



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Good Shepherd Families;

We are in the midst of our Fall Stewardship Renewal Process and commitment of our God-given gifts to our parish. Every year we ask parishioners to discern their gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and use them to live our vision and mission to be the people and parish God wants us to be. We have many successful ministries and activities accomplished through the dedication of countless hours of volunteer support and offertory giving of parishioners.

Life has a way of evolving in ways that we just cannot imagine. We use money, pay bills, and make donations in different ways than in the past. ATM machines, automatic debits for bill payments, and credit cards for purchases provide many options. These new approaches are convenient, safe, and a great help to those who choose to take advantage of them and to organizations or companies with whom we do business.

The Finance Council researched several companies and made the recommendation to collaborate with *Faith Direct* to provide electronic fund transfer services for our parish. As technological advances continue to shape our world, automated contributions will be the vehicle for an increasing number of Catholics to fulfill their stewardship support of the parish. I invite you to participate with *Faith Direct* as a convenient way to fulfill your very generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church.

Through *Faith Direct*, you can make all of your contributions to Good Shepherd via automatic payments from your checking account or credit card, as you may do now with mortgage payments, utilities, and other expenses. *Faith Direct* offers a secure way for you to send, and our parish to receive, your regular contributions while on vacation, business trips, or an illness prevents you from attending Mass.

Should you elect to participate in this program, *Faith Direct* will provide you with a personalized “offertory card” that you can choose to place in the collection basket as a visible sign of your support.

An enrollment form is enclosed for this convenient way to support our parish family with your contributions. Please visit the *Faith Direct* website, www.faithdirect.net, for more information or securely enroll online using our parish code **VA208**. With online enrollment, you will be able to access your account at any time to view and make changes to your account information and gifts. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

I appreciate your generosity and pray you realize the importance of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to Good Shepherd parish and ministries. Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Peace,

Rev. Chuck McCoart
Pastor