

From Msgr. Gene

Happy Easter!!

I am sure missing being with you and able to celebrate Mass with you all — or with anyone for that matter. I know this has been a difficult time for all of us and I know there will be lasting effects for some time to come. I am afraid it will be awhile before we get back to “normal” again — if that is possible. I pray that everyone is staying healthy and well.

I know I get asked a lot about when the Bishop will allow our parishes to open again for public Masses, and other celebrations and services. Believe me; when I say he is as anxious for that to happen, as we all are! However, we do have to be “North Dakota Smart” (to use the Governor’s term), and need to wait until it is prudent and safe. Until then we must continue to grow in the virtue of patience!! **Continue to keep the faith, pray, and watch out for one another.**

Until we have a firm timetable for being able to have Masses again, **we will have to postpone the celebration of First Communion.** I also want to make sure our kids are adequately prepared since we abruptly had to suspend all classes. It will take a bit of time to get things up and running again. Again, patience is required from all of us.

Let us Continue to Pray for One Another.

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH EVENTS/NEWS

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Livestream masses are listed on the Diocesan website: <https://bismarckdiocese.com/>

Daily and Sunday Masses at the Cathedral will be livestreamed at www.cathedralparish.com at the following times:

- Monday through Friday at 6:45 a.m.
- Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

RESOURCES

VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE:

www.sthildegardmenoken.com

Faith Formation tab: to access FORMED.org for 24/7 Catholic content.

EWTN: ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

Magnificat: www.magnificat.com/free

Prayer resources from USCCB:
<http://www.usccb.org/about/communication/s/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm>

Resources for prayer and engagement:
<https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>

Mercy & Mary Online Retreat. “Now is the Time for Mercy” (Session 1- Free):
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mercyandmary/>

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR HOMES

free online prayer and formation resources:
<https://www.archspm.org/covid19/prayer-formation-resources>

HELP YOURSELF

Complimentary copies of *The Word Among Us* are available on the table in the church entry. This “Easter, the Resurrection, and You” series contains the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations During the Easter season, as we explore the grace of baptism. (April 12-May 31).

APRIL 19 OFFERINGS

Adult	\$ 3240.00
Chreasters	\$ 100.00
Holy Land	\$ 30.00
Online	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 3770.00

YOUR PARISH OFFERINGS

Your continued generosity to our parish is appreciated and needed, until we overcome the COVID-19 crisis. **Weekly offering envelopes can be mailed to the parish office: 17200 Highway 10, Menoken, ND 58558.**

ONLINE GIVING

It's Easy – Fast – Convenient

<https://www.osonlinegiving.com/24>

Once you have set up your account, you can establish the amount and the frequency of contributions. If you need assistance, Customer Support will walk you through the process: Call 800-348-2886, Select Option 2, (for online giving for support), then select Option 1 (for donor).

PRAYERS

Let us continue our prayers for the sick. Let us pray especially for all those around the world who have become ill from the coronavirus. Let us pray for the deceased; for doctors, nurses, and caregivers; for public health officials and all civic leaders.

Even now, when many churches are closed, we can participate in adoration at home by going in spirit to the nearest tabernacle—or by asking our guardian angel to pray before the Blessed Sacrament on our behalf while we pray earnestly from home.

AREA EVENTS/NEWS

For COVID-19 Updates check the following websites:

<https://bismarckdiocese.com/>

<https://ndcatholic.org/>



Let us praise the Lord for the triumph of mercy that his Resurrection is. Like the disciples, we may often be tempted to “lock ourselves in” out of fear, shame, or discouragement. But Jesus, glorious and resurrected, can penetrate those walls and doors by his grace. He even shows the disciples his wounds, which appear now as badges of honor. Why then should we be afraid to show him our wounds? Someday, when by God’s mercy we may be welcomed into heaven, we will be able to see how our own wounds and our own sufferings contributed to our glorification. We pray for all those who do not know the mercy of God, and that all may be led back to the Church and to her maternal and merciful embrace. And we continue to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, for protection on all those working hard to combat it, and we entrust to the Lord’s mercy the sick and the dying.

• **Stewardship Thought:** God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. That includes the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.