

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

Church of St. Mary  
806 E Broadway Avenue  
Bismarck ND 58501-4492

## A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. GENE

Dear Parishioner,

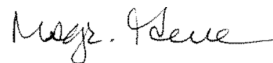
Our parish Mission Statement says we are a “Catholic community of believers united by faith in God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, who encounters Jesus Christ while striving to meet the spiritual needs of our growing parish family through hospitality, prayer, formation and service.” I believe that sums up what we strive to be as a parish family. And this Stewardship Commitment Form includes the many ways we can and do live out that mission statement.

Each year it’s important that we look at the various ways we share our time, talents and abilities, and treasure – all gifts from God – to further the mission entrusted to us. All of us have something to offer. Over and over again Jesus told His disciples, “Do not be afraid!” He says the same to us! Do not be afraid to share generously of your time, talents and abilities, treasure and, most of all, your faith for the good of others here in the parish and beyond.

Please return your completed form by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. It will greatly assist us in our planning as we move into the new year.

May God bless all of us on our mission as a parish family.

Blessings in Christ,



(Msgr.) Gene Lindemann  
Pastor

## 2017 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

An offering of Time, Talent & Treasure



\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name (one card per family)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

Please place your card in the collection basket at Mass,  
mail it to the parish office or fill it out online at  
[www.stmarysbismarck.org](http://www.stmarysbismarck.org)

FROM:

Please go through this form **carefully** and **completely**. This is for a one year commitment. It is very important that you **mark ALL activities each family member** is/would like to be a part of, even if you have previously been involved in that ministry. Please write the **FIRST NAME** of the person (s) who will be involved in each ministry.

## PRAYER

Please circle your Mass preference.

- Liturgy Committee Member
- Seasonal Church Decorating
- Word and Communion Presider
- Take Communion to the Homebound
- Rosary Leader before Mass
- Lector
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Altar Server
- Greeter/Usher
- Gift Bearer
- Choir Member
- Hand Chimes Choir Member
- Cantor
- Accompanist
- Instrumentalist
- Prayer Tree
- Ministry of Praise - prayer ministry group
- Pray for Vocations—Serra Club Member

## HOSPITALITY

- New Parishioner Mentor
- Bake for Parish Events (Martha's Ministry)
- Assist with Thursday Morning Fellowship
- \* Assist with Sunday Morning Fellowship

\* We are in need of more volunteers for this ministry.

# TREASURE

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Mary's Parish Family is asked to give a percentage of income based on the biblical tithe:

**5% to St. Mary's Parish Family**  
**1% to the Diocese, 4% to Charity**

### My Offering pledge to St. Mary's Parish Family

Please complete either a Weekly or Monthly offertory gift:

Weekly gift \$  X 52 = \$  annually

Or

Monthly gift \$  X 12 = \$  annually

- I give via electronic contribution/Online Giving
- I would like more information about Online Giving

### Weekly giving based on a proportion of your income.

At St. Mary's Parish Family, each household is asked to work toward giving 5% of their income to the parish. Some families may have difficulty reaching this goal at first. If so, try increasing your weekly gift incrementally until you reach an amount that you know is right for you.

## Weekly Giving Chart

% of household Income	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	96	48	38	10
\$70,000	135	67	54	14
\$100,000	192	96	76	19

## FORMATION

- Sponsor Couple for Engaged Couples
- Pre-Marriage Weekend Team Member
- Adult Scripture Study Member
- Youth Group Member
- A background check must be completed and accepted to be a part of the following ministries:
- Youth Ministry Helper (Must be over 21)
- Provide Childcare for Parish Events
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Faith Formation

Circle: Leader Helper  
 4:30 9:00 11:00  
 Circle: Leader Helper

## SERVICE

- Pastoral Council Member
- Finance Council Member
- Maintenance Committee Member
- Liturgy Planning Committee Member
- Health and Wellness Committee Member
- Charity and Justice Committee Member
- Knights of Columbus Member
- Altar Society Member
- \* Serve Funerals Lunches (needed mornings/early afternoons)
- Visitor to elderly: nursing home, hospital, or home
- \* Assist with Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings
- Deliver Valentine's Meals to the Elderly
- Sell Mother's Day Flowers for Right to Life
- Deliver Christmas Baskets
- Help with Annual Blood Drive and Breakfast
- Help with Homeless Awareness Breakfast
- Volunteer with Ministry on the Margins
- Help with St. Mary's Youth Group Rummage Sale
- St. Mary's Central High School Carnival Worker
- Church Cleaning
- Help in Parish Office
- Help with Parish Mailings
- Help with Parish Fall Dinner
- \* Stewardship Follow-Up Phone Calling

It is very important that you **mark ALL activities each family member** is/would like to be a part of, even if you have previously been involved in that ministry.