

Benefits of Electronic Giving

- Intentional and reflective giving is good Stewardship! It empowers you to easily give of your Treasure while providing St. Joseph's with regular, consistent financial support.
- If you miss Mass due to poor weather, health or travel, your gift will continue to go to the church via credit or debit billing.
- You can elect to support the parish with a one time donation, weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual contributions.
- Setting up the donation is simple and easy to do.
- You can stop or suspend payments at any time.
- You will no longer have to worry about writing a check, finding your weekly envelope or having enough cash each week to place in the basket.

Interesting Facts

- Electronic giving at St. Joseph's is 100% secure. Donations received via direct debit and credit cards are better protected than cash or checks. We use a company that is 100% Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliant. All data is stored in a secure location and is regularly audited by the Credit Card Payment Compliance system.
- Credit card and direct debit (money coming from your checking account) transactions have surpassed regular check writing in terms of use. At the current rate of increase in credit card and direct debit payments, it is predicted that by 2010, credit cards, direct debit and electronic transactions will surpass both check writing and cash transactions.
- Virtually every U.S. household has some type of recurring bill, including payments for mortgage/rent, electric/gas utilities, telephone, cable television, internet service, and insurance among others. Fewer households are paying their recurring bills by check than in the past. Actually, check writing to pay recurring bills, continues to decline from 74% in 2000 to 62% currently.
- For the first time automatic payments have surpassed checks as the most common method of paying recurring household bills.
- Credit Card recurring payments is the number 1 method of paying bills automatically.
- The number of bills paid by households using debit card recurring payment has risen to 3 per household, up 76% from 2000.