

At this time a parish offertory online giving portal has been established to enable parishioners to make offertory gifts online now. This giving page is hosted on the Diocese of Toledo's diocesan website at the following link:

https://toledodiocese.org/help-your-parish-now

The goal of providing this opportunity is to assist parishes that do not have an online giving solution at this time. This will continue to be available over the next several months, as the crisis and recovery continues. Your parish can drive parishioners to this site to make a gift now and begin receiving funds. This service is being provided at no cost to promote parish online giving as outlined below:

## On-line Giving:

Parishes with their own on-line giving solution should certainly continue to promote and invite parishioners to use their own parish giving solution. The portal provided on the diocesan website is set up for parishes that currently do not have an on-line giving solution. All parishes are listed in the dropdown list, which enabled the site to go active swiftly. The donor simply selects their parish, provides basic information, and makes their online gift on the secured and protected transaction page.

## Gift Processing:

Gifts received through this on-line giving portal will be received in a newly establish bank account that was created just for parish offertory. The diocesan Finance Office will transfer all funds received once a week to the respective parishes that donors indicated. The Office of Mission Advancement will track donor gifts, amounts, and pertinent information and send a weekly report to receiving parishes.

## Cost:

There is a standard processing fee of 2.77% per transaction (or 2.7 cents per dollar donated) + \$0.26 standard credit card company fee per transaction. So, for a \$100 gift, approx. \$97 goes into the account after the fees. There are no other outlaying costs. The diocese receives no portion of gifts made; donations are for parish offertory only.