

The Church of

Saint Michael the Archangel

Electronic Giving - the way of the future, the way of the present!

In response to many requests in recent years, St. Michael Church is excited to offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. Many of you are probably already doing most or all of your financial transactions online. You know how easy it is to sit down and take care of business with a few clicks of a mouse each month. This is an opportunity to know that you have taken care of your parish each week as well in the simplest way possible.

Give it a try!

- ✓ Safe and secure: St. Michael Church will protect the privacy of your financial information.
- ✓ You are in control: You may change your amounts or withdraw from the program with 30 days' notice.
- ✓ No more scrambling for checks, cash or envelopes before (or even during) Mass.

Your choice of EFT is of great assistance to St. Michael's as well. Just consider what happens when a major weather event occurs on a weekend and people are unable to attend Mass. Such an event can reduce the church's monthly income by as much as 25%. While we are blessed with many conscientious parishioners who make up their offering when they are unable to attend Mass or are on vacation, EFT allows the parish to receive a consistent and reliable weekly income which helps us better meet our financial obligations year-round.

One thing that concerns many people when making this change is how it appears to their fellow parishioners when they do not put anything in the collection basket. This is an understandable concern, given that this is a new method of giving, and it takes time to get used to any change. Rest assured that you will continue to receive your weekly envelopes as long as you want them. Simply write "EFT" on the envelope and place it in the basket, thereby eliminating any sense of discomfort at Mass.

Please feel free to call the office, 860-599-5580, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday - Friday, with any questions at all. We want you to feel completely comfortable with your choice.

To enroll, please complete the form on the reverse side of this page, attach a blank, voided check, and return to St. Michael's by mail, or by way of the collection basket.

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