

Update from Holy Child Parish Finance Council

October 2020

Dear Parishioners of Holy Child Church,

It is an understatement to say that we, and the entire globe, have felt the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic – health professionals/caregivers to pro sports, education to the economy! As a non-profit organization, our Parish too has felt and continues to feel the impact. A brief example: in the previous 3-years (2017 – 2019) the average annual gifts/contributions (envelopes & loose) were approximately \$295,000. This year that number is anticipated to be in the \$180,000 range. The government programs have helped; however, the Parish will see a significant shortfall, and expect similar results for 2021, as a return to ‘normal’ will take time and, in reality, is uncertain. Fortunately, our Parish is in a position to withstand this financial crunch.

One of the factors (there are many) that has contributed to the decreased weekly contributions is due to gathering restrictions - people are just not able to attend Mass or they wish to lessen the potential risk of contracting (or passing) the virus in a group setting. Understandable!! The result, though, is that contributions that we would normally make, or would like to make, are missed.

No cheque...no cash...no problem! A safe, secure & consistent giving option is the use of pre-authorized debit (PAD) or e-transfer. Currently about 50 families utilize this method of contributions - even though you might not be able to attend Mass regularly your gift to the Parish continues regularly. If you would like to sign-up for PAD or e-transfer, please contact the Parish office at 306-789-8276 or email holychild@sasktel.net. Thank you for your consideration, prayers, and support.

Thank you to Father Brian and our Parish staff for your leadership & dedicated service to our Parish community during the difficult time.

Sincerely,

Holy Child Parish Finance Council