

Automatic Electronic Offering Plan

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Before you begin, please note: This form must be received 15 days before your desired effective date. Please attach a voided check or deposit slip. Please verify ALL information with your financial institution before returning the form to Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn.

Name _____ Address _____

Envelope Number _____ Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Financial Institution Name _____	Checking Account Number _____
Routing/ABA Number (9 digits preceding your account number) _____	

I (We) authorize the transfer to Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn, Michigan of the amounts as shown, beginning on _____:

My (Our) regular offering for our Sacred Heart Community is to be made:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <i>On or about the first business day of each week</i>	Dollar Amount \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <i>First week of the month</i>	Dollar Amount \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually <i>Specify when _____</i>	Dollar Amount \$ _____

Holy Days and Other Parish Funds

Christmas , December 25	\$ _____	<i>Annually within the week of Christmas</i>
Mary Mother of God , January 1	\$ _____	<i>Annually within the first week of the month</i>
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary , August 15	\$ _____	<i>Annually within the first week of the month</i>
All Saints , November 1	\$ _____	<i>Annually within the first week of the month</i>
Immaculate Conception , December 8	\$ _____	<i>Annually within the first week of the month</i>
Capital Improvement , Every month	\$ _____	<i>Monthly within the fourth week of the month</i>
Flower and Decorations , March and December	\$ _____	<i>December and March, within the 3rd week of the month</i>
Mt. Kelly Cemetery , April and November	\$ _____	<i>April and November, within the 3rd week of the month</i>

National and Archdiocesan Collections

Church in Central and Eastern Europe , February	\$ _____	
Catholic Relief Services , March	\$ _____	
Peter's Pence , June	\$ _____	<i>* Each national and archdiocesan collection will</i>
Clergy Retirement , September	\$ _____	<i>be transferred within the second week of the</i>
Propagation of the Faith – Mission Sunday , October	\$ _____	<i>month in which the collection falls.</i>
Catholic Charities of South East Michigan , November	\$ _____	
Retirement Fund for Religious , December	\$ _____	

Authorization for Pre-Authorized Fixed Withdrawals for deposit into the account of Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn: By completing this form, you authorize Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn, Michigan, and Alliance Catholic Credit Union to electronically debit the specified checking account for the credit of your church envelope account. You may choose to make changes or to cancel this church support with fifteen days written notice to Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn, MI.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Supplemental envelopes may be used for any collection or fund for which you choose not to set up electronic offerings. Envelopes will be available in the parish office and at the church entrances or in the pews.

On Being Good Stewards Called By Christ, Gifted by the Spirit

Christian stewardship is the commitment we make in response to God's generosity: to live a life of gratitude, to make daily decisions to glorify God, and to share ourselves and our gifts generously as circumstances and talents allow. The first mark of a Christian steward is a life of gratitude. God has endowed us with more gifts than we can count or even imagine—life and faith, time and relationships, health, skills and material wealth. Everything we have is a gift from God and a Christian thanks God daily for these blessings.

Our daily decisions reveal our priorities. Good stewardship means making daily, conscious choices that glorify God and serve the needs of others and the community. Others should be able to recognize us as Christian disciples by the place God holds in our daily living.

Good stewardship always takes into account four broad areas: praying to God, nurturing our families and other relationships, sharing our gifts and talents, giving back to God. A life of stewardship calls out of us the best we can offer in those areas.

For some, the electronic offering plan on the reverse side may be a helpful option in giving back to God. If you have questions about the plan or would like assistance in signing up, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 313-278-5555.

The Weekly Offering, Holy Days, and Other Parish Funds

Every parish depends on the weekly offering of parishioners and visitors as its main source of income. The weekly collection allows a parish to do its work, providing education and religious formation, worship, opportunities for service and fellowship and all the other events that typically happen in a parish. The weekly collection is much like the paycheck a person receives; its regular and dependable nature helps a parish to plan well and to flourish.

Holy Day collections and certain other funds (like the Mount Kelly Cemetery collection, the collections for capital projects, and the collections for flowers and decorations in church) provide for other, more specific needs in a parish. The Christmas collection in parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit is not assessed by the Archdiocese as are other collections; the Christmas collection is an important source of support in every parish.

National and Archdiocesan Collections

Each year national and archdiocesan collections are taken up. Brief descriptions of these collections are provided below. Further information about the national collections can be found at <http://uscgb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/index.cfm>. Information on stewardship and giving in the Archdiocese of Detroit can be found at <http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/ways-to-give/>.

Church in Central and Eastern Europe – Supports the church in Central and Eastern Europe after decades of oppression and persecution; provides grants to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation, and the sharing of the Gospel through the media.

Catholic Relief Services Collection – Values families by providing for basic humanitarian needs; protects vulnerable children, reunites families, and encourages legislation that reflects the importance of family in society. CRS efforts span the globe, helping families on every continent from every place and background, addressing a myriad of needs.

Peter's Pence – Provides the Holy Father, Pope Francis, with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Clergy Retirement – Provides financial stability in the form of a pension, health care and other benefits for retired priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit and insures future security for active priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit. This collection helps to defray the total amount of those costs which Sacred Heart Parish is assessed annually by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Propagation of the Faith – Mission Sunday – Aids the missions by providing for instruction of children and those entering the church, construction of churches, medical centers and pastoral missions, offers assistance to missionary dioceses.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan – As of November 2014, this collection replaces the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This collection provides help with professional services for children, teens, adults and families in the six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It assists with adoption and foster care, senior and volunteer services, Hispanic outreach services, immigration and refugee resettlement.

Retirement Fund for Religious – Assists communities of sisters and nuns, religious priests and religious brothers provide for the long-term retirement and health care needs of more than 34,000 Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70.