

## **WHAT PAYMENT METHODS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR GAS AND GROCERY CARDS PURCHASED BY PARISHIONERS?**

Parishioners purchasing Grocery and Gas cards can pay for them using the following methods:

- Cash
- Debit Card
- Credit Card\*\*\*
  - VISA
  - MasterCard
  - American Express

*\*\*\*NOTE: When using your Credit Card for payment, the customer will be asked to pay the 2% transaction fee charged by the credit card companies. (eg. Purchase \$200.00 of cards, the customer will be asked to pay \$4.00 in fees, for a total of \$204.00.)*

## **WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:**

If you have a question or concern about this St. Theresa's/Corpus Christi Parishes Grocery and Gas Card fund raising program, please contact:

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# **GROCERY AND GAS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL THE MASSES AT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH, HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL AND FATHER MICHAEL TROY SCHOOL.**

A special note of appreciation is extended to the Knights of Columbus of St. Peter Council No. 7070 and the Nazareno Council N. 12904 for their leadership in developing this program and their ongoing support of the program by K of C members volunteering their time to sell the cards.

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# **GROCERY AND GAS CARD PROGRAM**



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## WHAT IS THIS GROCERY AND GAS CARD PROGRAM?

The Grocery and Gas Card Program is a fund raising program for our parishes Building Fund. Parishioners purchase grocery and gas cards at the church or schools to use when shopping. It costs you the card purchaser, nothing to participate except a bit of time to buy the cards.

St. Theresa's and Corpus Christi Parishes have an agreement with the following major food chain stores: Safeway, Superstore, Save – On – Foods and Sobey's to purchase bulk quantities of their grocery and gas cards, if applicable, at a discounted price.

Discounts on grocery and gas cards purchased in large quantities vary from 5 – 10% depending on the particular major food chain.

*For example, a \$100.00 grocery card purchased from Safeway at a 6% discount costs St. Theresa's Parish \$94.00.*

## HOW DOES ST. THERESA'S AND CORPUS CHRISTI PARISHES GENERATE REVENUE FROM THIS PROGRAM?

When parishioners from St. Theresa's or Corpus Christi parishes purchase a card at the church or one of the schools they will pay the face value of the card.

In other words, they would pay \$100.00 for a \$100.00 grocery or gas card from Safeway.

The purchaser of that \$100.00 card receives \$100.00 in groceries or gas when she/he uses the card at the corresponding store.

*So the difference between our cost of the card, which is \$94.00, and the face value of the \$100.00 card, paid by the purchaser, is \$6.00.*

This \$6.00 is the amount of revenue generated from the Program for our parishes Building Fund.



Imagine if 1,000 families and individuals purchased \$500.00 per month of grocery and gas cards under this program.

The resulting revenue, on a yearly basis, to the parishes Building Fund would be:

$$\begin{aligned} \$500.00 \times 12 &= \$6,000 \text{ per year} \\ \$6,000 \times 1,000 \text{ families} &= \$6,000,000 \\ \$6,000,000 \times 0.075 \% &= \mathbf{\$450,000} \end{aligned}$$

If we all do our little bit in supporting this parish fundraising program, our little bits really add up.

When you are using your card, if you only use \$72.63 of your \$100.00 grocery card, the remaining balance of \$27.37 remains on your card for future use.

**To be clear, the revenue generated from this program for the parishes, is from the discount the parishes get on the cards when purchasing them in large quantities.**

**Also to be clear, the parishioner purchasing a card receives the full value of the card when using that card at the particular major food chain store.**

We all buy groceries and most of us buy gas also. Why not take a few minutes before or after mass to purchase grocery or gas cards through this program and thus support our parishes building fund?