

To all Nativity Parishioners:

You have probably received a letter from the Archdiocese about the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal along with a card similar to the one we are all asked to fill out each year. Normally, this appeal is done in May, but due to Covid-19 it was postponed until now. The Archdiocese has taken over sending everything about the CSA by mail and/or email to parishioners and encourages people to contribute online or return the card in the mail with a donation. As you know, normally we have people collecting each week in the back of church so there is a lot of personal contact which the diocese is attempting to eliminate due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.

If you have given online before or have signed up for anything with the Archdiocese and they have your email address, you may also receive an email. Nativity has *not* provided any of your emails to the Archdiocese. They plan to do an additional mailing before the end of the month. If you respond, your name is removed from future mail or emails, unless it arrives too close to the date of the next mailing.

They have also reduced the goal each parish was given in February of this year by 15%. Our reduced goal for 2020 is now \$15,827. If the same number of people gave as last year, we would need an average donation of \$170 per person/family to make our goal.

We understand these are difficult times for many and are asking you to do only what you are able to do. Donations can be made as a onetime donation or over a number of months. If the parish goal, as always, is not met the parish must make up the difference. Any donations to CSA that exceed the parish goal are returned to the parish once the goal is achieved. This is the direct website to give: <https://www.givecsa.org/>

The CSA supports many programs throughout the Archdiocese, including campus ministry, the seminary, grants to Catholic schools, young adult programs and other spiritual and charitable programs in the Archdiocese.

The Nativity family continues to be generous in so many ways and we ask you to do only what you are able to do.

Sincerely,
Brother Ray