Dear Parishioners,

We are now a few weeks into the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, and I know many of you are doing your best to practice the faith during these challenging times. You are praying — perhaps more now than you have for years, and that is a blessing. You are finding unique ways to serve others, even if social distancing means you can only serve your immediate family members at this time. That, too, is a blessing. Many of you are making financial decisions that bless others. Fr. Phan and I are so grateful, for your gratitude and kindness shown to us over these weeks.

As a reminder, the Church is open from 6 am until 9 pm and you can come in during those hours to pray. Our Adoration program is continuing with the Blessed Sacrament exposed on Monday and Wednesday from 9 am until 6 am the following day. Please stop in and during your visit make an act of spiritual communion. Jesus wants to see you! We will also start live streaming the morning 7 am Mass sometime this week. There are a few details to work out, and a notice will appear when this begins. My daily reflections will continue, though if anyone wants to help you can let me know.

Over the past week or so, members of our parish community have asked how they can continue to support our parish financially since they are unable to attend Mass and make their gift to the offertory. I am truly grateful that so many of you want to continue to give a portion of your treasure back to God and our parish.

Here are a few options you can utilize while you are away from Mass:

* Electronic Giving: Our parish participates in e-tithing. Visit our website (stvincentseward.org) and you find the link at the top right corner, where you will find easy-to-follow instructions on how to enter your personal and payment information, and make your weekly gift there.
* Mail: We are truly blessed to be Americans. One of those blessings is the U.S. Postal Service. They continue to operate through this crisis, and you can easily drop a check in the mail to the parish office. Our mailing address is 152 Pinewood Ave, Seward, NE  68434. I suggest you place your check in your regular offertory envelope and then enclose it in a regular envelope addressed to our parish. (As a reminder, you should never mail cash.)

I have been overwhelmed by the level of support so many of you have shown me and our parish during these trying times. Together, with God’s mercy, we will see this challenge through. We will come out on the other side of this crisis a much stronger and more faithful community than ever. We are truly blessed, and we will continue to bless others.

My daily Office has become more important to me, as I know it is an offering for you. Please pray for our Bishop, our priests and everyone in our parish, and community. God Bless you!

Msgr. Tucker