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Dear Friends,

As you may have noticed, I'm back leading music at St. Catherine's and I couldn't be happier! The nodule on my lung that was removed in November was pre-cancerous and had not spread. Because of this, the surgeon was able to spare the lobe of my lung, making my recovery much less difficult. It never even crossed my mind to pray for such a thing; cancerous cells but so early that I wouldn't have to have a lobectomy. God strikes again with his lavishness. He sometimes gives us things we didn't even think to ask for. Now all I have to do is follow up with routine scans and wait out the breathlessness of having a wedge of my lung taken out (you might notice I take my mask off during Mass more than just to sing).

Several of you have sheepishly asked me about the outcome of my surgery. Let me state for the record that you are all welcome to ask me anytime about how things are going. Much to my mother's dismay, I am and have always been a completely open book. The only things I might not want to discuss are politics and my recipe for spaghetti sauce (mamma mia, it's mine!). Other than that, if you have a question, ask! I've loved getting emails from parishioners I otherwise would never meet.

My email address is ttetzlaff@stcatherinesiena.org. Feel free to inquire, encourage, and inspire! This road is so much easier when we turn to our brothers and sisters in Christ for fellowship and to share the weight of our respective yokes (not to be confused with "yolks;" that made for an embarrassing Christmas letter typo one year).

God bless you all, and here's to a new year with new possibilities!

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