

# *St. Raphael The Archangel*

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## **Online Giving Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***1. What is Online Giving?***

Online Giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account into St. Raphael's bank account.

### ***2. What are the advantages of Online Giving?***

It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you can't attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and improve its budget!

### ***3. How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?***

Once you complete the online registration form, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to St. Raphael's bank account.

### ***4. Can I make contributions other than the Sunday Mass offering?***

Yes. Various contribution categories are available including the Annual Angel Appeal, school tuition and fees, Club Tobias, Thanksgiving, Retired Religious, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Relief Services, St. Vincent de Paul Society, summer camp program, and many, many more.

### ***5. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?***

Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the donation form.

### ***6. If I do not write checks, how do 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. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

### ***7. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?***

Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transactions as well as your online reports.

### ***8. Can I put different amounts in offerings and have all of them withdrawn at different times?***

Yes, you can set up to contribute to different offerings at different times; however, you will have to do each one separately. You will receive a receipt for each one.

### ***9. What if I change bank accounts?***

Simply login and update your account information.

### ***10. Is Online Giving risky?***

It is far less risky than writing checks or bringing cash to church. Electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.

### ***11. What if I try Online Giving and don't like it?***

You can cancel your authorization by deleting your bank accounts and donation dates.

### ***12. How do I sign up for Online Giving?***

Complete the online registration form and select the donations and the amount you would like to donate along with your credit or debit card information. It's that easy!