

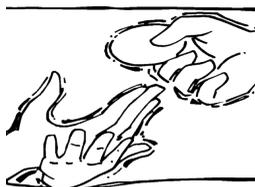
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

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)
Tue, Feb 2 12:00 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Gordon Roeder)
Wed, Feb 3 12:00 p.m. St. Mark's
(Duane Sebelius)
Thurs, Feb 4 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Dorothy Miller)
Fri, Feb 5 8:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Gordon Roeder)
Sat, Feb 6 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Sun, Feb 7 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Dorothy Miller)
Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)



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



PrayerLine 

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

PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS: Military
personnel & their families, Garth Saylor, Ernie Fon-
taine, Cindy Volk, Tammy Allard, Colleen Hohen,
Dwayne Thiel, Duane Sebelius, Jodi Bjellum, Lisa

Middlebrook, Harvey Soland, Candace Fulsebaake, Ka-
ren Busch, John Smith, Matthew Laverdure, Amy Van-
dal; a very special intention; a situation of domestic
abuse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Fri, February 5

First Fri, Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



Sun, February 7

RIGHT TO LIFE—Meeting after 9:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone
welcome

Bottineau High School—Pancake-sausage benefit and silent
auction for Duane Sebelius 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 a.m.

Wed, February 10

St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 p.m.

Quilters 1:00 p.m.

Sun, February 14

St. Andrew—No Class

Those who have not picked up their OFFERING ENVELOPES
will have them mailed to them. If you see a friend or
neighbor and want to drop them off, that's helpful. Thank
You.

Stewardship Moment

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not
pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4)*

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things
that other people have than on the gifts that God has
given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more
possessions to impress others? At times we are all
guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to
become less self-centered and more God-centered.

Report For January 24, 2016



St Andrew's: Adult envelopes \$1011 plate \$ 82 and children \$23

St Mark's: Adult envelopes \$1584 Plate \$117 and children \$23



ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor

Jen Nero, Director of Religious Ed

Valerie Heth, 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



**"WHEN THE PEOPLE IN THE SYNAGOGUE HEARD
THIS, THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH FURY. THEY
ROSE UP, DROVE HIM OUT OF THE TOWN, AND
LED HIM TO THE BROW OF THE HILL..."**

LK 4:28-29

January 30-31, 2016 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE SON OF JOSEPH? Jesus gets a rough go of it in his own hometown.

If I remember correctly, we start off in life thinking our parents know everything. 'Well, my Dad said....'

At some point, we realize that other kids, who think the same way about their parents, differ. Wow, it's amazing that we make it through that. We learn somehow, some way to discern and discriminate between what we hear from others and what we know to be true. There's nothing automatic about the process. It can go wrong at so many turns. Nevertheless, barring some tragic event or circumstances, most people manage to come out on top and learn to distinguish between reality and hearsay. Even so we still trip and stumble along the way even as adults.

How is it that we learn how to rely on the message of Jesus and to live our lives by his Word? The Church and the world have vastly different messages about who Jesus is.

It's interesting to observe how the same statement can sound so different depending on who we hear saying it. Sometimes we're more likely to listen to an outside expert rather than someone familiar. For instance, kids often

follow a coach's suggestion better than his/her own parents. Why?

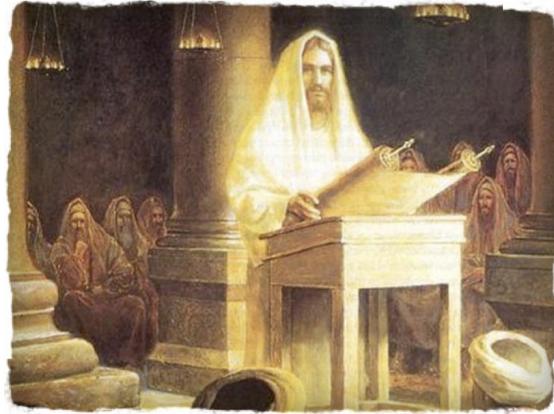
In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the people in his hometown. At first, the folks speak highly of Jesus. They were amazed. They also discussed Jesus' identity. But by the end of the passage, they're driving him out of town, even to the point of killing

him. Whoa! What happened in between?

The people who knew Jesus best were not persuaded by him. Why not? In one way or another, they didn't want to change their behavior. They'd categorized him. They could not see beyond their familiarity with one they'd already sized up.

Does it ever happen that we don't let Jesus words lead us to change? What drives our young people to choose to play this sport, wear these clothes, have these friends? How do college students choose their major or career? How does one go about choosing a spouse? How do spouses choose how many children to have? How do parents choose how to raise their children? Is all this done on our own, without any involvement whatsoever from Jesus? When does he figure in? Does our trust in him ever run thin? Is it because we're too familiar with him, or is it because he's too much a stranger?

Let's pray for guidance when deciding how to act or when we reflect on how we've acted. The Holy



Spirit is forever moving us in the ways of trust.

Jesus is a life-partner and our Savior. That relationship grows with prayer. To not pray to Jesus basically ends in writing him off. Just as his hometown people did, so too can the people of his own Church. If we don't want to be *that kind of neighbor*, all we need to do is listen, respond, and stay in contact through prayer and trust.

L is patient.
L is kind.
L does not envy.
L does not boast.
O is not proud.
O is not rude.
O is not selfish.
O is not easily angered.
V keeps no record of wrongs.
V does not delight in evil.
V rejoices in truth.
V always protects.
V always trusts.
V always hopes.
E always perseveres.
E never fails.

{1 Corinthians 13:4-8}

EMHC. St Mark's needs *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* for Saturdays. Feel a tug? Also needed are some more people to take the Eucharist to shut-ins. Please call the church office.

ASH WEDS, FEB 10. If you wish, please place your blessed palm branches from last year in the receptacles made available at the church entrance.



RIGHT TO LIFE — is inviting everyone to attend their meeting on February 7th at St. Andrew's Church after 9 a.m. Mass.

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 by calling 701-356-7900 or forms online at www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife

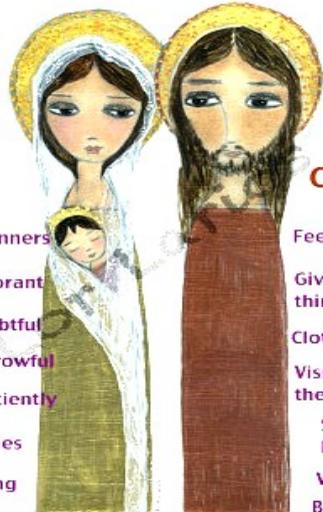
FARMERS UNION ELEVATOR is organizing a pancake-sausage benefit brunch and silent auction for Duane Sebelius on February 7th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bottineau High School lunchroom.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER in Bottineau is an active non-profit organization that helps members of our community. We would like to think that there is no domestic abuse with either adults or children in our community, but unfortunately that is not our reality. We are in need of more board members and volunteers. If your mind and heart feel you being called to serve with us, call us Mon-Fri from 8-4:30 at 701-228-2028.



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF MERCY practicing the Works of Mercy:

Works of Mercy

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Spiritual		Corporal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admonish the sinners Instruct the ignorant Counsel the doubtful Comfort the sorrowful Bear wrongs patiently Forgive all injuries Pray for the living and the dead 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feed the Hungry Give drink to the thirsty Clothe the naked Visit and ransom the captives Shelter the homeless Visit the sick Bury the Dead