



*The following message will be read at all Masses and will be published in the bulletin the weekend of June 12 and 13, 2021.*

Dear Parishioners,

With sadness, I have submitted my resignation as pastor of St. Joseph's Church. As many of you know, I deal with the disease of alcoholism and I had another lapse this last weekend, therefore, with the support of Bishop Pates, I am seeking inpatient treatment. I am sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

It has been a great honor to be your pastor and to be with you during times of prayer, celebration and sadness. The parish will continue to thrive; it is not dependent on one person! On July 14 at the stewardship celebration, the parish will celebrate the burning of our Bell Bank loan, which financed improvements to the church and school. This debt was approximately \$2 million when I arrived, and due to your generosity and the estates of Msgr. Krebs and Dee Korbel, this debt will be retired.

I ask for your prayers as I depart to get the treatment I need and later to re-enter parish ministry. I appreciate the parish and school staffs, the many volunteers, and all of you – the parishioners of St. Joseph's parish.

Fr. Larry Delaney

*Fr. Nate Brunn has been named temporary Administrator during this interim period. Please continue to keep all involved in prayer.*