

July 29, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace of Christ!

We must ask for your help at this time. During the summer, the parish's bank account is usually at its lowest point. On Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>, the people who came for morning mass discovered there had been a serious water leak overnight. The plumbing for one of the toilets had broken, soaked the ceiling and walls, and flooded the south side of the church. The plumbing has been repaired, the carpet dried out, and holes drilled into some walls to prevent mold. The building will be OK, but it is truly an untimely expense.

A church home for several hundred families can expect a certain amount of "unexpected" expenses. Through your generosity, St. Louis is on a better financial footing than we have been in the recent past. Still we have not been able to build up the cushion most parishes have for handling these emergencies.

Along those lines, many parishes have already met their CSA goals for the year. We are on our normal track to surpass our goal, but this is starting to feel like treading water instead of working toward a worthy goal. Participating in the CSA is one way to build up the larger Catholic Church, at least the one that runs from Perry to Pensacola and is filled with people we know and love.

We know that some people are struggling financially right now. However, many of us are still being blessed. Jesus has gathered us together to build up his church and spread his blessings to the ends of the Earth. We do not have to journey quite that far to participate in our personal missions, but we do need to work together to succeed. Jesus has a role for each of us, and he has given us a gift to share with those we love.

In St. Louis,

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