

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

Questions and Answers About Electronic Giving

What is an electronic contribution?

An electronic contribution is an automatic transfer of your contribution from your check or savings account to the Blessed Trinity account.

Why should I consider an electronic contribution?

Good stewardship asks us to give to God our "first fruits," not our leftovers, and to make our gift to God a priority in our lives. Electronic giving is one way to help us establish stewardship as a priority.

How does an electronic contribution work?

Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred to the parish account on the dates you specify.

If I don't write checks, how can 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 cancelled checks, what can I use as a record of my contributions?

Your bank statement will provide you with a list of your transactions. The parish will also send year-end statements of your contributions for tax purposes.

Are electronic contributions risky?

Electronic fund transfers are regulated by the Federal Reserve and less risky than checks. Electronic transfers cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.

How much do electronic contributions cost?

Electronic contributions cost you nothing. The parish pays a small fee to Vanco Services, Inc. – the company managing the electronic transfers.

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

You can cancel electronic giving at any time by notifying the parish office.

How can I change the amount or frequency of my tithing?

You can change the amount or frequency of your tithe amount by completing a new authorization form and returning to the parish.

Will I still receive offertory envelopes?

You can continue to receive envelopes if you want. Many people appreciate the symbolism of putting an envelope into the collection basket each week.

How does the parish know that I have made an electronic contribution?

The management company will send Blessed Trinity a report indicating individual contributions for the upcoming transfer date.

How can I sign up for electronic contributions?

Sign up for electronic giving by completing and signing the authorization form. Return this for to the parish office along with a voided check or savings deposit slip.