



**Most Precious Blood Catholic Parish**  
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## Parish Development: Our Weekly Collection

Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’” -Matthew 13:31

I write this letter with gratitude to God for being called to shepherd Most Precious Blood Parish in this era of history. This letter is written with profound awareness that Jesus has been present and moving in the lives of all our members since our founding in 1897 A.D. and with appreciation for the history of our people and the beauty of our buildings and grounds. It is in this spirit that our Parish Council, Parish Finance Council, and I would like to talk about something which has a major impact on how we operate and fulfill our mission as a parish: our weekly collection & finances.

The core of Precious Blood Parish is the people who come to Holy Mass regularly on Sunday mornings (Saturday evenings included). Everything else that goes on here throughout the week is a ministry that flows from our community formed at Sunday Mass. Our school, evangelization, social outreach efforts, spiritual groups, and festivities are all ministries of our parish community. Like any family, we need a vision for developing our finances so that we can continue to carry out and grow our mission.

After prayer and discussion, we would like to share three goals with you:

1. *Generosity* - We are asking each of you to prayerfully consider increasing your weekly giving to the Sunday Collection, so that we can collectively meet our operating goal of \$12,000 per week.

2. *Online Giving* - We would like everyone to consider using online giving, if possible. During the Covid-19 lockdown, our online giving remained consistent, which has not been the case with our envelope and loose collection. The more parishioners who give online, the more stable our parish finances will be, particularly when people cannot make it to Mass due to sickness or vacation. Our goal is to have 75% (\$9,000) of our weekly collection be received through online giving.

To register, please go to our parish website at [www.preciousblood.org/online-giving](http://www.preciousblood.org/online-giving). Call or drop by the parish office if you need help registering.

3. *Parish Tithing* - As an act of trust in God's providence and in commitment to the service of the poor and marginalized, 10% of our weekly collection will be given to charity. Our Parish and Finance Councils will prayerfully discern to which local ministries we will donate and what ministries we can develop on our own, in order to carry out Jesus' mission to all people. We will begin allocating 10% of our weekly collection to the poor starting on the first Sunday of Advent, which is the weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

We hope that generosity, online giving, and parish tithing will take root so that our parish and all our ministries might grow and flourish into a large and beautiful tree that the "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

Let us pray for our parish and one another, especially during these times. We remember that Our Lord is faithful and that He is never outdone in generosity.

Peace and Joy,



Father Drew

Parish Council

Parish Finance Council