



More Information on E-Giving

Last weekend's Bulletin provided much information about the increasingly popular way of supporting your parish through the use of Electronic Fund Transfers. When these transfers, which are now so commonly used for the direct deposit of our paychecks and for the payment of regular expenses are used for charitable causes, they have been nick named as E-Giving. That information is available at the church entrances and has been posted at our website, stmatthewsvoorheesville.org.

Because we will soon be offering our parishioners the ability to support Saint Matthew's in this easy, reliable, and secure way, here is some additional information for you to consider.

Q: Is E-Giving something new?

A: Many charities and non-profit organizations have depended on electronic contributions for years. Several Catholic parishes in our diocese are now offering this option of parish support, including our neighbors at Saint Thomas and Christ the King.

Q: Who will be administering the program for Saint Matthew's?

A: Saint Matthew's has chosen to use the services of E-Giving Systems. Which is a private company founded to assist Christian congregations in promoting the Kingdom of God. You can visit their website at egivingsystems.org

Q: Why did Saint Matthew's choose E-Giving Systems?

A: The finance committee interviewed and researched several types of electronic funds transfer companies. What we found is that E-Giving Systems combined a low cost to the church and no cost to parishioners. They have 20 years experience in electronic payment processing, and will provide support and training to those from the parish who will be working with them.

Q: Is it Secure?

A: E-Giving systems partners with Stewardship Technology as its Web-Based processing agent. Stewardship Technology uses 128 bit encryption, the same encryption that is used in the banking industry. The company has completed a SAS audit and is SAS 70 compliant. They are PCI compliant, which means they maintain a secure environment for all credit card transactions. All of their processing complies with the latest regulations and certifications required.

Q: How do I sign up for E-Giving?

A: All you need to do is complete an authorization form, and provided us with a voided check or deposit ticket. E-Giving Systems will then work with our staff to establish your account with the processor directly.

Next weekend members of our parish Finance Committee will be available after liturgy to answer any questions that you might have. They will also be able to assist those of you who would like to use this modern technology to better meet the ancient responsibility of Christian Stewardship.