

Simply Giving®

FAQs for Donors

Q: How does the Simply Giving® program work?

A: Your offerings are transferred electronically from your bank or credit union checking or savings account. They are deposited directly into St Stephen the Martyr's account. As a result, your contributions cannot be lost, stolen, or forgotten.

Our Financial Secretary receives a detailed report from Vanco listing each participant's completed transaction during the period. This information is recorded in the member's giving record and a summary statement is sent periodically during the year and at year end for member's tax preparation purposes.

Q: Are there any fees involved with the program?

A: There are no fees charged to individuals.

Q: How often can funds be withdrawn electronically from my account?

A: As you designate, funds can be withdrawn once a week (on Mondays), or monthly (on the 1st or 15th).

Q: Can contributions be directed to specific funds within the church?

A: Contributions may be directed to the General Fund, Building Fund, and/or other fund designated on your Authorization Form

Q: Can participants make a temporary stop payment or change the amount that is being withdrawn from an account?

A: Yes. Participants can suspend, change, or stop withdrawals by contacting the Financial Secretary. Change should be requested at least five business days before the transfer is scheduled to take place.

Q: How do I sign up for Simply Giving®?

A: Print out and complete the Simply Giving® form. Please return completed form (including voided check if using a checking account) to the church office or put it in the Financial Secretary's church mailbox.