

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Sat, Jan 23 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(†Anna Richard)

Sun, Jan 24 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)

Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)

Tue, Jan 26 **No Mass**

Wed, Jan 27 **No Mass**

Thurs, Jan 28 **No Mass**

Fri, Jan 29 11:00 a.m. Good Sam
(† Delmar Haberman)

Sat, Jan 30 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(Duane Sebelius)

Sun, Jan 31 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners))

Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Dorothy Miller)



HOME COMMUNION. Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Marlys Vad (228-2049) by Saturday noon to be put on the list.



To add or remove a name, please contact Deb Wyman 245-6538 or the parish office.

PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS: Military personnel & their families, Garth Saylor, Ernie Fontaine, Cindy Volk, Tammy Allard, Colleen Holen, Dwayne Thiel, Duane Sebelius, Jodi Bjellum, Lisa Middlebrook, Harvey Soland, Candace Fulsebaake, Karen Busch, John Smith, Matthew Laverdure; a very special intention; a situation of domestic abuse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, January 24
St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 a.m.

Wed, January 27
St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 p.m.
Quilters 1:00 p.m.

Sun, January 31
St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 a.m.

Wed, February 3
St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 p.m.
Quilters 1:00 p.m.

Sun, February 7
St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 a.m.

Dear Frank and Diana Jahner:
God has blessed you with 50 wonderful years together. So many blessings... So many memories... So many good things to celebrate! Happy Golden Anniversary! From your family

I thank God that I am able to be with your parish this weekend. Every one of us needs to know where we stand in relationship with God and others. Jesus calls you to repent and believe! If you want to go deeper or you have questions about what I shared this weekend, you can contact me at kurtis.gunwall@fargodiocese.org and/or contact your pastor for direction on this journey with and to God. I am also leaving "Called by Name" postcard which you can fill out to encourage someone in their discernment. Drop it by the parish office or email the information to me. God bless you.
— Fr. Kurtis Gunwall

Stewardship Moment

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life; he wants us to be happy! However, He expects us to generously share our blessings with those who are in need, without expecting anything in return.

Report For January 17, 2016



St Andrew's: Adult envelopes \$503.00 plate \$ 97.00 and children \$12.10

St Mark's: Adult envelopes \$ 1495.00 Plate \$182.00 and children \$11.00

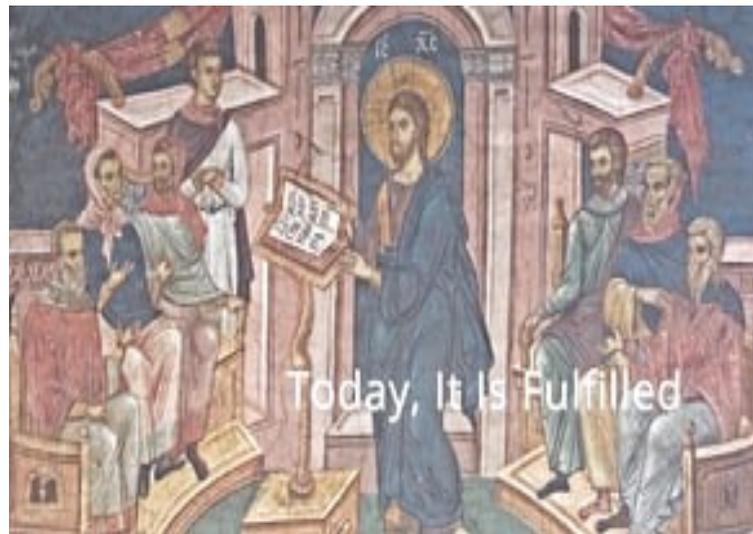


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& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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‘ROLLING UP THE SCROLL, HE HANDED IT BACK TO THE ATTENDANT AND SAT DOWN, AND THE EYES OF ALL IN THE SYNAGOGUE LOOKED INTENTLY AT HIM. HE SAID TO THEM ‘TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASS AGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING’”

LK 4:20-21

January 23-24, 2016 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor

Jen Nero, Director of Religious Ed

Valerie Hefth, Director of Religious Ed

Ursula Palmer, Secretary

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm, Bottineau

Sunday 9:00 am, Westhope

And 11:00 am, Bottineau

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 4:30 pm, Bottineau

Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope

OFFICE HOURS

Tue-Fri 2-5:00pm



FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING. Today's Gospel combines two separate passages. First we hear Luke's solemn opening lines. He states his purpose using a polished style. He's the only Gospel writer with this kind of scholarly introduction. Luke may be writing to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus (Greek for "lover of God") may be a general reference, like "Dear Reader". St Luke's statement builds our confidence that what we're hearing is solid truth, and he had to do his homework to put it together.

The Gospel then skips to Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth. He stands in the synagogue and reads from the scroll handed to him.

He tells his listeners that the passage they've just heard from Isaiah is fulfilled in their hearing. It announces his mission, which includes bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Really, the Church believes that at every Eucharist, the words of Scripture are fulfilled in our hearing. As we listen and believe, the Scriptures are being fulfilled.

I remember reading at my Grandpa's funeral. Very different than Jesus' experience in the synagogue, but it was similar in that it confirmed in me a sense of calling. It was from the First Letter of John, and there was a deep sense of truth that seized me when I read the words. It

was a truth about God's love for my Grandpa, but hidden in that was also a truth about me.

It makes me wonder if we shouldn't be inviting our youth to read the

Scriptures at Mass. Maybe that is one way we can respond to Fr. Kurt's visit to our parishes this weekend.

Sitting in the doctor's office at St. Andrew's Hospital, I spotted on the wall an illustrated, abbreviated form of this insightful meditation on children, learning, and life. Thought I'd share.

Children Learn What They Live By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear,

they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity,

they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement,

they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval,

they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition,

they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration,

they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith

in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn

the world is a nice place in which to live.

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teach me, teach me
to walk in His light

HOW TO DEFEND YOUR PRO-LIFE VIEWS IN 5 MINUTES OR LESS

Adapted from Scott Klusendorf

Suppose you only have 5 minutes to graciously defend your pro-life beliefs. How can you simplify the abortion issue for those who think it's hopelessly complex?

Here's three easy steps:

1) Clarify the issue. Elective abortion unjustly takes the life of a defenseless human being. This simplifies the abortion controversy by focusing on one question: Is the unborn a member of the human family? If so, killing the child is a serious moral wrong.

Arguments based on "choice" or "privacy" miss the point entirely. No one would support a mother killing her toddler in the name of "choice". Clearly, if the unborn are human, like toddlers, we shouldn't kill them in the name of choice any more than we would a toddler. This debate is about one question: What is the unborn? Some may object—killing a fetus is morally different than killing a toddler. Ah, but that's the issue, isn't it? Are the unborn, like toddlers, members of the human family? That is the one issue that matters.

2) Defend your pro-life position with basic facts. Scientifically, we know that from the earliest stages of development, the unborn are distinct, living, and whole human beings. Leading embryology studies confirm this. A zygote is the beginning of a new human being. Human development begins at fertilization. The highly specialized cell formed when egg and sperm meet marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual.

Embryos are less developed than newborns (or, for that matter, toddlers) but it is the same human being. There is no morally significant difference between the embryo that you once were and the adult that you are today. Differences of size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency do not determine whether a human being has rights. If human, the being has human rights.

Although humans differ immensely with respect to talents, accomplishments, and degrees of development, they are nonetheless equal because they share a common human nature.

3) Challenge your listeners to be intellectually honest. Ask the tough questions. When critics say that birth makes the unborn human, ask, "How does a

mere change of location from inside the womb to outside change the essential nature of the unborn?" If they say that brain development or self-awareness makes us human, ask if they would agree with Joseph Fletcher that those with an IQ below 20 or perhaps 40 should be declared non-persons? If not, why not? Even if some people ignore the facts, remind your listener that if we care about truth, we will follow the facts wherever they lead.



Praying for children who are hidden from sight, but not hidden from God...
Praying for the protection of unborn people...

EMHC. St Mark's, more *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* needed for Saturdays. Hear the call? Also needed, more people to take the Eucharist to shut-ins. Please contact the parish office.

GETAWAY. Just a reminder that I am praying for you on retreat. The forecast was lots of rain before I left. Sometimes sunshine is more a state of mind than anything else. United in prayer, Fr MH.



PLEASE WELCOME FR. KURT GUNWALL. Fr. Kurt, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Fargo, has offered you a message about vocations. Let's keep this in our prayers, for our youth and for all. We're all called.

Jennifer Fulwiler to Speak at Pro-Life Luncheon Event on Feb. 29 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sts Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo. She will speak on "The Secret to Building a Culture of Life" and address the connection between abortion



and contraception and offer ways we can inspire our culture to a greater respect for all human life.

\$15/person, registration required before deadline, Feb. 22. Registrations forms online at www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife or by calling 701-356-7900.

