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Dear Parishioners of St. John Paul II,

As we continue to find our way through and, ultimately, past the challenges that COVID-19 has imposed on our families, community, and parish, our faith is a bedrock that helps carry us through to better times. Our spiritual well-being is grounded in our Lord Jesus Christ and through Him, all things are possible.

First, in mid-summer of 2020 we had a change of leadership on our Administration Board. With thanks and prayers, we accepted the resignation of our chairperson, Pat Aitkens. Pat's resignation was effective on August 16th, 2020. She was at the helm of our board for the last 5+ years and we will be forever indebted to her for her commitment and dedication to our church. As a result, the Board approved the following:

- Chair: Greg Roth
- Vice-Chair: Michelle Deger
- Treasurer: Laurette Truszynski
- Liturgy & Building: Larry Allard
- Financial Officer: Pat Adams
- Secretary: Kathleen Roth

Please reference the weekly bulletin or the St. John Paul II website (<http://stjohn-paulii.org>) for the latest information regarding in-person services and current COVID restrictions related to attending Mass. In normal years, the weekly offertory in combination with fund-raising activities provide the bulk of our financial support for the parish throughout the year. However, due to the impact of COVID on attendance as well as the hiatus on various fund-raising activities, our parish is in need of your support, both spiritually and financially. For your consideration:

- 1) Weekly Offertory: We understand each of you must decide individually and prayerfully how much to give – and give willingly! What we give to God is between us and Him. However, He does expect that we will give to the best of our ability in recognition of His generosity to us. The church offers a couple of alternative ways for you to continue to give:
 - a. Donate online via the Archdiocese of St. Boniface's website at <https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/>. Simply click the **Donate to your parish during the COVID-19 pandemic** button and follow the prompts.
 - b. Pre-Authorized debit withdrawals. The ability to give your weekly or monthly contributions automatically via direct withdrawal is an option more and more of our parishioners are choosing. You can request a pre-authorized withdrawal form via email at stjpii@stjohn-paulii.org. It is also available on the St. John Paul II website (<http://stjohn-paulii.org>). Please mail the completed form to the church's address.

These are trying times, but we are in this together.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ~ Isaiah 41:10

Yours in Christ,

The Administration Board of St. John Paul II