

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat, Feb 20 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Delmar Haberman)
- Sun, Feb 21 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Darrol Vad)
- Tue, Feb 23 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Emery Carbonneau)
- Wed, Feb 24 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(Kempf Family)
- Thurs, Feb 25 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Kenny Lansverk)
- Fri, Feb 26 11:00 a.m. Good Sam
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Sat, Feb 27 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Lloyd Jelleberg)
- Sun, Jan 28 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Herb & Ann Lesmann)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)



HOME COMMUNION

Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Claudia Trebas (228-2339) 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, Margie Mehlhoff, Mike Bergeron, Cecilia Dolezal, Jim Atkinson; a very special intention; a situation of domestic abuse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, February 21

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

Youth Gathering, St. Mark's, 12 pm, pizza supper, Presentation by the Catholic Youth from Rugby

Wed, February 24

St. Mark & St. Andrew—Stations of the Cross 6pm

St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed. 3:30pm

Quilters 1pm

Thur, February 25

St. Mark—RCIA meeting

Sun, February 28

St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 am



DURING LENT, EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOTH AT ST. MARK'S AND ST. ANDREW'S. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR CHILD EACH WEEK.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!! We will be holding a silent auction during the bake sale on March 18. If you make homemade goodies (signs, table runners, jelly, soaps, wreaths, anything, we would love to have that for our auction. Please donate!! All proceeds go to the CCD program!

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

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)
Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

Report For February 14, 2016



St Andrew's: Adult envelopes \$ 453 plate \$ 83 and children \$ 6

St Mark's: Adult envelopes \$ 2236 Plate \$193 and children \$ 26.20



ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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"JESUS TOOK PETER, JOHN AND JAMES AND WENT UP THE MOUNTAIN TO PRAY. WHILE HE WAS PRAYING, HIS FACE CHANGED IN APPEARANCE AND HIS CLOTHING BECAME DAZZLING WHITE." LK 9:28-29

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 12:30pm-5:00pm

February 20-21, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



THE SPIRIT OF LENT

is summed up in the words we hear today from St. Paul: "our citizenship is in Heaven" (Ph 3:20).

That statement is but an idea. For it to become reality, it must pass into action. That's what a good part of Lent is about—the purging of activities that make us imagine that citizenship is here below. In reality, we're only passing through.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration puts the focus where it needs to be in this Lenten season when St Luke says Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah was "about his exodus" (Lk 9:31).

Jesus' *exodus* is his suffering, death, and resurrection, his Passover from this world to the Kingdom of Heaven.

As Son of God, Jesus came from Heaven. He became a human being so that when he returned to Heaven it would be in our human flesh.



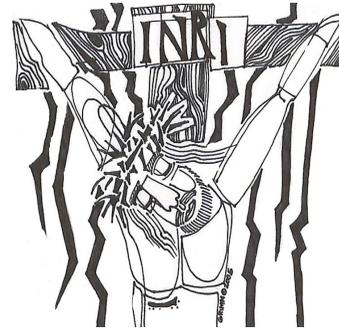
Lent 2016 40 Days of Mercy



Christ's *Passover*, his *exodus*, is the action that makes the idea of our citizenship in Heaven a reality.

He will not push us through the pearly gates. God gave us freedom. Christ gave us an example to follow. Lent is the time, that tenth of a year (like a tithing of time), when we renew not just the idea about where we're heading but also, and especially, the action that leads there—the *walk* that must accompany the *talk*.

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL, a combined effort of our Diocese's 133 parishes in the eastern half of North Dakota, is underway. Please make your contribution or pledge. In Bishop Folda's personal appeal through the DVD presentation last Sunday, he identified formation of priests, youth programs and family prayer as just three of many ways our Diocesan family works together to keep alive our Catholic way of life. I appreciated his repeated emphasis on finding in Jesus Christ the face of Mercy. We should be very proud to belong to this community of Faith.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS— WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS, 6 PM

Simultaneously at St Mark's and St. Andrew's.

Feb 24—Knights of Columbus

Mar 2—Extraord Ministers of Holy Communion

Mar 9—Altar Society

Mar 16—Teens

Mar 23—K-6 students

ST MARK'S SOUP-SUPPER, WEDS, 5-6 PM.

Free-will offering to fund fees for Trinity Youth Camp.

SAVE A ST. MARK'S PARISH TRADITION. The Altar Society would like to give notice to all that there will be no rummage sale this year unless someone would like to come forward and take charge of it. Sue Roeder and Donna Porter have done it for the last several years and have retired. We need someone else to take on this very worthwhile project. If you would like to volunteer, you can call Vickie Gangl at 871-0163 or call the Parish office.

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.

The 2016 World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the United Church on March 4 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. If you want to participate as a reader or with special music, please contact Dorothy Beyer at 228-3384



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



KOFC FISH FRIES

St Mark's social hall, Mar 4, & Mar 18.
Serving from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

LENT 2016

The Sunday Gospels of Lent 2016 challenge us to give people another chance, to work on ourselves rather than judge others, to sin no more. Each Lent we turn again to the Church's ancient practices to awaken our often complacent spirits. Traditionally we pray, fast, and give alms.

Do an activity each day of Lent.

Try to understand another's point of view
Make someone laugh
Praise someone honestly
Say, "I'm sorry" Mean it
Act like Jesus
Clean up an eyesore in your neighborhood
Respond the first time someone calls you

climate change affects the trees, birds, insects, soil, and water where we live. We can fast from what dulls and drugs us in order to feast on friendship and reflection.

Giving alms invites us to consider the cost of our lifestyles to people who are poor in the world. Pope

Send a crocus to someone from whom you are estranged
Ask God to do what is best for the public person you dislike most
Help someone realize his or her self-worth
Cement a friendship
Try not to waste anything for one whole day
Call someone who is lonely
Drive patiently today
Resist trying to be the center of attention
Be a shoulder to cry on
Expand your horizons—go to a lecture, read a book, see a play
Be patient with others
Refuse to gossip
Refuse to whine
Readily forgive anyone who hurts you
Surprise yourself
Make someone else the center of attention.
If you love someone, say so
Advocate on behalf of social issues such as affordable housing
Thank God for the gift of life
Pray for a friend
Pray for an enemy
Start something good.
Visit a shut-in
Give away all your "extras"
Resist judging coworkers

Now Pope Francis calls Catholics also to ecological conversion, so future generations can inherit an Earth that sustains all of them and all of God's creatures. His encyclical *Laudato Si'* wants us to recognize that as consumers we participate in causing climate change and as Christians we must learn to care for our common home.

Our prayer this Lent can give us time to notice how

Examine your conscience
Stop a label or stereotype in your workplace
Refuse to judge or categorize others
Be a sign of hope for someone who is depressed
Spend some silent time alone
Be a peacemaker at work or school
Recognize the truth about yourself—no matter how good it is
Participate actively in Holy Week worship.
Sing an alleluia

Francis sees climate change with the eyes of people who are poor. He wants us to redefine progress and help people who are poor have the basics to live.

Lent is a season for winter hearts to melt, regenerate, and renew our commitment as Easter people. We believe that like God's love and Jesus' love, our love can give life—to our planet, its creatures, and each other.

SUNDAY

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| bury the dead | The Corporal Works of Mercy Name _____ | give food to the hungry | visit the imprisoned |
| comfort the sick | give drink to the thirsty | shelter the homeless | clothe the naked |