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From keeping track of your parishioners and volunteers to managing your parish's finances, keeping your church running smoothly is a tough job.

Thankfully, technology is making it easier for parishes across North America to manage and grow their parish, ease the administrative burden on their staff, and protect their data.

Today, you can engage your parishioners no matter where they are, connect with your volunteers, accept online donations, automatically generate reports, empower your office staff, and more with ParishSOFT, a single, browser-based church management software.

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> We made the decision to switch to ParishSOFT so we can have a progressive common, shared technology platform to assist in our ministry. Being able to securely access the ParishSOFT web-based software from any device with Internet access is a big plus for our diocesan and parish staff.
>
> Patricia Krause
> Diocese of Bridgeport

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Keeping Your Parish Organized with ParishSOFT Family Suite

Whether your parish has 50 parishioners or 500, your parish relies on keeping accurate parishioner and sacramental records for all your ministries. ParishSOFT Family Suite puts real-time parishioner information in your hands, allowing you to make data-driven decisions, support your parish, manage staff and organizations, and power your ministry.

For more than 20 years, ParishSOFT has been working with parishes to refine our software to help parish staff be more efficient. Today, we're working with parishes from across North America to update our software and provide new tools to help Catholic organizations manage their day-to-day tasks more effectively.

ParishSOFT Family Suite includes the following modules:
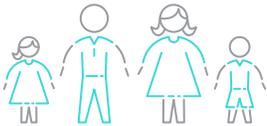
Family Directory

Family Directory is your single source for every parishioner's sacramental records, contact information, giving history, family records, and more. A blending of time-tested features and innovative new tools, Family Directory gives parish staff access to real-time, accurate parishioner information with the touch of a button.

With Family Directory, everyone in your parish works from the same database. Keeping your parishioner records accurate has never been so easy.

When your staff changes a parishioner's record, it's automatically updated across your database. There's no need to re-key any data.

Designed and developed from the ground up for Catholic schools, parishes, and dioceses, Family Directory features individual parishioner records as well as family records and built-in templates for sacramental details.

Inside each record, you can keep multiple sets of contact information, emergency contacts, special needs, and pastoral notes.

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Offering and Pledges

Track online giving, pledges, and individual donors with Offering and Pledges, our web-based module for managing your campaigns, track members' contributions, and more.

We've designed Offering and Pledges with built-in tools to help you work smarter, not harder. With a few clicks, you can export reports, search through your database, and filter your records without opening a separate reporting program.
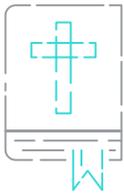
Religious Education

Streamline your entire program with Religious Education, a Family Suite module that helps you organize your Catholic educational ministry and ensure every child receives the proper Catholic education and sacramental preparation.

Religious Education comes with built-in communication tools — including email and mail merge — that make it easy to keep in touch with students, parents, and leaders.

Finding information on a particular student has never been easier. Use Religious Education's powerful search tool to sort students by age and name.

Tuition

If your parish charges for religious education, faith formation, or school tuition, ParishSOFT's Tuition module can help you keep all the details organized, searchable, and reportable.

Designed specifically for Catholic institutions, Tuition allows you to provide easy, accurate, and fast invoicing, helping you maintain up-to-date payment tracking.

Tuition comes with built-in invoice templates that can save your parish staff time. These templates instantly populate default information on your invoices. You can also create as many custom invoice templates as you need.

Choose How to Give

With ParishSOFT, parishes open up new giving channels, providing parishioners with multiple ways to give.

Online Giving

Set up a customized giving page for your parishioners and visitors to access through your website or anywhere you share the link. Parishioners can access your giving page from any Internet-connected device.

Mobile Giving

Right from their smartphones, parishioners can give one-time or recurring donations through the ParishSOFT Giving app. They can also give through text giving. ParishSOFT provides your parish with a unique 10-digit phone number to share with donors to start accepting donations through text messages.

Giving Kiosk

Giving kiosks can make a huge impact on your ministry. ParishSOFT has three different kiosk models, allowing parishioners to give with a credit or debit card at your parish.

Giving

Giving makes it easy and convenient for parishioners to sign up for automated, recurring giving, helping you close your contribution gap and have more steady and predictable donations.

According to a study by the International Catholic Stewardship Council, the average parishioner is only able to attend his or her home church 37 out of 52 weeks every year. They go on business trips and vacations, and sometimes they get sick. No matter what the reason, That's 15 weeks of missed donations for each parishioner in your parish, per year.

With ParishSOFT, parishioners don't have to remember to give when they can't make it to the parish. They can conveniently set up automated gifts from their smartphones or computers.

On average, parishes using Giving see a 32% increase in donations.

You can even use online giving to collect registrations and payments for anything taking place around your school or parish. Whether you're putting together a fundraising dinner or getting registrations for a Bible study class, creating and managing an event with the Giving module is easy, and it makes it simple for you to collect payments.

The average parish using ParishSOFT can see an increase in overall donations by as much as 32%.

" To date everything with ParishSOFT Giving has been great. The customer service is tremendous. There are resources to assist in getting adoption in the parish. We could not be happier with the way that ParishSOFT Giving has integrated into our parish.

Kalel Dennis
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

> "One of the best things about ParishSOFT is a great Support Team. Even if the query is complex and they do not have an immediate solution, they are dedicated to finding an answer and will always find you the answer.

Jessica Thompson
Christ the King Parish

Ministry Scheduler

Connecting your volunteers with your parish staff has never been easier. Ministry Scheduler is a powerful online scheduling and ministry management tool that helps ministries grow and flourish.

From liturgical schedules to your annual festival and everything in between, Ministry Scheduler helps you recruit volunteers and schedule them according to their qualifications and availability.

With Ministry Scheduler, you can save your parish staff time by giving volunteers the ability to manage their own ministry preferences, ability to serve, and contact information.
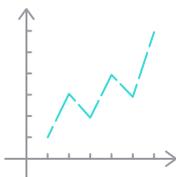
Intelligent Query

Intelligent Query (IQ) is an easy-to-use report builder designed to let churches pull the data they need from ParishSOFT Family Suite.

Whether you need a simple report or a more complex query with multiple data fields, operations, or conditions, IQ makes it easy to get the information you need fast.

Unlike other church management software, ParishSOFT's Intelligent Query module requires no special training. With just a few clicks, anyone can build a custom report from scratch. And there's no danger of breaking anything. You can build and test new queries without fear.

Keep Sacramental Records Current & Safe

ParishSOFT makes it easy for your parish to maintain and preserve your members' sacramental records, including:

- Catechumens
- Baptisms
- Confirmations
- Communions
- Marriages
- Deaths
- And More

Accurate Member Information

Your Family Suite includes:

- Unique User Accounts for Each Person
- Unlimited Family and Member Workgroups
- Complete Sacramental Details for Every Member
- Automated Data Backups and Updates
- Permission Controls to Protect Sensitive Information
- Built-In Communications Tools
- And More

ParishCast

ParishCast is a flexible rapid notification system that allows you to cut through the noise and connect with your parishioners at a moment's notice.

With just a few clicks, you can alert your congregation — or even a specific group — about an upcoming event, last-minute scheduling changes, quick surveys, emergencies, and more.

ParishCast also gives you the ability to communicate with your members through several different communications channels, including phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.

My Own Church

My Own Church — a Family Suite module that allows parishioners to update their own records via a secure parishioner portal — is automatically included with Family Directory.

With My Own Church, you can empower your parishioners to keep their own records up to date with their latest information, including their names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails. They can even add new members and photos to your database.

Once your administrator approves the change, your records are automatically updated.

Lifting the Administrative Burden with ParishSOFT Accounting

ParishSOFT Family Suite seamlessly integrates with ParishSOFT Accounting, allowing your parish to have a complete picture of both your membership and finances from one database. This seamless integration also allows you to have real-time access to your membership and financial information, no matter where you are.

With Accounting, diocesan staff has access to the full accounting information for each parish. Accounting gives all schools and parishes in a diocese a common platform for all their financial information.

Accounting includes the following modules:

Ledger and Payables

Ledger and Payables gives you instant, secure access to church and school financial information from any smartphone, tablet, or desktop. With Ledger and Payables, you can track bills, deposits, projects, restricted funds, journal entries, and budgets for every department, project, and committee with ease.

Payroll

Manage your payroll, deductions, benefits, special clergy allowances, and personal time easily. With Payroll, all payroll information is tracked in your general ledger, so there's never any need for duplicative data entry or special imports.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets is ideal for small and large organizations alike. Fixed Assets lets you keep track and account for the costs of large and small assets, including buildings, land, vehicles, equipment, furniture, and more. Fixed Assets supports informed management and reporting of your organization's owned assets.
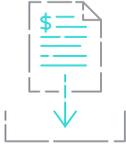
Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable is an easy-to-use system specifically designed to help churches and schools track invoices, due dates, payments, "customers," deposits, and more.

Purchase Order

Gain greater visibility into your organization's actual spending with Purchase Order. You can create purchase orders in seconds and track them so that you can report on your organization's financial data with confidence.

Ledger Report Writer

Copy: With the fully integrated Ledger Report Writer, you can create custom consolidated or organizational-level statements of activity and financial position from your general ledger to deliver accurate, real-time financial data.

Consolidation Manager

Consolidation is your financial command center. Consolidation provides financial roll-up from each organization, transaction detail drill-down, and the ability to perform accounting functions from your diocesan system for any organization.

Access Your Records from Anywhere, Anytime

ParishSOFT is a browser-based church management software, so you can securely access your records anytime and from anywhere. And you never need to worry about backing up your database or updating your software — ParishSOFT backs up and updates automatically. All your records are safe and secure in the cloud.

Using Technology to Share the Gospel

ParishSOFT is proud to be part of the Ministry Brands' family of software companies that are dedicated to empowering churches, ministries, and faith-based organizations in a digital world. Because of this partnership, ParishSOFT customers have access to other software solutions that can benefit their parishes.

Here are some of our Ministry Brands partners.

Faith Direct

Faith Direct is a secure program that works directly with your bank, credit, or debit card in the same way as other electronic funds transfer payments you may already conduct (such as utility bills or your mortgage payment). This option is ideal for larger parishes and organizations looking for assistance with informing and marketing your online giving plan to parishioners.

Protect My Ministry

Protect My Ministry can help you fill the gaps in your risk management strategy. With thousands of ministries served across all fifty states, they are committed to helping parishes maintain a safe environment, so you can focus on fulfilling their mission.

Clover Sites

It's time to have a stunning website that your parish can be proud of. A vibrant and current website design is crucial for both a new visitor's first impression and the engagement with your parishioners. With Clover, you'll have an engaging and professional website. A website that truly reflects your ministry and vision.

Ekklesia360

Ekklesia360 is built for ministries and backed by our team who is dedicated to your ministry results. Your diocese should never need to worry about software updates, plugins, backups, security patches. Our web experts ensure your project needs are met no matter the size or complexity of the project.

Ministry One

Ministry One is the new mobile parish app created by people who really get the Church. Developed so you can encourage your parishioners to stay engaged any day of the week, this new app has powerful features including giving, multimedia, events, prayer requests, and so much more, it's never been easier to connect with your parishioners!

TADS

Schools and organizations large and small across the nation use TADS to manage their admissions, enrollment, aid assessment, billing and much more.

ChurchStreaming.tv

Go beyond your parish walls with the help of ChurchStreaming.tv. In 3 easy steps, with personalized support, we'll be there every step of the way to ensure your church is set up to stream your services. For those who are unable to be at the service in person, they can still participate and feel a part of their parish family. Those who are homebound or in the hospital can continue to participate and people who are traveling for work or vacation can still be connected.

If you have questions about ParishSOFT, any of ParishSOFT's modules, or if you would like more information about getting a free product demo, please contact us at **866-930-4774 x6.**

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The ParishSOFT Advantage

Purpose-built for Catholic organizations by Catholics, ParishSOFT empowers parishes and dioceses to expand their ministries through an integrated suite of software solutions.

More than 9,000 parishes and 185 arch/dioceses trust ParishSOFT to help them improve communication with their parishioners and put time back on their side.

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