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Thank you for your support of Blessed Trinity Catholic Parishes!

✝ **Electronic ACH Contributions** are an easy, safe and secure way for you to support **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph** on a monthly basis without having to write a check or bring an envelope to Mass. In addition to making contributions for regular church support, you are able to make ongoing contributions to a specific need such as our building fund, education fund, etc. You can authorize electronic contributions of any amount for a month, a year, or however long you would like. ACH enrollments forms are available on our website – www.blesstrinity.org

✝ **Electronic PayPal Contributions** are secure and easy using your debit card, credit card or PayPal account. Make a one-time contribution to **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph** or set up your ongoing gift to support parish needs using the **DONATE** button on our website.

✝ **Gifts of Grain** are a great way to support **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph** and also provide a tax benefit to you if done properly. Follow the **Grain Contribution Instructions** and use the **Grain Ownership Transfer Form** – available on our website to gift your grain to **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph**.

✝ **Gifts of Stock** avoid capital gains tax! If you own appreciated stock or property, you may wish to consider giving the stock or property to your parish rather than cash. You are able to deduct the full value of the stock, avoid the capital gains tax and make a substantial gift to **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph**. Please use the **Stock Transfer Form** – available on our website.

✝ Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need! By naming **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph**, you'll provide lasting financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well. Leave a legacy to your parish by contacting your insurance agent. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and it can be done in less than 5 minutes.

✝ Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn't have to happen. Planned giving programs can be a great gifting opportunity to **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph** providing lasting financial support and preserving your Catholic heritage.

✝ Did you know that the average age of a farmer in Iowa is 57 years old? This is also the age when many people begin to make plans for their retirement in the next 10-15 years. Farmers have a unique problem to deal with when they retire: *What to do with their farmland?* Consider gifting farmland to **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph** providing lasting financial support and preserving your Catholic heritage. Farmland donations can be in the form of a **Charitable Gift Annuity** which can decrease the amount of your capital gains as well as provide you with income for life.

✝ Did you know you can receive a tax credit worth 65% of your gift by making a contribution to the **Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation**? That's right – give \$1000 and receive an Iowa tax credit of \$650! Anyone with an Iowa tax liability is eligible to give! Plus – your contribution may also qualify as an itemized deduction on your federal tax return. When you make your contribution to the Lafferty Foundation, you may designate Bishop Garrigan Schools to use your contribution in the form of tuition scholarships for **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph** students!

✝ Do you want more income for your retirement years? Do you want to receive guaranteed annual income while making a gift to **Sacred Heart, St. John the Baptist or St. Joseph**? The Diocese of Sioux City is licensed through the State of Iowa to act in the interest of donors and Catholic entities in the Diocese of Sioux City to administer **Charitable Gift Annuities**. Depending on the donor's age, the return on investment can be quite substantial and provide competitive rates of return as well as potential significant tax savings to donors. Check with your financial adviser or the diocesan Office of Stewardship for more information – 712.233.7524.

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