

Dear Parishioner,

The Sacred Heart Finance Committee is pleased to offer electronic funds transfer (EFT) for those parishioners who are comfortable with paperless transactions and banking by computer as an option for making parish contributions. Using EFT, you can transfer your donation from your checking account directly to Sacred Heart simply by filling out the form below. Whereas the collection envelope has been our sole method in the past, we urge all Sacred Heart members to try this new payment option that can provide ease, convenience, and security. The following is a list of why EFT is a beneficial method of paying offertory commitments for both the parish family and the church.

- There are no checks to write, no checks to remember, and no checks to get lost. Eliminates the hassle of getting out cash every week.
- There is no contract. You can stop, start, or change the amount at anytime.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish pays a small monthly fee, but the parishioners pay nothing. The parish still saves money because EFT reduces processing fees from the bank.
- Withdrawals can be made monthly.
- Offertory record keeping is more accurate, because the church gets monthly statements and these transactions show up on your monthly statements, as well, for verification.
- EFT means that the parish receives your commitment regularly and thus, the church benefits from receiving a more "predictable" cash flow.
- Automatic payments are safer than using cash or hand written checks.
- Receivers do not have access to your bank routing or account number, therefore reducing the opportunity for someone to commit fraudulent transactions.
- Processing time for the collection counters and the parish office can be reduced or even eliminated.

Envelopes will continue to be sent out to those who choose to enroll. This allows you to use the collection basket for gifts by check or cash on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter, to support the debt reduction, or to make an additional gift. If you have any questions, please see any Finance Committee member.

Respectfully,  
Sacred Heart Finance Committee  
Lori Alexander, Bruce Ontrop, Dave Richard, and Kay Wolters

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**Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization**

I authorize Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish to initiate electronic withdrawals from my checking account as indicated below. These withdrawals shall apply to my Offertory contribution to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. This authority shall allow the financial institution named below and on the attached check to permit withdrawals from my account in accordance with these instructions. This authority shall remain in effect until I give written notice to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish to terminate electronic withdrawals.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank \_\_\_\_\_ Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be deducted from my account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK FROM YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT TO THIS FORM.  
RETURN BY DROPPING IN THE COLLECTION BASKET, BY MAIL, OR IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE.**