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Online



# Introducing Online Giving

We are excited to announce that we are now able to accept contributions online. *If you choose* to use our online giving platform, you will no longer need to remember to bring your envelope to church or need to mail it in. If you wish to continue to put your contribution in the collection box, that is great too. It is your choice.

## Benefits for You

- No check writing or ATM stops before Mass
- Safe, secure, and confidential transactions
- Use your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Change a gift or account anytime you like
- Choose offertory, special funds, pledges
- View your giving history anytime

## Benefits for the Parish

- Provides sustained giving that helps parish budgeting and ministry planning
- Reduces check processing fees
- Allows staff more time to focus on ministries
- Creates peace in knowing your data and auto-deposited gifts are secure
- Accommodates special funds and tuition
- Provides giving history for tax statements
- Reaches a wider demographic of givers

Ready to use online giving?

Here's three ways to get started

- Go to [www.stmarystben.org/giving](http://www.stmarystben.org/giving)
- Text GiveStBens or GiveStMarys to 607-367-6177. It will send you a link to click on.
- Scan the QR Code for your church

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THANK YOU!





# Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I have to use online giving?  
No. You may choose to continue to place contributions in the boxes in church, mail them in, or use other bill paying services.
- Do I have to login every time I want to make my regular Sunday contribution?  
No. You can set up to do it automatically. If you do set up automatic giving, you will receive a reminder email before each transaction is processed.
- How often do the automatic recurring transactions happen?  
You have several options to choose from. It is your choice. We recommend you consider using the monthly option. We do pay transactions fees that include a per transaction fee. Monthly giving strikes a balance between frequent per transaction fees and providing our parishes with a steady flow of income.
- Do I have to pay any fees?  
You as the donor are not required to pay any fees. The fees are charged to us. You have the option of giving from a bank account or with a credit card. The fees to give from a bank account are less. In setting up your transaction, you have the option to check a box to help cover the fees. It will charge you 1% for a transaction from a bank account or 3% for a credit card transaction. For example, if you give \$50 from a checking account and check the box, your transaction will be for a total of \$50.50.
- I already use Bill Pay with my bank to make my contributions. Do I have to switch to online giving?  
No. Bill Pay remains a perfectly acceptable way to make your contributions. In fact, Bill Pay charges us no fees. Your bank may or may not charge you a fee.
- Will I be able to give to the second collections?  
Yes. We will be setting up the second collections in the online giving platform.
- Will I still get a yearly contribution statement?  
Yes, we will still mail you a yearly contribution statement.
- Is it safe?  
We are using ParishSoft's Online Giving Platform and security is a top priority. It
  - Meets *all* the *strictest* PCI/DSS security stands and is PCI complaint
  - Uses SSL certificates and encryption
  - Has intrusion detection and transaction security
  - Is committed to keeping your data safe at all times

Still have questions? Please contact Terri Orbin or Fr. Jeff

*"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)*