



Direct Debit/ACH Information

What is a direct debit/ACH contribution?

A direct debit/ACH contribution is an automatic transfer program, which allows you to make contributions to your church without writing checks.

What are the advantages of a direct debit/ACH contribution?

It saves you time. It simplifies your life. You also help your church stabilize its budget and this method is very low cost to the church.

How is my direct debit/ACH contribution deducted from my account?

Once you authorize the transfer, your specified contribution is electronically transferred directly from your checking account to the church's account.

When will my contribution be deducted from my account?

Your contribution will be deducted from your account on the date(s) you specify.

If I don't 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.

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

Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transfers. It's your proof of contribution. We also send tax receipts for the previous year each January.

Is direct debit/ACH contribution risky?

Actually, a direct debit/ACH contribution is less risky than check contribution. It can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail, and it is very accurate.

What if I change bank accounts?

How do I sign up for direct debit/ACH giving?

Download a new direct debit/ACH form from the website and return the completed form. Blank forms are also available outside the parish's main office.

How much does direct debit/ACH contribution cost?

It costs you nothing.

What if I try direct debit/ACH contribution and don't like it?

You can cancel your authorization for the electronic contribution at any time by notifying St. Thomas the Apostle in writing, by email to jsimmons@stapostle.org, or by telephone the parish business office. Once you've enjoyed the convenience, time and money savings of electronic contribution, we doubt you'll want to go back to making contributions the way you did before.

Questions?

Call the business office at 630.355.8980, x106.