



St. John Paul II Parish Family

July 27, 2024

Dear Friend-

Thank you for your generosity! Each of our parishes was founded to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love in our community, but this ambition only happens because of your readiness to help with your gifts of time, prayer and yes, money.

As our three parishes come together, our parish staff, with guidance from our finance and pastoral councils, are seeking new ways to ensure our three campuses, with our shared school, the programs we offer, and the buildings that we have are maintained and made **better** for future generations. Part of that is providing our parishioners more options with their Sunday offerings, and directed giving including improved electronic and online choices.

2024-2025 Collection Envelopes- enclosed you will find a calendar of collections scheduled for this year. I don't know that parishioners were ever given this information. You'll note the second collections called for by the bishops, as well as some that have been traditional in our parishes, for example, to support Bishop Leibold and St. Vincent de Paul. We changed the descriptions on some of the envelopes to be more transparent about how your contribution will be used. And we included envelopes for these giving opportunities for all three churches, to minimize the number of times the ushers pass the baskets a second time. **Because these changes are "in process," you will not see edits to our envelope mailings until September/October. Envelopes for the July-September supplemental parish offerings can be found in the back of each church. They can be dropped in our collection baskets per usual.**

Updated Giving 'Buckets'- Again, in order to be as transparent as possible, and to respond to the desire many parishioners have to help in designated ways, our staff has created something called "giving buckets." All this means is that, whether you use the collection envelopes, or access our website, or give electronically at an event, you'll be able to know and specify that your contribution will go to, say, "Adult Faith Formation programs" or "Works of Mercy." Our finance staff carefully records your gifts in these categories, and so, at year's end, we can provide detailed information for all parishioners about the funds contributed toward, and spent for, these specified needs.

Digital Giving- A new and enhanced digital platform is being developed to allow donors to set up online one time and recurring gifts. Credit card and mobile payment methods will be added to all school and parish offices. Most importantly, by shifting to this digital platform we are implementing new technology to protect your privacy, while also reducing costs associated with processing and transaction fees. Over the next several months, we will be connecting with parishioners that are donating weekly online to transition to our new platform. In the meantime, if you would like to move your account over, please visit our website and click the "online giving" to learn more.

All these changes aim at earning your confidence, facilitating your generosity and strengthening our future. There are so many needs: faith formation for all ages, providing food and shelter for those at the margins, sustaining our worship together, maintaining and improving our facilities, and more. With your continued support, perhaps in new ways, we can do all things through God who strengthens us!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Father Martin Fox, Pastor



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2024-2025 St. John Paul II Giving “Buckets” Opportunities & Descriptions

Weekly Offertory- supports our Parish with ongoing weekly contributions! Your unrestricted donation will be used to support our operating budget.

Bishop Leibold Annual Fund- supports our operating budget that funds tuition assistance for families, curricular and co-curricular programs, and professional development and compensation for our staff.

Infrastructure PPRRSM- as we come together as a family of parishes, we are looking at our shared home, and there is much to be done. To that end, we have spent a significant amount of time looking and developing lists of items that need attention. To allow us to address the current scope of projects, and prepare for future projects, we are in the process of establishing Provision for Plant Replacement, Renewal and Special Maintenance, or PPRRSM funds at each campus. These funds will gain seed funding from leadership gifts at our parishes, and be sustained through planned budgeting and recurring giving moving forward.

Child & Family Faith Formation- support faith formation opportunities for children and families, most notably our weekly Parish School of Religion, children’s summer faith camps, and more!

Adult Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation- support our adult faith formation opportunities that include Bible studies, retreats, weekend schools, special projects, and more! This giving bucket also encompasses our year-round formation for adults desiring to become Catholic (RCIA/OCIA), as well as all sacrament preparation for children and youth (e.g., First Communion, Confirmation).

Youth & Family Faith Formation- support faith formation opportunities for our junior high and high school youth and families, which includes weekly meetings, retreats, conferences, leadership training, mission trips, and more!

Worship Art & Environment- support updated linens, decor, flowers, music/instruments, and more with a gift to be used for art and environment.

Care: Respect Life/Walking with Moms in Need- supports Respect Life programs, formation, and community outreach which helps build up a culture of life, including **a new nationwide effort entitled: Walking with Moms in Need.**

Care: Works of Mercy- supports programs, outreach, and formation which care for the marginalized and carry out the Corporal Works of Mercy in our parish, community, and the world, such as Box Lunch Wednesday, Blessings in a Bag, Prison Ministry, etc.

Care: Charity Begins at Home- supporting this fund will allow us to help members of our parish family who are facing extraordinary circumstances.

Ready to donate? Please visit our website and click the “online giving” link

at the bottom of our home page to learn more.
