

Dear Parishioner:

"... For God loves a cheerful giver." Over the years you have proven yourself to be one of the faithful stewards in our parish community. Through your generosity we have been able to hand on the faith to generations of young people in our faith formation program, reach out to the poor and needy in our parish outreach, maintain and modernize our Church and parish buildings and grounds, and deepen our parish spirituality through vibrant and faith filled liturgies and prayer.

Like most of you, I have made financial contributions to St. Kilian Church using checks from my checkbook. And like many of you, I have begun paying my credit card bills online through automatic deductions from my checking account. I have discovered that going paperless is not only environmentally sound, but efficient and less painful than check writing.

Our diocese of Rockville Centre, like hundreds of Catholic dioceses in the country, is encouraging Catholics to make donations through "automatic deductions" from personal credit card, or checking or bank account. It is easier for the parish to budget and keep track of parish income. In addition, when a parishioner is on vacation - or church services are canceled because of a blizzard, the weekly contribution remains consistent, and our parish bills can still be paid! This will be a great relief for me as your Pastor.

With automated giving, our donation will be made on a schedule that we can determine; weekly or monthly. We can still use our weekly envelope in the Offertory at mass, simply check the box for 'on-line giving' on the envelope and place it in the Offertory basket. To sign up for 'on-line giving' simply go to our website www.stkilian.com and click on the 'We Share' link to get started.

If you have further questions please contact our parish Business Manager, Ed Fronckwicz at edwardf@stkilian.com and he will be able to assist you.

I am deeply grateful for all that you do to proclaim Jesus Christ with your words and deeds, and with your contributions to the work of our church. You make the Gospel of Christ come alive at St. Kilian.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Bruce J Powers, Pastor