



ST. JULIA PARISH · WESTON AND LINCOLN
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Dear Friend in Christ,

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These have been difficult and challenging times for us. The world-wide pandemic has led to the deaths of many, heightened our fears, and changed countless aspects of our daily lives. But, we are never alone or abandoned in the midst of strife and personal struggles. Christ remains with us. His Spirit animates the Church and provides us with the grace to persevere in faith. Saint Julia Parish remains committed to boldly proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bearing witness to the truth. In order to do so, though, we need your help. Your financial support is needed now more than ever. Once the pandemic began our Church Offertory declined significantly. Despite cutting expenses, we ended the fiscal year in July with a deficit of over \$22,000. Our weekly Offertory continues to be dramatically down from what is needed to pay our bills. We need the Grand Annual Appeal, always a major component of our Parish's budget, to help fill the gap we are experiencing with a diminished Offertory.

I am so grateful that Saint Julia Parish, graced by God as a vibrant faith community, has continued to bear witness to Christ throughout our present ordeal! Our Parish worship and ministries have not ceased. The Sacraments are joyfully celebrated with the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian lives. Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations are still taking place. Masses are offered both virtually and in person. Our online presence has allowed us to reach out to both longtime parishioners and newcomers. We continue our mission with virtual prayer opportunities – a daily rosary, Lecture Series, Bible Studies and Small Group Communities. Our Faith Formation for children and youth strives to strengthen families in their knowledge and love of God and neighbor. Yes, things are different and we have had to adapt to the realities of COVID 19; but faith, hope and love persevere.

As your Pastor, I'm asking for your most generous financial assistance for Saint Julia's Parish, Weston – Lincoln. I am grateful for those who have stepped forward to keep the Parish up and operational during these times. But, the financial well-being of our Parish requires significant giving from all parishioners who are able to donate. Please, prayerfully consider making a sacrificial offering to Saint Julia's Grand Annual Appeal. Your help is needed and brings forth many blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark Mahoney