

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

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)

Tue, Feb 9 12:00 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Bill Nero)

Wed, Feb 10 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's—
Ash Wednesday Mass
(† Ralph Gangl)

Wed, Feb 10 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's —
Ash Wednesday Mass

Thurs, Feb 11 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Ray & Rita Davis)

Fri, Feb 12 11:00 a.m. Good Sam
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)

Sat, Feb 13 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)

Sun, Jan 14 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Dorothy Miller)

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



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, Amy Vandal, Donna Stratton; a very special intention; a situation of domestic abuse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, February 7

ST. ANDREW'S RIGHT TO LIFE—Meeting after 9:00 a.m.

Mass. Everyone welcome

K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 a.m.

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

Wed, February 10

St. Mark—No Class

Quilters 1:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Mass 5:30 p.m.

St. Andrew—Ash Wednesday Mass 7:30 p.m.

Thur, February 11

St. Mark—RCIA meeting

Sun, February 14

St. Andrew—No Class

FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN SENDING "GET WELL" WISHES TO DUANE SEBELIUS, THEIR ADDRESS IS 920 DELAWARE ST. S.E. MINNEAPOLIS MN 55414. THEY WILL CERTAINLY APPRECIATE IT.

There are still some OFFERING ENVELOPES on the table, PLEASE if you see a friend or neighbor and want to drop them off, that would be very helpful. Thank You.

Stewardship Moment

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day—in little ways and in big ways—God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord".

Report For January 31, 2016



St Andrew's: Adult envelopes \$ 628 plate \$ 119and children \$16

St Mark's: Adult envelopes \$ 2929 Plate \$ 117and children \$ 8

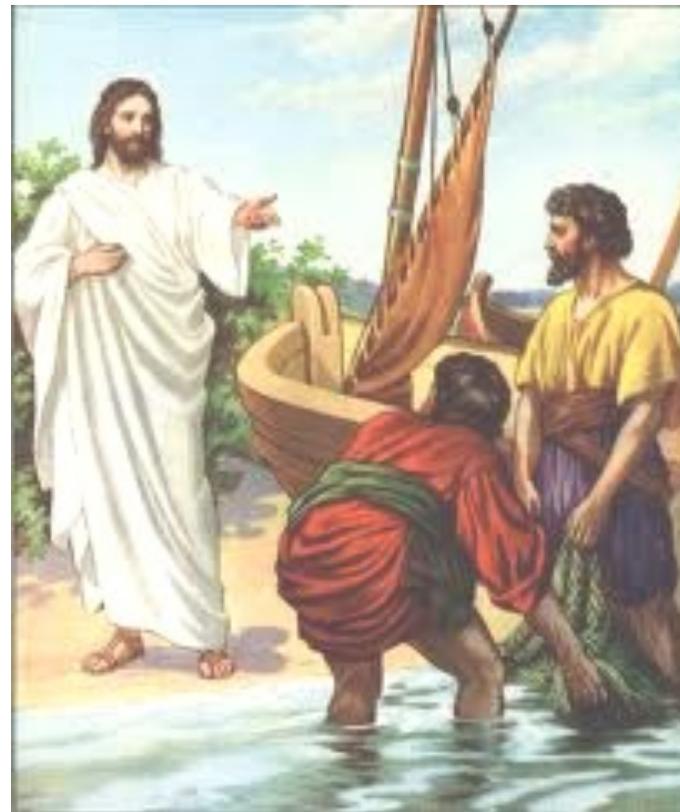


ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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**"PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER
AND LOWER YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH"**

LK 5:4

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

February 6-7, 2016 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



BEST LENT EVER. Will the 2016 Lenten season REALLY be your best Lent ever?

Best Lent Ever is built around encountering Jesus—and yourself—in a deeply personal way, and developing (or nourishing) a habit of daily prayer. For Christmas, each family in the parish received Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*. There are still some available. We can also order some in Spanish if anyone is interested.

To sign up for "Best Lent Ever", go to the website www.BestLentEver.com. By signing up, you will receive an email each day and a 2 minute video, brief reflections based on one of the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus*.

It all begins Ash Wednesday and continues through the 40 days of Lent. These brief, personal reflections will give you simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life.

So, will it really be your best Lent ever? Can't hurt to try. Give yourself a chance. Sign up and commit to doing something life changing this Lent.

As for this weekend's Gospel, Jesus' call, "Put out into the deep," is a great Voice to hear as we arrive at the doorstep of Lent.



Luke 5:6-7 "When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets started to tear. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they were about to sink."

Put out into the deep is an invitation to challenge yourself, take a risk, go deep.

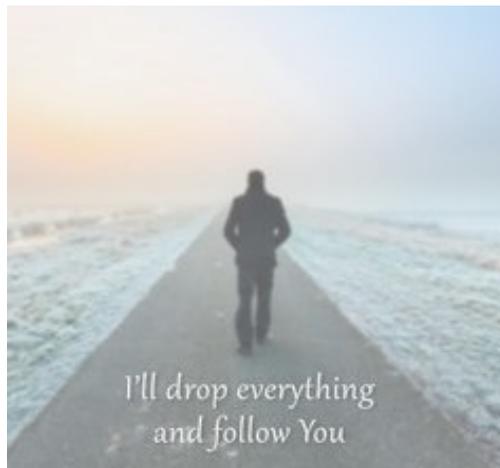
Put out into the deep is a command from a Loving Lord. He knows in advance what he wants to give us, but he also wants us to participate.

Put out into the deep also becomes an invitation to work together. "They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them."

Every Sunday, we work together in the different ministries to 'pull off' our Mass in which friends and neighbors and often times strangers gather together around to hear the Lord's Word and enter Holy Communion. Telescope out. See the Earth. This is a huge catch!

There are many other ways this happens. For instance the KC Lenten Fish Fries bring many together to serve and to enjoy a delicious meal.

Whenever we get together, the Spirit is at work catching souls. I pray that each of us find a way to respond to the Lord's invite to go deep. An additional way, very appropriate to Lent is our attention to the special needs of others. The Bishops of ND recently put out a statement that I will share with you. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish if you know of someone, parishioner or not, in a situation of difficulty. We do have funds set aside for certain situations. It's an important to fish together.



From Bishops Folda (Fargo) & Kegan (Bismarck) - North Dakota must take its time and remember those on the peripheries when cutting the state's budget.

In response to declining state revenue Governor Jack Dalrymple has ordered all state agencies to cut 4.05% from their current budgets. We recognize the need for the governor and lawmakers to be good stewards of the state's resources and fulfill their obligations to the people of North Dakota. Difficult decisions will have to be made.

At the same time, we remind all involved that the state's budget is a moral document and will ultimately be judged on how it affects the least of us. The poor, the marginalized, the addicted, and the ill will disproportionately feel the pain of budget cuts.

We ask the governor and state agencies to resist quick simplistic solutions such as "across the board" cuts. A compassionate and thoughtful response requires giving due priority to needs of those who will be most hurt by a reduction of services. This will require time and serious consideration. It may also mean that some agencies will need to make greater sacrifices than others so that we can give priority to those most in need.

We are confident that all involved will heed the words of Pope Francis when he said: "put the needs of the poor ahead of our own. Our needs, even if legitimate, will never be so urgent as those of the poor . . ."

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

ASH WEDS MASSES

Remember man that you are dust and into dust you shall return.

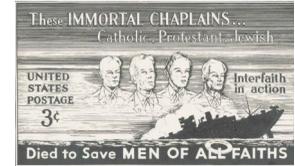
St. Mark's—5:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's—7:30 p.m.

Jennifer Fulwiler to Speak at Pro-Life Luncheon, Feb 29 11:30 -1. Sts Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo, "The Secret to Building a Culture of Life." Register by Feb 22 calling 701-356-7900 or at www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife.

FARMERS UNION ELEVATOR pancake-sausage benefit brunch and silent auction for Duane Sebelius on Feb 7, 8-1; Bottineau High School lunchroom.

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER in Bottineau is looking for board members and volunteers to help our community respond to the ills of domestic abuse. Call 701-228-2028.

ANNIVERSARY. On the frigid night of Feb. 3, 1943, the over-crowded Dorchester, carrying 902 servicemen, plowed through dark waters near Greenland. At 1:00 a.m., a Nazi torpedo hit her flank. She sank in 27 minutes. The 4 chaplains on board, one Rabbi, 2 Protestant Ministers, and a Catholic Priest, calmed soldiers, gave up their own life vests, and went down with the ship. 2016 marks the 60th anniversary of Msgr Andrieux's construction of the memorial in front of St. Mark's that honors their memory. May we continue to learn from their heroism and inter-faith collaboration.



AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEUBNER FOR THE FOCUS BOOK

WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- GOOD FRIDAY
- FRIDAYS IN LENT

WHO

- CATHOLICS 14+** ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE
- CATHOLICS 18-59** ARE OBLIGED TO FAST
- THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS** and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.