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Dear Parishioners,

I am profoundly saddened that I am not able to celebrate the sacraments with you as a community for the time being but know Christ remains with us at all times – specifically in times of worry like this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank hospital staff, doctors, nurses, grocery store staff and all the many people that are out in the workforce during this epidemic. To those stricken with coronavirus, out of work due to the virus, and to all those affected by this virus please know you are in our prayers. Stay safe, stay well, and stay home if possible.

With all public masses being canceled our offertory suffers. This has a direct impact on the funds we have available each week to pay our bills and meet our payroll. The problem becomes even more complicated when we are unsure of how many weeks mass will be impacted by the coronavirus. Please know how very grateful I am to keep receiving your offertory, whether that is by automatic withdrawal, online giving now available through our parish website, or by your envelopes that can be mailed in to our parish office. Your consistent giving really helps me keep our budget balanced and makes a difference by helping to pay staff salaries, pay the utility bills, purchase supplies that are needed for our liturgies and sacraments (including hosts, wine, candles, prayer books and hymnals), landscape our grounds, remove snow and maintain our facilities so they we always present a welcoming image to all who may enter.

I would like to thank the 255 families who are currently giving through our automatic withdrawal program. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from these donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish. New to SMM, we now have set up an Online Giving Program on our website that can take a one time or recurring offertory donation using credit cards or bank accounts. If you are more comfortable with the traditional automatic withdrawals from your bank account, that form is also available on the front page of our website and can be mailed to our parish office.

I ask you to keep our parish community in your prayers as I will keep you and your families in mine during this challenging time. Be assured of my prayers for you and of a remembrance in my daily masses.

Blessings,

Father Kieck

Know Christ. Be Christ for Others.