

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I have received some disturbing information concerning our projected income loss for the coming year. Due to the Covid-19 Virus a number of parishioners no longer come to church and also have stopped contributing to the financial well being of our church and school. For some it may be due to a loss of employment or even the loss of their business. For others it may be the uncertainty of financial stability in their own family. All of these reasons are understandable in such times.

I have asked our parish bookkeeper to look at our parish income in three areas of our Sunday adult envelopes, Sunday offertory collections and parish fundraisers, and to give me the projected loss of income based on our present income levels and the possible continuation of the Covid-19 Virus crisis.

Our new projected budget for adult envelopes is \$224,000 compared to our normal budget of \$243,000 last year (down \$19,000). The new projected offertory budget is \$8,000 compared to our normal budget of \$32,000 last year (down \$24,000). The new projected fundraiser budget is the hardest to calculate as local county and state health regulations can change throughout the coming year. However, our normal yearly fundraiser budget is \$100,000. The Steam Show income is already gone for this year and some of our fundraisers may be hugely altered or even no longer be allowed, so our projected fundraiser budget has been cut in half to \$50,000 (down \$50,000). Given these numbers our parish could potentially see a loss of \$93,000 this coming year.

I do appreciate all who have been giving during these past few months. I also understand the financial fears that many are facing at this time of uncertainty. Through prayer, may the Good Lord and Saint John the Baptist strengthen each one of us, our families and our parish family throughout the upcoming months.

Given the gravity of our financial situation, I am reaching out to ask for additional support of our parish and school and request that you prayerfully consider making an additional donation by sending a tax-deductible monetary gift to the parish office using the bottom portion of this letter and the enclosed return mailing envelope. Your immediate response is requested so that we can gain some assurance of our being able to meet parish and school expenses for this upcoming year.

Some good news is that one generous person who heard of our situation has given the parish \$10,000.00 and another will be giving another \$10,000.00 to match this!

July 27, 2020

Your Pastor,
Fr. Tom

 I am interested in making a weekly direct deposit donation to the parish in the amount \$ _____.

I am interested in making a monthly direct deposit donation to the parish in the amount of \$ _____.

I am making a donation of \$ _____ included in this return envelope.

I am unable to donate at this time, but plan to donate \$ _____ in the future.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

email address: _____