

A message from your Finance Council

Due to COVID19 restrictions and individuals circumstances we all cannot meet in person as a congregation to provide everyone an insight into how St. Gabriel's is coping. As such, your Finance Council is pleased to provide you with this update.

Sacraments: Baptism and Funeral services have started to be re-scheduled in the Church.

Mass: July through September average attendance at weekend masses was 407 people and the average collection was approximately \$4,396 per weekend. From Oct 1st to Nov 8th average attendance increased to 480 people at Sunday masses with an average collection of \$4,804.

Donations: Pre-Authorized Giving is now available for monthly support for the Church and the Building Fund. This is the best and easiest way to continue to support our Parish even if a second wave of COVID hits our community. It is simple to sign up! Please contact the parish office today to set up your account alternately, forms will be available on the parish website shortly, all you will need to do is download the form, fill it out and drop it into the office or in the collection basket on Sunday.

Church: St. Gabriel's is following provincial and diocesan requirements, masks are mandatory (unless exempt), self-distancing is promoted, and the church is being properly disinfected after each mass or gathering. Two large screen TV's have been installed in the Church. Our goal is to have the songs, readings, gospel, responsorial psalm, announcements, etc. displayed on the screen. Currently songs are being displayed at the masses in Polish and the 11:00 am Mass in English. We are searching for resources to help in the conversion of the data for the English language.

Income/Expenses: As of October 31st we are projecting a deficit of approximately \$34,000 for the year. Although parishioners are being very generous with their support, weekly collections are down compared to prior to the pandemic and support during the period the church was closed was minimal. All efforts are being made, where possible to reduce expenses, however, utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc. cannot be avoided.

Capital Campaign: To date pledges total approximately \$270,000 which is \$90,000 short of our Challenge Goal of \$360,000, our Victory Goal target is \$535,000. Architects and designers have been contacted to start working on new designs for the sanctuary. Quotes are being solicited for parish center renovations and resources are being looked at to aid with our children and youth ministries. Quotes and specs are coming in for new air conditioning units and a new organ has been ordered and may be in for the Christmas season.

We thank you for your continued financial support for the parish and ask for your prayers as we navigate through our future uncertainties. If you have not made a pledge toward our capital campaign, "One Heart, One Soul" please consider doing so – we need your support.

God Bless.

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