

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

Sat, Mar 5 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)  
Sun, Mar 6 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Herb & Ann Lesmann)  
Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's  
(Parishioners)  
Tue, Mar 8 12 p.m. St. Mark's  
NO MASS  
Wed, Mar 9 12 p.m. St. Mark's  
(Linda Abel & Family)  
Thurs, Mar 10 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Rosemary Wald)  
Fri, Mar 11 8:00 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Ken Fickey)  
Sat, March 12 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Emery Carbonneau)  
Sun, March 13 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(Parishioners)  
Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)

### 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 per-  
sonnel & their families, Garth Saylor, Cindy Volk, Ernie  
Fontaine, Tammy Allard, Dwayne Thiel, Duane Sebelius,  
Jodi Bjellum, Lisa Middlebrook, Harvey Soland, Candace  
Fulsebaake, Karen Busch, John Smith, Matthew Laver-  
dure, Amy Vandal, Donna Stratton, Margie Mehlhoff, Mike  
Bergeron, Cecilia Dolezal, Jim Atkinson, Frances Stanley,  
Judy Rudukuhr, Julie Stanislaw; a very special intention

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sun, March 6**

St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 am  
Westhope High-School— Pancake breakfast 9am—1pm



**Wed, March 9**

St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 pm  
Reconciliation retreat 5 pm  
Quilters 1 pm  
Soup Supper 5-6 pm

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

**Thur, March 10**

St. Mark— RCIA meeting



**Sun, March 13**

St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 am  
Soup & Bingo after Sunday Class

St. Mark—Communal Penance Service 7pm



**Wed, March 16**

St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 pm  
Quilters 1 pm  
Soup Supper 5-6 pm

St. Mark—Stations of the Cross 6pm

St. Andrew—Stations of the Cross 7pm

**Thur, March 17**

St. Mark—RCIA meeting



**Fri, March 18**

St. Mark—KofC Fish Fry 4:30-7 pm \$10/serving  
Bake sale and silent auction—**We ask our good bakers  
to donate some goodies for our bake sale. You can  
drop them off the same day before 4pm**

**DURING LENT, EVERY WEDNESDAY THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS BOTH AT ST. MARK'S (6PM) AND ST. ANDREW'S (7PM) WE  
STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN EACH WEEK.**

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of  
the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the de-  
sert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were  
able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased.  
Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is  
important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we  
need.



**Report** For February 28, 2016

St Andrew's: Adult env \$ 443 Plate \$ 69.75 and children \$ 16.50

St Mark's: Adult env \$ 1750 Plate \$ 159 and children \$ 15.52



# ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

# & ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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**"FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN  
AND AGAINST YOU; I NO LONGER DESERVE TO  
BE CALLED YOUR SON"**

LK 15:21

### 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

Or by Appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue-Fri 12:30pm-5:00pm

March 5-6 2016 Fourth Sunday of Lent



**HOMECOMING HUMILITY.** Last week, in the bulletin, I mentioned an *Examinations of Conscience*. This week, I include an example of one. Hope it helps.

Also, last week I spoke about needing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion if one is conscious of having committed a serious sin. I tried to demonstrate that it's not always easy to tell. We can take that ambiguity to the Sacrament—problem solved. But it also helps to know that Mother Church helps us to evaluate the gravity of sin.

Serious/grave/mortal sin is said to destroy charity in the heart of the sinner. It is a turning away from God, setting one's heart on something that contradicts the love of God or neighbor.

The *matter*, the stuff of the action, must be *serious*. One must have *full knowledge* and *complete consent*. For more information, see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1854-1864. If you don't have this very helpful book in your home, think about getting one. We have some in the church office. It's also easily accessible online.

Some sins are easily seen to be very serious. Missing Sunday Eucharist does not seem to many to be "serious matter." If you didn't know that, then you did not have "full knowledge", so that those times missed are not considered grave sins.

*Catechism* 2180-2182 on Sunday Obligation, while stating it is a grave sin to deliberately miss Sunday Eucharist, also offers legitimate excuses, and how one's pastor is authorized to dispense his parishioners from this obligation for good reason.

So, now you know. Congratulations.

In the parable of the Merciful Father, his two sons are each wayward in his own way. The humility of the prodigal son is striking. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us a golden opportunity to exercise the exact same kind of humility. This is what Easter is, and what Holy Communion is—the **PARTY** that the Father throws for His *home-coming* children.

Listening to Jesus, the guy stuck on his own righteousness is scratching his head in the dark, while joy belongs to the *humble* and repentant. Jesus turns popular expectations on their head. He exalts the lowly, those who know how to celebrate **MERCY**.



**GOD'S GIFT APPEAL, LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY.** Together we can do great things for Christ's Church. We thank you for your ongoing support.

**ST MK'S YOUTH GROUP** wants to serve those from our Parish that may be shut-in or alone this Easter. Help us serve others by putting together an **Easter Basket** for select parishioners.

Include in the basket items such as Easter candy (both regular and diabetic), non-perishable proteins (granola bars, tuna or salmon packets, nuts, etc.), tea and/or cocoa packets, and cookies.

Deliver baskets to the Parish Office from March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Youth will make final "touches" on the baskets after Stations of the Cross on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and deliver them.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS— WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS**

- St Mark's (6 pm) / St. Andrew's (7 pm)
- Mar 9—Altar Society / EMHC
- Mar 16—Teens / Altar Society
- Mar 23—K-6 students / Teens

**ST MARK'S SOUP-SUPPER, WEDS, 5-6 PM.** Free-will offering to fund fees for Trinity Youth Camp.



**ST. MARK'S PARISH RUMMAGE SALE** April 9th, 8 am to 2:30 pm, at St. Mark's Parish Hall. Drop off donations in the Parish basement from March 7th to April 5th. No large furniture. Later, we'll need to move boxes up from the basement, displaying & pricing items. If you are able to help, please contact Joan after March 13th 701-770-2869.



Rummage Sale



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**AREA COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

- Towner—Mon, March 7, 7 pm
- Bottineau—Sun, March 13, 7 pm
- Rugby—Wed, March 16, 3 pm & 7 pm
- Dunseith—Sun, March 20, 7 pm
- Belcourt—Wed, March 23, 7 pm

**IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT—** St Mk's Ministries schedule sheet for the month of April is available for parishioner-sign up. We have some trouble filling out all the ministries. It would be of great help if you chose the date/dates that are convenient for you to fulfill your Ministry—Bread, gifts bearers, lectors and ushers. The sheet will be out for two weeks. Please sign up. We would really appreciate it!



**NEXT FISH FRY**

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



**SOUP AND BINGO** March 13th at St. Andrew's, Westhope at 11:30, after Sunday school. Donations for prizes are welcome and a sign-up sheet for food is available in the basement.

**THE CLOSE-UP PROGRAM IN WESTHOPE** is having a pancake breakfast this Sunday March 6 from 9am to 1pm at the Westhope High School. Everyone is welcome.

