

**Dear St. George Parishioners,**

**During these difficult times it seems that we are often faced with more and more challenges each day. Rest assured that we will get through this hardship and we will once again come together as a strong parish family.**

**In the meantime, our obligations continue as we operate our parish, 'somewhat remotely.' We are undertaking cost cutting measures to minimize our expenses during this period. Our Parish Council and Finance Committees are actively helping to provide guidance and advice to me on parish priorities and solutions.**

**Our most immediate challenge is that, without our weekly Sunday and Saturday collections, revenues to the parish are falling significantly and into the near future they seem to be holding on to that pattern.**

**While we are aware that some of you have already suffered direct financial setbacks, including possible loss of work or reduced hours at work and have your own household economic challenges to meet, we fully understand that, and with compassion and gentle hearts we respond with our support and prayers for your deliverance and restoration soon.**

**Like every household family the parish household also remains hopeful in its own expectations to maintain basic operational expenses too. So, for all of you that have been impacted less severely, may we look to you for your kind support for sustained parish revenues. We want to offer our parishioners some easy steps to continue their giving. It remains essential that we continue to meet our fiscal obligations here within the parish in these critical times.**

**Perhaps this is the right time for those of you who have not as yet signed up for our very easy, electronic giving, to now start. Not only is this method much more reliable and easy for the parish to operate, it helps to keep our money counters from unnecessary exposure. In order to make it as easy as possible, here are three simple ways to continue/begin your giving during this period:**

**1. Electronically. You can set up automatic electronic payments in 2 easy steps. First, click on this link <http://stgeorgelonglake.org/stewardship/> . (It is our secure parish website). Second, select one of two choices ("Pay Now Offline" or "Pay Now Online"). You can elect to make a regular ongoing donation or a one-at-a-time donation. It's as easy as that.**

**2. Give by U.S. Mail. Simply mail your donation to "Church of St George, 133 North Brown Road, Long Lake, MN 55356.**

**3. Contact Lynn Johnston, our parish bookkeeper, at: [ljohnston.stgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:ljohnston.stgeorge@gmail.com) or call and leave her a message at 952-473-1247 ext 103.**

**Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for the parish and me, and for your generosity of donations to the parish. As stewards of our treasures, we shall meet these present-day challenges together and as a community of faith let us look forward to a future day when we come home again to this: our vibrant parish of worship and fellowship.**

**May God Bless you and your family.**

**Father Mark Juettner, Pastor**

**St. George Finance Committee/Trustees**