



January 27, 2021

Dear Parishioner of Blessed Trinity + Spirit of Christ:

*"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts."* This is the psalm we will sing at the Liturgy this coming weekend. God's voice has come to us in many and varied ways during this past year of 2020. Our "ordinary" lives have been challenged; our regular presence at Sunday Mass has been disrupted; family gatherings have been limited and social events, both at home and at church, have been curtailed. The pandemic has challenged the economic security of many. Yet, we still can hear the calming and hopeful voice of God speaking through the wilderness of these past days.

The challenges still face us, even though we can see a light shining through the darkness of this pandemic. That light has been reflected throughout this year in the continuing generous weekly/monthly Stewardship offered by so many in our parish, even when unable to be present at Sunday Mass. The **Blessed Trinity Capital Campaign HONOR THE PAST; SERVE THE PRESENT; PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE**, which we began one year ago, has reached \$351,043, 70% of the goal, with 52% of parish households participating. Both Spirit of Christ and Blessed Trinity have exceeded our goal in support of the Diocese of Helena's **Annual Catholic Campaign, WITNESS TO HOPE**, by committing \$51,290, 110% of our goal with 51% participation. All of this while so many have been unable to be present at Sunday Mass. The annual **Special Christmas Collection** also reflected the generosity of so many of our parishioners at both Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ. The total received was \$18,372. **THANK YOU!**

Despite the remarkable generosity of so many, our weekly/monthly Stewardship offering at both Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ regularly falls short of our budgeted needs. *(69 households have **reduced** their 2020 weekly/monthly offering; some who are not able to be at Mass have not contributed at all. In addition, regularly contributing parishioners have died this past year; their total contribution in 2019 was \$5,330; ten families have moved-their 2019 contribution totaled \$3,330; eight new families have joined our parish contributing a total of \$5,135.)*

As you review your personal **2020 Financial Statement** on the back of this letter, please consider, if possible, increasing your offering on a regular and consistent basis *(even if you are unable to be at Sunday Mass)*. Some may be able to do this, others, due to Covid-19 challenges, may not. Regardless of your decision, like Saint Paul this Sunday, we want you to be free of anxieties, trusting that the Lord is with us all, calling us to "move forward," as we all listen to hear God's voice.

May God continue to bless you; send you healing grace and fill you with holy peace.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ed Hislop, Pastor

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