

**St. Mary of the Angels Church
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My dear SMA brothers and sisters:

I want to express a big Thank You to all SMA members for your caring support concerning the needs of our church and ministries. Many of you are dealing with health, emotional and financial issues during this pandemic and still you have generously supported our church.

Last October 22nd, our finance committee met to discuss our annual Christmas Social Fund-raiser. At that meeting, it was decided not to hold the Social because of the pandemic restrictions for our own health safety.

This is the second 2020 Fundraiser that we had to cancel. We had budgeted the Lenten Fish Fry and the Christmas Social and as a result, we have serious cash flow situation.

The finance council and stewardship committees are promoting another type of Christmas Fundraiser. A Christmas Donation Raffle that would be safe and easy project. A parishioner or combined parishioners would donate \$50 cash and their name would be placed in a basket and then at a Dec. 19th drawing 5 names would be drawn and each would receive \$100 cash prize. We encourage SMA members to make a donation of \$50 for the month of November and \$50 for December. Those who can donate additional \$50 donations this will add to your tickets in the basket and chances to win.

Knowing each person's situation is different, whatever amount is donated will be appreciated. The Fundraiser result will be a big help in starting 2021.

Reply cards are provided with this letter/flyer and more are available by contacting parish office. You may place envelopes with cards in the collection basket or mail or drop at parish office.

May God bless you and your family for your generous support of St. Mary of the Angels Church.

St. Mary of the Angels and St. Francis of Assisi pray for us,

Friar Joe Hund, ofm