
ELECTRONIC GIVING

Good Shepherd offers two electronic giving options that may be convenient for you – automated giving using your checking or savings account (we’ll call this **automated giving**) and online giving using your credit or debit card (we’ll call this **online giving**). You may already use electronic giving for payment of your recurring bills. We’re asking you to consider using it for your regular contributions to Good Shepherd.

With electronic giving, your contributions are automatically deposited to the parish account on a regular schedule. This is helpful for many reasons: it eliminates frequent check writing, saving you time and effort; it reduces the volume of check and cash contributions that must be manually processed in the church office, saving our staff and volunteers time and effort and eliminating opportunities for error; it eliminates the cost of postage for those who typically mail in their checks; and it ensures your contribution makes it to us even if you can’t. Plus, it helps you to make an intentional decision about consistent giving.

AUTOMATED GIVING (CHECKING OR SAVINGS)

With automated giving, you can choose to make payments semi-monthly (on the 2nd and 16th of each month) or monthly (on either the 2nd or the 16th of each month). Your contributions can be withdrawn from any financial institution and will appear on your monthly bank statement as automatic withdrawals (listed with the regular checks you write).

Automated giving must be initiated with a paper form because your signature is required. The form is available in this packet (*Authorization for Automated Giving Using Your Checking or Savings Account*). Additionally, you may call the parish office (763.544.0416) to request a form.

ONLINE GIVING (CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD)

With online giving, you can use your credit or debit card to make one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) payments on whatever date(s) you choose. To access online giving, click the green “Give Online” button on the Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdgv.org). That will direct you to the Vanco giving portal, where you can create your profile and set up your payment preferences. Vanco is the company that manages online giving.

Please note that when you donate using your credit or debit card, Good Shepherd is responsible for the processing fees. These fees reduce the total amount of your donation by about three percent (3%). If you elect to give in this way, please consider increasing your donation by three percent so that we will receive the amount you desire to give. So, if you were choosing to give \$100 per month, you could make it \$103. You don’t need to do this, of course, but every little bit helps. Alternatively, you could use automated giving (above) and bypass this fee altogether.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the advantages of electronic giving?

It saves time, saves work, eliminates postage, and simplifies your giving. You also help the parish stabilize its budget and reduce the time spent on bookkeeping.

Will electronic giving also cover the special collections throughout the year?

No. Electronic giving is designed only to provide for your regular parish support. That is one reason you will still receive an envelope packet. For special collections, you should use the envelopes provided in your packet to make a contribution by check or cash.

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

Since your contribution is made at an established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Automated giving contributions will show up on your bank statement as automatic withdrawals. Online giving contributions will show up on your credit or debit card statements.

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

We will send out regular statements. Also, each transaction will show up on your own bank or credit card statements.

What if I change banks or close a credit card?

Your automated giving authorization will expire with the closing of your old account. For automated giving, you would need to submit a new authorization form for your new bank to the parish office. For online giving, you would need to update your account profile.

How much does it cost to use electronic giving?

Automated giving using your checking or savings account is free to use. Online giving is also free to use, but it does cost the parish about 3% in processing fees.

What if I try electronic giving and do not like it?

You can cancel your authorization for automated giving by notifying the parish office in writing. You might also want to contact your bank directly, but please make sure to inform the parish first, so that we do not continue attempting to make the transfer. You can cancel your online giving in the Vanco giving portal.

What if I want to change the amount of my contribution?

You may submit a new authorization form to change the amount or schedule of your automated giving contributions at any time. With online giving, you can make the changes yourself.

BREAKING DOWN YOUR ANNUAL GIVING

The charts below are meant to help you determine how much to give each month or week based on your annual income. They will be useful when setting up your automated or online giving. We encourage you to determine the percentage of your annual income that you are able to give this year, and then to grow that by 0.5% to 1% per year until you are able to give a full tithe of 10% or more. For more information on tithing, please see the document titled *On Tithing: From the Archdiocese of Saint Louis*.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION BY PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME										
Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$30,000	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250
\$40,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$233	\$267	\$300	\$333
\$50,000	\$42	\$83	\$125	\$167	\$208	\$250	\$292	\$333	\$375	\$417
\$60,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500
\$70,000	\$58	\$117	\$175	\$233	\$292	\$350	\$408	\$467	\$525	\$583
\$80,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400	\$467	\$533	\$600	\$667
\$90,000	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$375	\$450	\$525	\$600	\$675	\$750
\$100,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500	\$583	\$667	\$750	\$833
\$110,000	\$92	\$183	\$275	\$367	\$458	\$550	\$642	\$733	\$825	\$917
\$120,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000
\$130,000	\$108	\$217	\$325	\$433	\$542	\$650	\$758	\$867	\$975	\$1,083
\$140,000	\$117	\$233	\$350	\$467	\$583	\$700	\$817	\$933	\$1,050	\$1,167
\$150,000	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625	\$750	\$875	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,250

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION BY PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME										
Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%
\$30,000	\$6	\$12	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$35	\$40	\$46	\$52	\$58
\$40,000	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$46	\$54	\$62	\$69	\$77
\$50,000	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$67	\$77	\$87	\$96
\$60,000	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$69	\$81	\$92	\$104	\$115
\$70,000	\$13	\$27	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$81	\$94	\$108	\$121	\$135
\$80,000	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$92	\$108	\$123	\$138	\$154
\$90,000	\$17	\$35	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$104	\$121	\$138	\$156	\$173
\$100,000	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$135	\$154	\$173	\$192
\$110,000	\$21	\$42	\$63	\$85	\$106	\$127	\$148	\$169	\$190	\$212
\$120,000	\$23	\$46	\$69	\$92	\$115	\$138	\$162	\$185	\$208	\$231
\$130,000	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250
\$140,000	\$27	\$54	\$81	\$108	\$135	\$162	\$188	\$215	\$242	\$269
\$150,000	\$29	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$173	\$202	\$231	\$260	\$288

**AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATED GIVING
USING YOUR CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

I authorize Good Shepherd Catholic Church to initiate entries to debit my account:

Checking Account Number: _____

OR

Savings Account Number: _____

Name of Financial Institution: _____

Address of Financial Institution: _____

Financial Institution Routing Number (between these symbols **■ ■** on the bottom of your check):

CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Please select one of the following options for your electronic gift.

Amount: \$ _____ Monthly on the 2nd of each month

Amount: \$ _____ Monthly on the 16th of each month

Amount: \$ _____ Semi-monthly on the 2nd & 16th of each month

AUTHORIZATION

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until Good Shepherd has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford Good Shepherd a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip.

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Number: _____

SUBMITTING THE FORM

Return this slip with voided check or savings deposit slip to:

Business Administrator
Good Shepherd Church
145 Jersey Avenue S
Golden Valley, MN 55426