

**Lexington Catholic Community**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**

**St. Brigid Parish**

**December 13, 2016**

**Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

**A crisis is an opportunity riding a dangerous wave! We have such a crisis right now in our Lexington Catholic Community. Sacred Heart Parish is on track to run in the red at the end of our fiscal year by almost \$12,000. St. Brigid is on track to end in the red by almost \$27,000. This will be the third year in a row that we have gone to our savings in order to pay our bills. At the request of our Collaborative Pastoral Council and two Finance Councils, I am sounding an alarm!!!**

**Currently only a very small percentage of our parishioners are responsible for the lion's share of our income. We need everyone to take seriously the support of our parishes. On-line giving and the regular use of weekly envelopes are the best way to do this. This is not a message for people on a fixed income who already do what they can. It is a message for all those who may not understand how difficult our financial situation is and how important their regular contributions really are. In order to continue the many services that our parishes provide, we need the help of every person and family. Our parishes are here because our forebears were committed disciples. Our parishes will only be here in the future if we all do our part now!**

**Please, please think of making our parishes solvent once again by determining to contribute 2%, 3% or 4% of your annual income to our parishes.**

**Please know that this is all about good stewardship on both my part and yours. Please also remember that God will never be outdone in terms of generosity.**

**May God bless you at this special time of the year as once again we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!**

**In Christ,  
Msgr. Paul**

**Sacred Heart On-Line Giving Link: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/130>**

**St. Brigid On-Line Giving Link: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/125>**