

The Parish of Transfiguration-Saint Stanislaus Kostka

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St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

Dear Parishioner,

Faced with incredible challenges posed by COVID-19, we chose faith over fear and mobilized our efforts to overcome technological difficulties, celebrate Mass virtually, console the grief-stricken, provide services to the less fortunate, and find interesting ways to engage on social media. With unrivaled fortitude, we faced a global pandemic that challenged our faith and tested our selflessness.

The pandemic also exposed some lasting vulnerabilities. How do we as Catholics maintain a sense of connectedness with social distancing measures in place? How do we run our parish, meet the growing demand for pastoral services, creatively engage youth and adults, pay salaries, and maintain our spiritual home with most of our funds stemming from cash and envelopes?

The vitality and vibrancy of our parish is the responsibility of all its members. For this reason, I ask that you join me in sustaining The Parish of Transfiguration-St. Stanislaus Kostka by participating in our Parish Stewardship Program.

- Firstly, if you are unable to physically join us in celebration of the Eucharist, I invite you to connect with us and learn of updates on our parish website at: <a href="www.transtans.org">www.transtans.org</a> or on our parish Facebook page: The Parish of Transfiguration- St. Stanislaus Kostka.
- Additionally, and quite candidly, we need your financial support. It takes \$12,846 per week to run our parish. With current weekly offertory at approximately \$2,561 and a 70% decline experienced over a four-month period during COVID-19, we will have to remain prudent with expenses and still find a way to serve the pastoral needs of our 500 parishioners.

I ask that you help us meet our expenses, reduce costs, and provide a sustainable source of income by enrolling in electronic giving. To get started, please access the Parish Giving button on our website: <a href="www.transtans.org">www.transtans.org</a> or text the amount you would like to donate to (929) 227-6622. Also, if your personal finances allow, please prayerfully reflect on your current level of support and consider increasing your regular giving by \$5, \$7, \$10, or more. Again, only if you can. If you are unable to enroll in electronic giving, we humbly request you continue to sustain your vital support using envelopes.

We need a response from every parish household to make this a true success. I kindly request that you fill out the enclosed response form indicating your renewed commitment, preferred method of giving, and send it to the parish office or complete one online at <a href="https://www.cfbq.org/psp">www.cfbq.org/psp</a>.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to bring this delicate matter to your attention and may the Lord guide us so that we can faithfully lead and serve His word on the pathways to faith.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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### Parish Stewardship Program

### Join us as we sustain Transfiguration - St. Stanislaus Kostka



Extraordinary sacrifice and generosity have allowed us to overcome significant challenges over the 15-week shutdown period. A sincere thank you to all our families for your unwavering support.

With your financial support and our devoted parish staff, we were quick to mobilize our efforts during the shutdown to overcome technological difficulties, celebrate Mass virtually, provide services to those in need, and find interesting ways to engage on social media.

For the future of our parish and the well-being our parishioners, we are embarking on a Parish Stewardship Program this fall. Through this initiative, we intend to sustain our parish and ensure its continued vibrancy.

You will receive a **mailing at your homes** in the coming weeks. We ask that you consider responding to this call to action:



CONNECT with us: Like our Facebook Page / Subscribe to our YouTube channel



SUSTAIN our parish offertory: Enroll in electronic giving by visiting: www.ststanstrans.org/parish-giving/



UPDATE our parish records: Please fill out the response form included in your mailing or use the response link: www.cfbg.org/PSP



# How can we sustain our parish through the *Parish*Stewardship Program?

Our parish relies mainly on cash and envelope support. We are extremely grateful for this source of generosity but have witnessed, first-hand, how financially vulnerable our parish was during the COVID shutdown. We need to do a better job of planning for the future.



We also know the exchange of paper and cash is a breeding ground for germs. Help us protect our money counters, parish staff, and fellow parishioners by using this simple, secure, and convenient giving method.

# Ready to get started? Please Scan the QR Code Below



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

After much prayer and discernment, our parish has decided to embark on a Stewardship Program this fall. Our objective is simple: allow us to get better at connecting with you, make it easier for you to connect with your faith community, and help sustain our parish.

You will receive a mailing at your homes detailing the Program and its necessity. To ensure it is a true success, we ask that you kindly respond by one of the following ways:

- Your mailing will include a response form. Please complete it and mail it to our parish office. You are also welcome to use the form below.
- Complete the form online at www.cfbq.org/PSP

#### Help Sustain our Spiritual Home

As resilient as we are, COVID-19 has exposed some underlying financial vulnerabilities, especially considering that our parish relies heavily on cash and envelopes. We need to come together to sustain our spiritual home. You can help us now by enrolling in electronic giving.

Please scan the QR code to get started!



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