

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY

May 7, 2020

Dear Minnesota Donors,

My name is Fr. Rob Adams and I am the new priest administrator at St. Francis Church in Pikeville, KY. I wanted to take a moment and thank you for all the donations that you sent to us for Christmas this past year! As an alumnus of St. Thomas in St Paul, I feel a special connection to the Catholic Church in Minnesota. As you probably know, Pikeville is in the heart of central Appalachia, which is one of the poorest regions in the United States. Without your kindness, many children here would not have had a Christmas. While the people in our parish are able to take care of themselves, as Catholics, we know that we are not just responsible for those who attend our parishes. We have responsibility for all those who live in our communities. Thank you so much for thinking of us!

As I write this, I know that we are all in the midst of the chaos and uncertainty created by COVID-19. Many people have lost their livelihood or have had to tighten their belts to make ends meet. St. Francis has also had to make some tough decisions. We have had to close our parish school, which has operated here since 1949. This was a hard decision, but one that needed to be made for the good of all those involved. Please keep us in your prayers as we discern the next stage of our outreach to people in our area.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish over the past years. We would not have been able to be Christ to as many people without your help.

God Bless,

Fr. Robert Adams
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