

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

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)
Tue, Mar 15 2 p.m. St. Andrew's Hospital
(Special intention)
Wed, Mar 16 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(Kempf Family)
Thurs, Mar 17 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Jack Sandy)
Fri, Mar 18 11 a.m. Good Samaritan
(† Bill Nero)
Sat, Mar 19 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Patricia Grubble)
Sun, Mar 6 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Jack Sandy)
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.

PrayerLine 

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, Cindy Volk, Ernie Fontaine, Tammy Allard, 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, Frances Stanley, Judy Rudukuhr, Julie Stanislau, Eli Derr, Edward Bohl; a very special intention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, March 13

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



Westhope HS— Close up Program Pancake breakfast and carwash 9am to 1pm

St. Mark—Communal Penance Service 7pm



Mon, March 14

St. Mark—KofC meeting. Meal at 6pm meeting to follow.

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— **To our good bakers please donate some goodies and drop them off the same day before 4pm**

Sun, March 20

St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 am

St. Mark—St. Andrew— Confirmation/Eucharistic Retreat in Bottineau 2 pm

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

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them "rubbish" does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.



Report For February 28, 2016

St Andrew's: Adult env \$ 526 Plate \$ 71 and children \$ 21.01

St Mark's: Adult env \$ 3159.20 Plate \$ 203 and children \$ 29



ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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"WOMAN, WHERE ARE THEY?

HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU?"

"NO ONE SIR." THEN JESUS SAID: "NEITHER DO I. GO, AND FROM NOW ON DO NOT SIN ANY MORE"

JN 8:10-11

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 12-13 2016 Fifth Sunday of Lent



ESCAPE HATCH—MERCY. Today we hear a report from John's Gospel on Jesus' encounter with some Pharisees and a woman caught in adultery. The conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees is a theme in John's Gospel.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus and seek to trap him.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, the Jewish

people did not have the authority to execute people. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must choose an action either contrary to the Law of Moses or Roman law. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus escapes by offering an unforeseen answer. After writing on the ground with his finger, Jesus suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone.

No one stuck around to condemn the woman. Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Besides offering more than just a caution about judging others, Jesus teaches

us how to escape earthen-bound traps with Mercy.

His profound lesson in Mercy and forgiveness should set the stage for Christian behavior. Our Lord takes delight in sending us forth to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. Would that we could do likewise for one another.



CANCELLED?

We have a conflict.

Confirmation this year for St Mark's and St. Andrew's is in Rolla, Sat, Apr 2, 5 pm. It's not an easy decision, but we may have to cancel St. Mark's 5:30 pm Mass. To be confirmed next week.

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS

St Mark's (6 pm) / St. Andrew's (7 pm)
 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.



AREA COMMUNAL Penance SERVICES

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— Some people have signed the Ministries schedule sheet for the month of April. **There are still some Ministries available.** 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 one more week. **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 and a carwash this Sunday March 6 from 9am to 1pm at the Westhope High School. Everyone is welcome.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—INVITE YOU TO THEIR MEETING ON MARCH 14TH. MEAL WILL BE SERVED AT 6PM. MEETING TO FOLLOW. BRING YOUR FAMILIES!