

WHY REGISTER

AS A MEMBER OF SAINT MARY PARISH?

REGISTRATION MAKES YOU AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE PARISH FAMILY AND INDICATES TO THE OTHER MEMBERS THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING MISSION OF THE PARISH:

Saint Mary's purpose and mission is centered in Christ and the Eucharist. We seek to be of one mind and heart with the Church by loving God with all our heart, all our mind, all our strength, all our soul; and by loving our neighbor as ourselves.

HOW DOES OUR FAMILY BECOME AN ACTIVE, PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF SAINT MARY PARISH?

- **REGISTER**
- **PARTICIPATE** in the sacramental life of the parish (Regular attendance at Sunday and Holy Day liturgies, and receiving the Sacraments.
- **CONTRIBUTE** time and talent to ministries. (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Choir, RCIA sponsor, etc.) Parish directory and website has a full list of opportunities.
- **CONTRIBUTE** an agreed upon portion of income to parish offertory.

YOUR FAMILY'S OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION MAY BE MADE IN SEVERAL WAYS:

- *WEEKLY ENVELOPES,*
- *ELECTRONIC TRANSFER FROM A CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT BY COMPLETING AN ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION FORM (AVAILABLE IN BACK OF CHURCH),*
- *ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION BY CREDIT CARD OR eCheck/EFT USING THE ON-LINE DONATION FEATURE OF THE PARISH WEB SITE (www.stmarygv.com).*

WE ENCOURAGE OUR PARISH FAMILIES TO MAKE REGULAR OFFERTORY COMMITMENTS AS THE CHURCH BUDGET IS COMPLETELY RELIANT ON THESE GIFTS.

IN MAY OF EACH YEAR YOUR FAMILY WILL BE ASKED TO PRAYERFULLY RECONSIDER YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION AND PARTICIPATION IN PARISH MINISTRIES SO THAT THE PARISH MAY PREPARE A BUDGET AND LITURGIES FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR.

BENEFITS OF BEING A REGISTERED, ACTIVE, PARTICIPATING AND CONTRIBUTING PARISH FAMILY.

- **LETTERS** verifying that you are active, contributing and participating parishioners are provided by the parish office when you are asked to be a godparent, sponsor, or would like to be married outside the parish.
 - **RECEIVE** preference when enrolling children in Saint Mary Elementary Preschool and Latchkey programs.
 - **RECEIVE** preference when enrolling your children in Grades K – 8 at Saint Mary Elementary School.
 - **QUALIFY** for the parish subsidy and for a tuition assistance grant based on need.
 - **QUALIFY** for a parish subsidy at Catholic High School(s).
 - **RECEIVE** preference in scheduling and lower fees for using parish facilities when celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage.
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Registration Forms are available in the rear of the church near the south door. You may also obtain a form by contacting the Parish Office or download and print a registration form from the Saint Mary Parish website.

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 672 South Third Street,
 Columbus, OH 43206-1208

Phone: 614/445-9668

Web Site: www.stmarygv.org

e-Mail: ann@stmarygv.com

Electronic Offertory Contribution Option - Registered families receive offertory envelopes by mail every two months unless they use the on-line contribution feature on the parish web site or by obtaining and completing an ECO Authorization form in the back of the church.

Completed ECO Authorizat~~on~~ forms need to be completed with all required information and returned to the Parish Office. The Parish office will set up your account once the completed form has been received.