

To: The Congregation of St. Elizabeth/St. Mark's Parish

From: The Parish Finance Council

Subject : Proposed Parish Fund Raiser

1. The purpose of this supplement to today's bulletin is to advise the congregation of St. Elizabeth/St. Marks of the financial status of our Parish and offer a suggestion to support our financial condition.
2. On average, Sunday collections amount to \$3200. Our monthly expenses total about the same amount. This does not provide for any room for handling major expenditures, such as – high fuel bills, equipment repair and Diocesan assessments in support of the Diocesan school system. In the past eight months, we had to withdraw \$3500 to cover our heating costs and \$2090 to cover a portion of our school payment. These funds came from our Morgan Stanley investment account. Because of our withdrawals and the volatility of the stock market this account is now at \$68393.03.
3. In order to solidify our financial condition, we are suggesting a supplemental fund raiser in addition to our normal giving process such as – Sunday, Christmas and Easter contributions. What we are asking is that each family pledge an amount to what they can afford according to the pledge card attached to this supplement included with today's bulletin. You will notice that there are four suggested pledge amounts - \$350, \$250, \$150 and an open amount. We are asking that you complete your pledge card in the next two weeks , place it in an envelope and deposit it in Sunday's collection basket or place it in the collection basket in the rear of each Church.
4. In terms of paying off your pledge, we suggest that either you can pay it off with one check or pay it off over the next four weeks by November 1, 2022.
5. In analyzing our giving patterns, we have come to the realization that of the 228 families in our parish, we only have a 40% participation level. Our question is where is the other 60%. If we are not in support of our Parish in its time of need, there will come a time when we will need our Parish and it will not be there for us.

Thank you for your help.

St. Elizabeth/ St. Mark's Finance Council

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PLEDGE AMOUNT: \$350 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ Open Amount \_\_\_\_\_