

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Electronic Contribution

What is an electronic contribution?

An electronic contribution is an automatic transfer program, which allows you to make contributions to your church without writing checks.

What are the advantages of an electronic contribution?

It saves you time. It simplifies your life. You also help your church to stabilize its budget and save check and cash processing costs.

How is my electronic contribution automatically deducted from my account?

Once you complete the authorization form, 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, according to your choice, on the 5th and/or the 20th of each month.

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 provide an annual giving summary at the end of each year for your records, as is done for envelope contributions.

Is an electronic contribution risky?

Actually, an electronic contribution is less risky than check contribution. It can't be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail, and it has an extremely high rate of accuracy.

What if I change bank accounts?

The business office will provide a new authorization form to complete; call, stop in, or simply download a new form.

How much does an electronic contribution cost?

It costs you nothing.

What if I try electronic contribution and don't like it?

You can cancel your authorization for the electronic contribution at any time by notifying St. Thomas the Apostle business office by e-mail, in writing or by telephone. If you wish to resume electronic contribution, a new authorization form will be required.

How do I sign up for electronic contribution?

Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the church office along with a voided check.

Why do I still get envelopes?

Besides regular Sunday envelopes, the envelope packet includes holy days collection envelopes for All Saints Day, Ascension, Assumption, etc. as well as special collections for Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services and others at a cost (to the church) of about 28 cents per month. If you do not wish to continue receiving the packets containing these special collection/Sunday envelopes, contact Marilyn DeMeo in the business office at (630) 355-8980, ext. 107 or mdemeo@stapostle.org.