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April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday
Resurrection of our Lord

UPDATE ON CHURCH CLOSING:

Due to the Coronavirus, Bishop Kettler has decided to **extend** the date for churches to be CLOSED. Until after Friday, May 15th. He stresses that we should go out only when necessary, not only for our protection but for the protection of others. **First Communion and Confirmation has been cancelled at this time. We will be notified when they will take place.**

If you want to go to confession, please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902 to make arrangements..

Mass with Fr. Ron will be video taped. We do not know the exact time for viewing live but the days are as follows:

Holy Thursday & Holy Saturday Vigil will be live streamed from St. Joseph Parish in Grey Eagle. [facebook.com/stjosephfaithformationgreyeagle](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephfaithformationgreyeagle)

Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be live streamed from St. John's Church in Swanville. [facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistswanville](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnthebaptistswanville)

For Mass on T.V. there are several options:

Mass is also offered on EWTN, Dish 261, and Direct T.V. 370. Our diocese has Mass on KSTC-45 at 11:00 Sunday

The Bishop's Annual Appeal:

We are the Church Together: Your diocesan ministries are working to walk with you during these troubling times. Diocesan staff continue to reach out to parishes, advance ministries from home and respond to phone calls and messages. Our diocesan website has updates, messages from Bishop Kettler, spiritual resources and prayers at www.stcdio.org. May God be with you and those you love.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER. PRAY AND HAVE FAITH. TIMES WILL AGAIN BE BETTER ! LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOD LOVES YOU !

We Thank those who have already used some of the envelopes. So far we received :

Adult Sunday Env.	\$ 810
one person full year Sunday env.	2,025
Other misc. env.	240
Fall collection	300
Funeral Lunch	320
Minis-tree for volunteers	125
So far Easter collection	360
several for the Diocese	655
Cemetery	400
TOTAL	<u>\$5,235</u>

We hope you continue to donate to your church weekly and bring your donation in when we are able to enjoy Mass together again. God Bless !!!

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AT THIS TIME. Marge will get in touch with those who will have first Communion and those who need work done before they can be confirmed when those dates are set

During this Holy Week, we once again realize what Jesus has done for us so we can one day have eternal life with Him. He suffered greatly before He was hung on the cross to die for us. But the good news is that **He rose again** and with the Trinity of – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – we are saved.

During these times, we all need a little laughter

Dr. Geezer, a retired doctor, opens a clinic stating: Get treatment for \$500. If not cured, get back \$1,000. Dr. Young thought the old geezer didn't know much so decided to test him. He went to the clinic and said he lost taste in his mouth. Dr. Geezer told his nurse to bring medicine 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth. Aaaagug – this is gasoline yelled Dr. Young. Great your taste is back said Dr. Geezer. That will be \$500. Dr. Young is upset and is determined to get his money back. He goes back and says he lost his memory. Dr. Geezer told his nurse to bring medicine 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth. Dr. Young shouted, "OH no you don't – that is gasoline." Great you got your memory back – that will be \$500. Now Dr. Young was angry and goes back saying his eyesight has become weak. Old Dr. Geezer thinks a bit and then say, "I am sorry but I don't have any medicine for that so here is your \$1,000 back." Then he gave him a check for only \$10. Dr. Young looked at the check and said, "Wait, this is for only \$10." Dr. Geezer took the check back and congratulated Dr. Young for getting his vision back and said, "that will be \$500." The moral of this story is....just because you're young doesn't mean you can outsmart an old geezer !!