

Direct Deposit

Direct Deposit is a convenient method of making your regular contributions to the parish. Many people prefer the convenience of paying phone, lights and other amounts directly from their bank accounts. Your regular donation to the parish can now be done the same way.

Setting up Direct Deposit can be done with one simple call to the parish office. Contributions can be directed to any purpose and can be weekly, monthly or other time period as you desire.

You can still place your envelope in the collection basket with a "DD" notation to signify "Direct Deposit". Your envelope set will also be useful for various special appeals throughout the year.

Direct Deposit benefits the parish because it reduces the opportunity for theft and helps ensure a level pattern of income. Expenses are ongoing and consistent. Receiving your regular and consistent donations enables the parish to meet its obligations on a monthly and annual basis.

For more information, please contact the parish office at 894-3486 or visit our website at www.stdunstans.pe.ca

Stewardship Is ...

... An Attitude of Gratitude

Stewardship is recognizing that all we have, even our very lives, is a gift from God. A good steward receives these gifts with gratitude, manages them responsibly and shares them generously.

... A Way of Life

Stewardship is being Christ-centered rather than self-centered. Profound gratitude and love become the foundation for sharing what we have received; and stewardship then becomes based on the individual's need to give, not the Church's need to receive.

... Our Faith in Action

Stewardship invites each of us to reflect on the mystery of who we are and to examine how we live our faith each day. The promotion of stewardship to our young people helps them realize that they are a gift from God and that they also have talents they can share with others. Encouraging them to share their gifts reminds them that they are gifts to us.

"The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure."

Pope Benedict XVI

St. Dunstan's Basilica Parish



*My gift to God
and our Church*

Where Your Money Goes

Your contributions are vital to the operation of St. Dunstan's Basilica. Our parish has been blessed with generous parishioners who have always provided the necessary funding.

With the guidance of the Property & Finance Committee, our Pastor and Administrator ensure your donations are spent wisely.

After provision has been made for basic necessities – shelter, food, heat – the focus is the spiritual welfare of parishioners.

The chart below summarizes the annual financial obligations of our parish.



- Wages - 35%
- Utilities - 14%
- Room & Board - 13%
- Programs - 10%
- Loan Payments - 10%
- Office - 7%
- Maintenance - 5%
- Insurance - 3%
- Property taxes - 3%

How Much To Give

Stewardship giving asks only that you return part of God's blessings to the Church and community. It is up to you to decide how much, based upon the blessings God has given you and your other responsibilities.

When you are at peace about the size of your gift, and know in your heart that you have been completely honest with yourself and God – then your gift is the proper size.

The starting point to good Stewardship is recognizing that everything is a gift from God. In gratitude for God's generosity, we dedicate a portion of these gifts to furthering God's Kingdom in our parish and throughout the world.

When we share our gifts, we really give back to God a portion of the bounty he has loaned to us.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

"Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap; because the standard you use will be the standard used for you."

(Luke 6:38)

Income Tax Benefits

The income tax system encourages gifts to charitable organizations, including our parish, by granting tax credits. Annual donations in excess of \$200 receive a tax credit of approximately 46 cents for every dollar donated. A reduced credit of approximately 25 cents per dollar donated applies to annual donations under \$200.

Receipts are required to receive the tax credit, and receipts are only issued for envelope and Direct Deposit donations.

If you are currently placing a \$5 bill in the collection basket each week (\$260 annually), you could actually double your offering for an additional 42¢ a week, by using envelopes or Direct Deposit. By claiming the donation receipt for your enhanced offering of \$520, you would receive a credit on your tax return of \$238. Your annual outlay would be \$282 or only \$22 more than your cash contribution. However, the parish receives \$260 more!

Please consider both the amount and method of your weekly offering. As you can see, a weekly envelope or Direct Deposit enables you to substantially increase your support to the parish with a minimal increase in your cash outlay.