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To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

We must all be deeply saddened by the devastation our brothers and sisters living along flooded rivers in our community are realizing, now that the near all-time historic high waters are receding. After an initial assessment, several hundred households mostly in St. Charles and Lincoln Counties have been affected with major damage or a complete loss. I ask the Lord to carry those who are suffering and who have lost so much.

To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those impacted by this most recent natural disaster, I am asking our nearly 200 parishes in 11 counties to participate in a second collection at all Masses this weekend or the weekend after (July 13-14 or July 20-21). Funds raised will go directly to relief efforts provided by Catholic Charities of St. Louis and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service.

Donations can also be made directly to Catholic Charities of St. Louis via mail at P.O. Box 952393, St. Louis, MO 63195-2393 (please note *Disaster Relief Fund*) or online at [www.ccstl.org/donate](http://www.ccstl.org/donate) (select Disaster Relief Fund in the giving menu). Donations can be made directly to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service via mail at 4116 McClay Road St. Charles, MO 63304 (please note *Flood Recovery*) or online at <https://donorbox.org/jacares-donation> (select Flood Recovery in the giving menu).

I will be offering Mass for those who have been impacted in this natural disaster. I ask you to please join your prayers to mine for our neighbors who must now rebuild their lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis