



## St. Thomas More Church

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Dear Parishioner,

We are pleased to announce that our parish will soon be offering an additional option for giving to the church. Beginning in July, Online Giving will be available for parishioners who would like to make donations online. As technology continues to progress, there are more ways that these advances can be utilized for the well-being of our parish life. While I understand this means of giving may be met with some hesitation, we intend to answer your questions and address any concerns you may have.

Our Sunday Visitor has been chosen as our Online Giving provider. Our Sunday Visitor serves millions of Catholics worldwide through its publishing, offertory and communication services. Established in 1912 by a local parish priest, Our Sunday Visitor has grown into the nation's largest supplier of offering envelopes, parish and diocesan mailings, books, periodicals, curriculum, address management and stewardship services. Our Sunday Visitor is a not-for-profit organization, donating a portion of net earnings back to the Catholic community through the OSV Institute. They also boast the highest security standards and most flexible capabilities for Online Giving.

As for the Online Giving service itself, there are many benefits for the parish as well as parishioners that choose to use it. Some of the benefits include:

### Parishioner Benefits

- No need for checks
- Option to remain anonymous  
Financial planning allows you to align your paychecks with your parish's offertory schedule
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend parish services
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of any benefits such as airline mileage or cash bonuses  
Use Online Giving in conjunction with offering envelopes
- No need to share confidential account information with parish staff; enter it directly into the Online Giving secure site

### Parish Benefits

- No check processing fees
- Increases regular giving with recurring contributions
- More accurate revenue forecasting
- Provides electronic donation summary for tax purposes
- Reaches a wider demographic of givers
- Accommodates special parish collections and missions
- Eliminates parish staff's concerns regarding security of sensitive data
- Allows staff to focus on parish ministries and activities rather than envelopes and contribution recording

Please understand that Online Giving is not intended to replace the traditional act of Sunday offertory, rather it is meant to enhance it. Please prayerfully consider Online Giving. Visit our parish website at [www.stmdarienct.org](http://www.stmdarienct.org) for more information or to sign up.

God Bless,

*Fr. J. Barry Furey*  
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Pastor



# Online Giving

## What are the benefits for me and my parish for using Online Giving?

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# Online Giving FAQs

## **What are the advantages of Online Giving?**

It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you are unable to attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan its budget!

## **How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?**

Once you create your account, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

## **When will my contribution be deducted from my account?**

Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify.

## **If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?**

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

## **Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?**

Your bank statement provides an itemized list of electronic transactions as well as your online reports.

## **Can I put different amounts in offerings and have all of them withdrawn at different times?**

You can set up to contribute to different offerings at different times; However, you will have to do each one separately. You will receive a receipt for each one.

## **What if I change bank accounts?**

Simply login and update your account information.

## **What if I try Online Giving and don't like it?**

You can cancel your authorization by deleting your credit card and/or bank account information along with your donation dates.

## **How do I sign up for Online Giving?**

1. Visit your parish website at [www.stmdarienct.org](http://www.stmdarienct.org)
2. Click on the Online Giving link
3. Click on the Create New Account link

It's that simple!

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