

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this challenging time, I want to repeat what Jesus said so often, “Do not be afraid.” We will get through this together — even though we may be apart — because we are a people of faith, the Body of Christ, and distance (social or otherwise) cannot divide or diminish that. We will continue to lift each other up in prayer and to gather, even if only virtually, around the Table of the Lord.

I’m sure you know all too well the stresses that come with the social isolation warranted by COVID-19. Our parish families are facing similar challenges, all while trying to adapt and maintain critical ministries that serve so many. They rely on the weekly collection to fund these programs, operate their facilities and pay their staff. Every week that passes without an offertory collection, puts our parishes at greater financial risk. To help them, we have created a way for you to make your weekly offering to your parish using the secure form below. All funds collected will be distributed to your parish on a routine basis.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, your ongoing support of our diocese, and your generosity toward your parish. We are so grateful for your presence in our family of faith. God bless you.

Faithfully in Christ,

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger