

Tired of remembering your church envelopes on those busy Sunday mornings? Automatic withdrawal may be the answer!

We are pleased to announce - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is offering direct withdrawal for your sacrificial giving. If you choose this method of giving, follow these **3 easy steps** to begin:

- 1. You choose** whether you want it to come out of checking or savings
- 2. You choose** an amount
- 3.** Fill out the Direct Payment Program form with required information and send it in or drop off at the church office. Please remember, there is a two week processing time before your first withdrawal can be made.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Is this a **requirement**?
A: No! We are offering this as a convenience to you.
- Once I sign up, can I **quit**?
A: Yes! There is no obligation to continue this service if you decide that it is not working for you. You just need to notify us in writing at least three days before your account would be charged.
- Once I sign up, can I **change** my amount?
A: Yes! We are willing to work with you on the occasion when your financial situation may require a change of amount. It is as simple as filling out a new form. Our hope is you are able to choose an amount and consistently give at that level for an extended period of time. We encourage people to prayerfully reflect their financial gifts to the parish and make increases and decreases according to their own financial wellbeing. **We will never refuse anyone who would like to change their amount.**
- Is there a **minimum** amount to be withdrawn?
A: No! **YOU choose** the amount you would like to give
- Can I stay with my **current bank**, or do I have to switch to the Parish's bank?
A: You do not have to switch banks. We are able to withdraw from any bank or credit union.
- How will my contributions be kept track of? Will I still get a statement at the end of the year for my taxes?
A: Your contributions will be entered into the computer just as they are now. You will receive the same statements you are receiving now.
- What do I do with my envelopes?
A: If you begin this program, you will no longer receive envelopes. If at any time you decide to stop the auto withdrawals, you would again receive envelopes.
- Why has the church decided to offer this program?
A: We feel this could be a benefit for some of our parishioners. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, people are looking for ways to make things a little easier. Once you sign up, it is worry free for you. From the church standpoint, it is a cost saving measure. We can save on the printing of envelopes. It also helps establish a consistent dependable income for the parish.

Of course you may have other questions or concerns. Please feel free to call the parish office at 863-6113 or 845-5180.

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