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Dear Parishioners of Saint Jude Parish,

I would like to begin with my words of sincere gratitude to all of you for your generous support of Saint Jude Parish and the 2017 End-of-Year Appeal. Your contributions helped us tremendously. None-the-less, we have had to take certain measures of fiduciary responsibility. Due to unexpected maintenance expenses (mandatory removal of oil tanks) as well as assuming full responsibility for the school building, our parish budget accrued a major deficit (please see financial report in 1-28-18 bulletin). Even though we tried to eliminate unnecessary expenditures, implement cost saving changes, we still had to adjust and cut some of our cleaning and maintenance staff and services. Unfortunately, these measures did not balance our budget sufficiently. Therefore, after a long time of prayer and consultation, I made the decision that no pastor ever wants to make: to reduce the hours of operation of our parish office. As of February 1, 2018, our parish office will be open Monday – Friday, 4 hours a day (schedule will be published soon in the bulletin and online). This change does not affect operations of Religious Education Program or usage of the building by other groups. This decision will have a significant impact on our current office staffing. We are working through options involving the use of parish volunteers as well as modified part-time positions to meet the needs of the office.

While these decisions are always difficult, I hope we can come through these challenging times together, support one another and Saint Jude Parish, and continue to move forward cooperatively to once again restore full services to our community.

Thank you for all you do and please keep all of us in your prayers.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Dariusz J. Zielonka". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Msgr. Dariusz J. Zielonka, J.V., J.C.D.

Pastor