

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a long time coming that we can have some resemblance of normal Mass attendance here. We have been in this restriction since the first week of March. This has disrupted parish life to the extreme in every way. We have done our best to protect you and your loved ones during the pandemic.

The fall from Mass attendance has devastated us spiritually, emotionally, and economically. People are both frightened, or they are now out of the habit of attending Mass physically for the past 4 months. We do get a lot of views of our streaming Masses, etc. But our sound quality is not as good as EWTN's so many even give us a pass. This may contribute to further detachment from their parish. The Parking Lot Mass has been a success in many ways. We are glad to see many of you. But the weekend attendance, including that Mass is only one fourth the number we usually see at Saint Joseph's. Very few come from the other churches. Now we have opened to larger gatherings. We hope people will be able to increase their giving. .

Thanks to the Federal Government we did have PPP funds to pay salaries during the period from April to July. Those funds are now depleted. So, our budget for this year, which we submitted to the Diocese this past week show that for Holy Name of Mary and Saint Francis Jerome have deficits given the current giving levels; \$--35, 106 (short) for Holy Name of Mary, and \$--40,539 (short) for St. Francis Jerome. St. Joseph's Budget is balanced, provided people keep up their giving levels. As for the DMF debt, St. Joseph's owes \$339, Holy Name of Mary (because there is no tourist business) is short \$7244.75, and St. Francis Jerome is only short \$187.00.

To illustrate the need on a weekly basis for each to cover the expenses for each parish, figures are shown below. The missions are combined in the parish figures in the bold **short/over** figures.

Parish	Weekly collection needed	Last Collection (July 11-12)
St. Joseph	\$2592.00	\$4,461 <b>Over \$1869</b>
Holy Name of Mary Immaculate Conception Holy Family	\$2228.00	\$1400 \$313 \$280 \$1,993 <b>Short \$235</b>
Saint Francis Jerome St. Agnes	\$1897.00	\$850 \$426 \$1276 <b>Short \$621</b>

The majority of our income arrives in the mail, which could explain in part some of the lack in the regular collection.

All of the churches currently have positive balances in their accounts. But, at the rate of shortages in collections, those savings and checking balances will be erased quickly. The end of year financial position will be published in next weekend's bulletin, including DMF debt.