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Dear Parishioners,


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The past year has brought us all closer to a return to normal life. Although we are all still cautious about Covid, we have been able to resume activities in the parish. Our Faith Formation program is taking place in classrooms rather than online. Our Theater Group has been able to launch new productions. CYO is playing again in our gym. Our Thrift Shop is fully open. And most importantly you have begun to return to Mass in our beautiful church, allowing us to worship together, celebrate the sacraments, and listen to beautiful music organized by our new Music Director. Mass attendance has still not returned entirely to pre-pandemic levels, however, and neither have our weekly collections. At this time each year we begin our **Summer Appeal** which, as you know, was instituted to provide a critical source of operating revenue during the summer months when many parishioners were away on vacation, causing our regular weekly collections to fall dramatically. This year, once again, we have a real need for the funds raised during the Summer Appeal and we thank all of you who have so consistently and generously supported the appeal each year.

This past winter we had a number of unexpected expenses around our parish buildings. Several "no heat" situations called for emergency boiler maintenance and repair. Snowstorms this winter required higher than budgeted snow removal expense. Our normal summer maintenance projects, which we must complete when activities in and around the school building are quiet, are scheduled. In addition we are currently evaluating estimates for repair of our parking lots and maintenance of the front fascia of our church. The rectory has had a recurring flooding problem in its basement which also must be addressed. Meeting our regular operating expenses, addressing some or all of these larger maintenance tasks, and completing our usual summer maintenance projects will depend on your generosity during this Summer Appeal. Our parish buildings are old and, as any of you who live in an older house know, there are always repairs and maintenance to attend to.

As we did last year, we ask for each family to support the Summer Appeal with a total contribution of **\$600** to enable us to complete our scheduled summer repairs and maintenance and pay our regular operating expenses. The enclosed envelope and card can be returned by mail, or delivered and dropped into the blue bins located at the Pastoral Center and in the chapel area of the church. A second reminder letter will be mailed in August in the event you would like to provide your support in two installments.

I know this is still a difficult time for many of you. Whatever amount you are able to contribute is greatly appreciated and will make a difference. Your contribution can also be made online using our easy and secure **WeShare** program. Visit

our parish website at www.saintjanefrances.org and click on the logo.  Also, to assist us in updating our parish records we ask that you include your **current email address** on the contribution card upon return.

I am grateful to all of you for your faith, your support and participation in our parish life, and your generosity. We continue to livestream Masses on the Saint Frances de Chantal website www.saintjanefrances.org daily at 9am, on Saturdays at 8:30am and 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30am and special occasions. Thank you for keeping St. Frances de Chantal Church in your heart and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,