

Contributions Made Easy – Electronic Giving

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops
and then your barns will be filled with overflowing.”
(Proverbs 3:9-10)*

Throughout Scripture, we are reminded of the importance of giving back a portion of what God has provided for our use. His Word tells us that giving is an act of worship that should be done with a spirit of thanksgiving and cheerfulness. Even though we live in a consumer-driven culture that tells us that acquiring things is so important, the truth of God’s Word has not changed – He still calls us to give to others and to the work of His Church. St. Bridget of Kildare Parish is blessed in so many ways. This is evident in the many ministries, programs and events that take place here on any given day.

Many of you have asked if our church offers an electronic, or automated, option for giving especially most recently during our Grateful Giving Offertory Enhancement Campaign. And the answer is: we do! Easy and simple for you, Automatic Debit/Bill Pay allows your weekly or monthly contribution to be automatically and regularly made out and sent directly from your checking or savings account to the church. School families are able to make tuition payments in the same way.

A New Way to Give

Our parish is embracing a giving option that may be more convenient for many of our parishioners – Automatic Debit/Bill Pay. This giving option will work in the same manner as mortgages, loan payments, or monthly bills (such as your utility bills) that are recurring and automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account.

To sign up for this giving option and have your donations automatically made out and mailed directly to the church on a regular basis, please notify your banking institution in person or online to set up a regularly occurring check payment and simply use your envelope number for your account number. You choose the donation frequency (weekly or monthly) and the donation amount. You can update or change your giving amount at anytime.

Important Benefits of Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving makes life easier for you and yields very significant benefits for our parish.

Benefits for You:

- The satisfaction of giving to God first
- Allows you to contribute even when you are away
- Easier personal budgeting
- More secure than bringing cash every week to church
- More convenient than writing out a check every week

Benefits for our Church:

- More predictable cash flow for better planning
- Better accuracy and record keeping
- More secure than cash or check

Traditional Choices Remain

All registered parishioners will continue to receive offertory envelopes, including envelopes for special collections. Offertory collection will be taken up each week as usual at Mass. If you still want to participate in the symbolic act of giving an offering at Mass, participants in the Electronic Giving program can check-off the box on their envelope marked, "I give electronically" and place them in the collection basket.

If you do not currently use envelopes, please consider participating in either our envelope program or the Electronic Giving program. Our parish needs your consistent support. Weekly offertory offering is the primary source of funds for our day to day parish operation and ministry.

In Summary, Here is How it Works

Our Electronic Giving program is an automated program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash. You authorize a specified amount of money to be automatically and regularly sent from your checking account to the parish. You also specify the frequency of the transfer. When you authorize your banking institution to make an Automatic Debit/Bill Pay payment to St. Bridget of Kildare Parish, please use your envelope number for your account number. It is fast, safe, and easy. We believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this program, you will be happy you gave this new way of contribution a try. Please contact the parish office with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Electronic Giving.

May Saint Bridget of Kildare truly bless you for blessing her parish as you so generously do.