

Help Keep Saint Michael's Out of Its SUMMER SLUMP!



What's a **SUMMER SLUMP** and how does it effect Saint Michael Parish? Each summer, from June thru mid-September, the weekly offertory suffers a serious decrease while many of our parishioners are away on vacation, visiting friends, attending family gatherings or just at the beach for a day. But the reality is that we still have financial obligations.

Currently 3% of parishioners contribute through online giving and it would be a blessing to increase that number. Our offertory needs to be at least \$8,000 every week for us to be financially stable.

A way you can help the parish combat the impending **SUMMER SLUMP** is to register for **ONLINE GIVING**, which is a direct payment program where your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, debit or credit card account into the parish's account. This program has the potential to be a huge benefit for us because it will help bring consistency to summer offertories.

ONLINE GIVING can also reap benefits for **YOU!** Here's how:

- ✓ Your contribution is safe and secure.
- ✓ No need to remember to bring cash or check with you to Mass.
 - ✓ Sets contribution dates to align with your pay dates.
 - ✓ Allows you to contribute even if you're not attending Mass.
- ✓ You receive an email reminder before contribution is processed.
 - ✓ Contributions can be easily modified.
 - ✓ Automatic contributions can be stopped at any time.
 - ✓ Contributions are easily made.
 - ✓ View your giving summary online.
 - ✓ Excellent for record-keeping.
- ✓ Schedule contributions from the privacy of your own home.
 - ✓ You can remain anonymous.

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REGISTERING FOR ONLINE GIVING IS SAFE AND SIMPLE!

You must be pre-registered to participate. This can be done in just a few quick steps on your computer.

1. Go online to our parish website, www.saint-michael.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page, where you'll see an **Online Giving** icon. Click on it.
2. Next, you'll come to the **Online Giving** introductory page. To the right of the page, you'll see the Online Giving icon with "**Register Now.**" Click on that.
3. The Welcome page will have a "**Create New Account**" button. Click on it.
4. **New User Account Registration** is where you'll enter your name, address and create a user ID and password. You'll then enter your bank account or card information. Next will be "**Gift Selection**" where you can select "**Weekly Offertory**", then the frequency, amount and date of your gift.
5. Annual **Second Collections** are also listed under "**Gift Selections.**"



Did you know that there's an Online Giving app?

No cash? No check? No problem!

*Contributing to Saint Michael's can be as easy as a few taps on your phone. Go to the App Store or Google Play and sign up for **Online Giving** using the same steps listed above. Schedule your weekly offertory or make a one-time contribution to a weekly or second collection.*

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON GUIDELINES OR REGISTRATION, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE MANAGER MATTHEW MCKENNA AT 978-459-0713.

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