

INFORMATION FOR ONLINE GIVING

Greetings Holy Spirit Parishioner,

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted our lives in so many different ways. I pray that you and your family are staying healthy and finding strength and courage during these difficult times. The current environment has made operation of the parish more challenging, but the Holy Spirit continues to lead us! We are adapting and thriving thanks to the hard work of the staff and so many dedicated volunteers. Ministries are moving forward in more adaptive ways and weekend and daily masses are back to their full pre-Covid schedules. If you have attended Mass lately, you've most certainly noticed the great care taken to keep our worship spaces safe and sanitary.

Although full Mass schedules are occurring, attendance is down (for understandable reasons) as Idaho remains in Stage 3 of Governor Little's reopening plan which coincides with Bishop Peter's continued dispensation with the obligation to attend Mass for those over the age of 60, those who are immunocompromised, or for those whose anxiety make them apprehensive to attend Mass. Decreased Mass attendance has translated into a decrease in collections. If you are a parishioner that can't attend Mass at this time but are still mailing or dropping your offertory envelopes at the Pastoral Office, I express my gratitude to you.

To make giving to Holy Spirit Catholic Community as convenient and <u>consistent</u> as possible, please consider automated (electronic) giving. This is a simple alternative to writing checks, and it provides an opportunity for you to keep HSCC a priority when it comes to sharing your financial gifts. I ask that you prayerfully consider making automated giving a part of your weekly or monthly routine and that you follow one of the two steps described below to enroll.

NOTE TO PARISHIONERS ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR AUTOMATED GIVING: If you are one of the 160 Parishioners already signed up for automated giving, thank you for your generous and consistent giving! Because we are switching to a new giving platform, YOU MUST RE-ENROLL by following Step 1 or Step 2 below. We've made the decision to switch to the new platform because of its simplicity and its compatibility with our new website. Most importantly, the new platform will cause us to incur less processing fees,

Here are two different ways to startup or re-enroll your Automated Giving:

1) Access our website at hscc.org where you will see a "Giving" link toward the top of the home page. When you arrive at the Giving page, there will be an option to set up your regular/ordinary offering. You can also make capital campaign pledge payments, donate to the Holy Spirit Catholic School Angel Fund, target gifts to charity, etc. Just remember if you want to give to more than one fund, you have to set them up one at a time. There is an option to select

"monthly recurring" or "one time" donations either from your checking account or debit/credit card. We encourage the checking account option as opposed to a card since the Parish will incur less fees, but any and all donations through this page are welcome!

OR

2) Simply complete and sign the enclosed Automated Giving Authorization Form and mail it to the Pastoral Office at 524 N. 7th, Pocatello, ID 83201.

I'm also pleased to let you know that our website has undergone an exciting new upgrade. In addition to the new "Giving" page, you'll notice several other changes that make navigation more simplified and straight-forward. Accessing the website is also a convenient way to view weekend and daily Masses. The broadcasts are also available on the Holy Spirit Catholic Community Facebook page.

Please strongly consider the benefits of automated giving. I also ask in your prayers that you keep in mind those who have been impacted by Covid-19 who have either lost their jobs or have had their incomes reduced. If you have not been economically impacted yourself, consider giving a few extra dollars each week, which will allow us to move forward with important ministries and keep our community vibrant.

If you need assistance navigating the website or completing the attached form, please don't hesitate to call the Pastoral Office at 208-232-1196 and a staff member will help you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Henry Carmona

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