

Roman Catholic Parishes of St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher
78 Balsam Street, P.O. Box 910, Copper Cliff, ON P0M 1N0

October 13, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Re: An Update regarding Parish Support

Greetings. We hope you are doing well staying safe. As you are aware our weekly Sunday services have restarted complete with social distancing and masks. A big **THANK YOU** to our COVID team for their dedicated service to ensure our safe environment in our parish. Many of you have joined in our Sunday services and others have made the personal decision to worship in their homes. We are all church family. Please know you are in our prayers, as we know we are in yours.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your loyal, unending kindness and generosity in supporting our parish. As our community continues to navigate through this pandemic health crisis, and, as we move out of summer and into the months of fall and winter, we will be faced with the additional challenge of our regular cold and flu season. Please continue to follow the instructions and guidelines of our Public Health Officials.

We want to thank everyone for their continued monetary support of our parish. As with any home, our church home continues to incur the daily operating expenses for utilities, insurance, taxes, wages and essential maintenance of the church. In order to meet these financial needs, we rely on everyone's support through your weekly Sunday donations. Soon we will be faced with the added expenditures that come with our winter season (snow removal, for safe access and heat for our building).

Also, you may or may not be aware, our church has received monetary support from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) Federal Government assistance program. This has provided much financial relief for our parish as it alleviated part of our paying of wages. However, this federal assistance will come to an end on November 21, 2020.

We ask everyone to consider the following as we reach out for assistance from you, our parishioners, our family. The parish relies on weekly Sunday donations to meet our obligations. Any amount you can provide will be of great assistance.

Please consider one of the following gifting methods for your weekly donation:

1. Place your envelope into the collection basket if you attend Sunday service ... or
2. Deliver your envelope into the mail slot at the parish office ... or
3. Forward a series of post-dated cheques and/or Sunday envelopes to the parish office by local mail at the following address: 78 Balsam St, PO Box 910, Copper Cliff, ON P0M 1N0 ... or
4. Sign up for the Pre-Authorized Donation Program (PAPD) as an ongoing consistent method of support. This is a safe alternative to a cash/cheque contribution and reduces the additional expense for staff processing of weekly donations. We have enclosed a Pre-Authorized Donation Program (PAPD) form with this letter for your consideration.

If any gifting imposes hardship of any kind, please do not feel obliged to donate.

Also, if you are interested in receiving parish communications electronically via email, please send an email to the parish office (Faye) at ststans@eastlink.ca. Please indicate your name and Parish in the subject of the email and ask to be added to the parish email distribution list. We are attaching the summary of our parish financial status for your preview.

For updates regarding our diocese, please consult the diocese website at: dioceseofsaultstemarie.org

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Yours most sincerely,

Rev. Father Arulkumar, Parish Priest

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