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Dear Parish Family,

I am sure many of you have already read my letter in the bulletin last Sunday. It was my Thanksgiving letter to you. Since tomorrow is the big day, I thought of writing again about this special national holiday we are celebrating.

We have celebrated many Thanksgiving holidays in our lives but this year we can agree that the 2020 holiday is by far the most restrictive and most limited in scope and finds us being cautious. We of course know the reason why as we are still dealing and struggling with this pandemic and even more now than before. As one parishioner commented yesterday, "It's still spreading like wildfire!" And that observation is true. We see the news on TV and read about it in the newspapers. Why the escalation of this pandemic? For a while we were glad to see the spread of the disease slow down and we breathed a bit easier while we waited for the vaccine against it. And now it's on the upswing again. Why? I believe that many people are lowering their defenses. Some may have become a little more carefree and no longer following safety protocols. To stop this increasing trend, many states have imposed safety standards and rules in our celebration of Thanksgiving. It is sad, but I feel it is necessary.

So once again, allow me to remind you, like a loving parent to a son or a daughter, please be careful and do whatever is necessary to be safe. And certainly in our parish community, let us pray for one another.

God bless you! And have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving celebration!

Sincerely,

Fr. Dwight

P.S. Let me remind you about our GAP (Grandparents as Parents) Christmas Tree with tags listing the gift wishes of young ones in our community who are being raised by their grandparents. This is a great way to spread some Christmas cheer with a family in need. Please consider stopping by the the Family Life Center hallway to choose a tag from the tree and return the gift to the Youth Office. Thank you!