



# Online Giving

from Our Sunday Visitor

Online Giving is a direct payment program where your contributions are automatically debited from the account of your choice into the church's bank account.

You can debit contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card accounts.

## Advantages to Online Giving:

- ◆ Easier to fulfill stewardship commitments, even if you are unable to attend Mass on Sunday.
- ◆ More secure than carrying cash or checks to church.
- ◆ Helps the church save money!

## Is the Online Giving program secure?

- ◆ The website uses a secure browser connection to process your transactions and protect your information. With this secure connection, you will be ensured that all of your information you enter is encrypted.
- ◆ There is a time-out feature to log you off if you are inactive for a certain amount of time. This way, if you were to leave your computer unattended, no one gains unauthorized access to your account.
- ◆ Your information is stored on secure servers that are contained behind firewalls and other defense systems to prevent unauthorized access.
- ◆ Electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed, and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.

## Frequent Questions about Online Giving:

- ◆ How and when are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?  
*The contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from the account of your choice to the church's account. The contributions are debited on the date that you specify.*
- ◆ How do I keep my account balance straight?  
*All electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with the date of settlement, as well as your online reports.*
- ◆ Without a canceled check, how do I prove I made my contribution?  
*Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transactions as well as your online reports.*
- ◆ Can I put different amounts in offerings and have all of them withdrawn at different times?  
*You can set up your profile to contribute to different offerings at different times; however, you will have to enter each one separately. You will receive a receipt for each contribution.*
- ◆ What if I change bank accounts or credit cards?  
*Login and update your account information.*
- ◆ What if I try Online Giving and don't like it?  
*You can cancel your authorization by deleting your bank accounts and donation dates.*

## How to sign up:

- ◆ Complete the online registration form and select the donations and the amount you would like to donate along with your bank account or credit card information. It's that easy!
- ◆ You can access the Online Giving website through the parish website ([www.stmarysbismarck.org](http://www.stmarysbismarck.org)) or by going directly to their website ([www.osvonlinegiving.com/482](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/482)).