

ONLINE GIVING  
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Dear Parish Family,

In an effort to be faithful stewards with what God has entrusted us with, I want to invite you to consider a new service we are offering to help us with our call to share what the Lord has given us. This initiative will begin July 11, 2016.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7 Paul demonstrates the call of stewardship to the church "Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. The hope and prayer of our Stewardship committee and myself is that offering online giving will allow us to accomplish a couple of things.

First, it will provide the flexibility for our members to give how they want to, regardless of the day or time. You will be able to sign up for online giving by going to our webpage, reading the instructions, and clicking on the online giving icon. The payment method being accepted at this time is from your bank account as ACH.

Secondly, it will help all of us better develop a habit of giving regularly. Online giving is going to help us be better stewards by affording you the opportunity to give on a regular basis. You will be able to setup recurring offerings. Many of you pay bills online, this is much the same, but it's not just paying a bill, it is being obedient to God and fulfilling what He calls us to do.

This service will be provided by Parish Soft, a company that we are using to keep track of our membership and contributions of our parishioners. Parish Soft is committed to helping parishes with their ministries and the call to Stewardship.

There are many benefits that you and the parish will experience with Online Giving:

<b>Parishioner Benefits:</b>	<b>Parish Benefits:</b>
Convenient anytime, anywhere access through the internet	Increase Contributions. Regularly schedule gifts occur automatically and timely and help us to count on timely gifts
Secure and Confidential. Adheres to banking Security standards	Secure and confidential. No need to store parishioner account information
Flexible. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time	Simple. Add, change contribution. Can give to other special collections.
Simple. No need to contact your bank or the parish office	Convenient. Makes it easy for everyone to contribute to the parish
Only offering direct withdrawal (ACH) at this time	Efficient. Transfer of contributions will automatically post to parishioners parish account
Functional. You receive notifications about your transactions	Current, a tool for people who prefer to use electronic services

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use but it is certainly left up to you to decide what is best for you and your family in terms of what vehicle you use to offer contributions. It may be more convenient for you to use envelopes at this time. Whatever the case, we are very grateful for all the support you offer our parish. If you wish to use Online Giving but want to set a good example for your children, you can still place your envelope in the collection basket and simply mark the box on front of the envelope which reads "I Gave Electronically". We will also have cards in the pews that say "I gave online" which you may put in the basket to show your support. Please prayerfully consider Online Giving. Visit our parish Online Giving link at <http://saintmarycathedral.org/online-giving/>.

God Bless,

*Fr. Jeffrey J. Martin*