wish to make changes to my electronic giving, do I need to fill out a new form?

A. You only need to complete a new form if you wish to change the amount of your donation or change the date or frequency of transfer.

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. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement.

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

A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transactions. It is your proof of contribution along with the statement of contributions that you will receive from St. Joseph Church at the end of the year.

Q. What if I change bank accounts?

A. Notify the Parish Office and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.

Q. Is electronic giving risky?

A. It's less risky than writing checks or bringing cash to church. Electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.

Q. How much does electronic giving cost?

A. It costs you and the bank nothing, it's free!

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

A. You can cancel your authorization by notifying the church at any time.

Q. How do I sign up for electronic giving?

A. Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the Parish Office. (Make sure to attach a voided check or savings account deposit slip to the form.)