

April 2, 2020

To: All Parishioners of St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's and St. Peter's,

First and foremost, we ask that anyone who is impacted by COVID-19 and is in need of support, please reach out to your parish. Your church family is here for you. If you need any of the following, please let us know.

- If you are in need of assistance picking up grocery items, medicine, etc.
- If you have been financially impacted by the shut downs and need assistance.
- If you are in need of emotional support Father is here to help.

Secondly, prior to COVID-19 we had been (barely) receiving enough money from our offerings to cover our expenses. Certainly not enough to grow our savings. With our mass only being celebrated online it is absolutely crucial that we take the necessary steps to continue keeping our church doors open once this epidemic passes. As it stands today, if our parishes do not continue to receive weekly offerings, we will deplete any cash reserves we have and be forced to make drastic decisions. We are not writing this to spread fear, but as fellow parishioners who love our churches. We are asking that everyone pull together to get our parishes through this. Please take the time out of your schedule to participate in our masses online, and continue to support our churches financially. We are all in this together.

Offerings can be made in any of the following ways:

- Direct deposit- Set up at any Bank of Dixon County if you bank with them. Or use online bill pay through your own bank. Please call your bank and they can help you set it up.
- Drop off- you may drop off your donation at any of the Bank of Dixon County locations. Put it in an envelope with a note on the front "Please deposit to (insert your parish name)". You may put this in the night deposit also.
- You may go online to the Archdiocese of Omaha website and donate to your parish. 100% of the money donated goes to your church. You can choose a one-time donation or you may set it up to recur weekly or monthly.
- There is a basket on the back porch at the Ponca office.
- You may mail your donations to PO Box 898, Ponca, NE 68770

After the suspension of Mass ends, we want to come back to a strong and thriving parish, and this will happen through our continued prayer and financial gifts that we would typically put in the basket at the celebration of Mass. We deeply appreciate your support, prayer, and gifts you offer to our parish.

Sincerely,

St. Joseph's Finance Council: Bonnie Rohan, Kevin Connot, Heather Rush

St. Patrick's Finance Council: Patty Dinges, Doug Nelson, Larry Ney

St. Peter's Finance Council: Bryan Gotch, Al Kneifl, Ellen Kneifl