

Envelopes and Contributions FAQ

Do I need envelopes?

Envelopes – or at least your unique envelope number – help us track your contributions in order to report back to you each year on your charitable giving if you are giving by check or cash. So the answer is “no” you do not need an envelope to give, but it will help us record your contributions and report back to you each year for tax or other purposes.

What if I give online or through my bank account?

If you give online or through ACH withdrawal, we track these payments on your record automatically. You may opt in of envelopes if you wish to have special offering envelopes. You do not need to submit the empty offertory envelopes as a reminder of your electronic payment. If you wish to place the envelope in the basket, you may simply write “online” in the space provided, rather than an actual dollar amount. You can now give to special collections online! Visit www.sthenry.org and click the Online Giving icon.

You may contact Eileen Miller at emiller2@sthenry.org or 615-352-2259 to request temporary envelopes for new parishioners or to opt in or out of envelopes if you are using electronic payments.

I missed Mass for a few weeks due to vacation/illness/other. What should I do with my envelopes?

You do not need to submit each individual weekly offering in their designated envelope. We appreciate your commitment to “catching up” your contribution, but you may always feel free to do so with one check in one envelope. You can also do so online if you desire. The same applies if you find yourself unable to contribute for any reason, for any period of time. We are happy to welcome your next contribution and apply it in one payment when you are able to give again.

Why do I need a pledge card?

The pledge card is your commitment to St. Henry church for each year and we will ask for them to be renewed annually. This pledge helps us know what to expect from our parishioners as we attempt to meet the needs of our parish and school. We understand that throughout the course of the year your needs may change and your ability to fulfill your pledge may change. You do not need to alter your pledge card – you may if you wish – and you will never be billed for any unfulfilled portion of your pledge. We are simply trying to have an educated estimate of our ability to fund our church and ministries. All pledges are welcome, no matter how small.

Is there anything else I should know or could do to help with the offertory?

If you're a new member, simply write “New Member” on your check memo and we'll ensure your early contributions match up to your member record. If you use envelopes, try not to staple or tape the envelopes, cash or checks, to prevent mishaps with our deposit process. And, by all means, feel free to continue submitting loose cash. The origami heart-shaped dollar bill is sometimes the most treasured.

Thank you for your generosity and your dedication to St. Henry Church!