



# ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

ST. THOMAS CHAPEL • SPRINGFIELD

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21 January 2018  
*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Everything we have is truly a gift from God, and the Lord encourages us to generously share those blessings with others. When we do, we accumulate lasting treasure. Because we define giving as an act of love and because we measure it against the great gift of God's Son, then giving generously and sacrificially is exactly the point. Prayerfully, we give with generous hearts.

At St. Margaret and St. Thomas, we have much for which we are thankful, and we are mindful that these things – our health, our homes, our relationships, our communion with Christ and other parishioners, all of our earthly treasures – are gifts from God's hands and are entrusted to us with his blessing, that we might live as his own and honor Christ by sharing. We honor Jesus when we give. Giving is planned, proportionate, sacrificial, born of free expression, and prayerful.

St. Margaret sends all of her registered Parishioners weekly contribution envelopes so that they might give of their temporal gifts in support of the Church's ministry. Over the past years, we have explored other possibilities to make such giving more facile. I now invite and encourage you and your family to use **Automatic Bank Drafts** to make your contribution. Simply put, you authorize an automatic direct withdrawal from a designated checking or savings account at your bank on either or both the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) or fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of the month for the **Regular Offertory Collection** and on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of the month for the **Building and Maintenance Fund Collection** and the **Capital Improvement Fund**, and we'll take care of the rest! You can also change this authorization at any time you wish.

Parishioners will still receive their normal contribution envelopes even if they use the Automatic Bank Draft process as they will contain envelopes for other annual, special appeals (e.g. Youth Group, Mission Krewe, etc.) We strongly encourage you to still use these envelopes to support our local church's various apostolates and those of the universal church too! You are also welcome to use the envelopes for the Regular Collection, the Building and Maintenance Fund, and the Capital Improvements (even if empty because of your automatic contribution) to identify yourself as a generous giver. Several parishioners have participated in a pilot of this program and are quite pleased!

We invite you to fill out the form on the obverse of this letter and return it to Shirley Darouse in the Parish Office by placing it in a sealed envelope and dropping it in the weekend collection or at the Parish Office. Would you consider being a continued "good steward" by investing in St. Margaret your treasure and continue to give *prayerfully* with your generous hearts?

Yours in the Lord,

Rev. Jamin Scott David  
Pastor



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## AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT AUTHORIZATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**       **NEW**       **REVISED**

Please automatically draft my account for the **REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**  
*You can choose one or both options.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the regular offertory on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the regular offertory on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please automatically draft my account for the **BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND COLLECTION:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Building Fund on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please automatically draft my account for the **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Capital Improvement Fund on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please take my contributions from my:

Checking       Savings

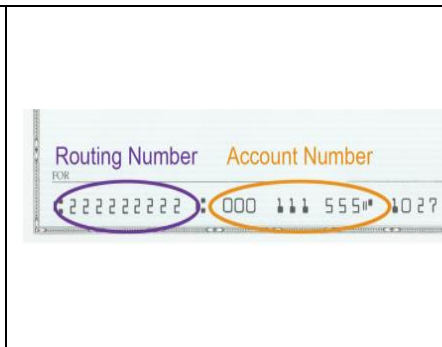
Name on Account \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank City/State \_\_\_\_\_



*Attach a voided check for checking account contributions or a savings deposit slip for savings account contributions.*

I authorize St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Catholic Church to debit my checking/savings account as indicated above. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing, and I agree to notify St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in writing of any changes in my account information. Electronic debits will appear on my account as "St. Marg. Florida Parishes Bank" or using similar verbiage.

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Authorized Account Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date