

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Sat Easter Vigil, March 26 8:45 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Easter Sun, March 27 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Marvel Zahn)
Easter Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)
Tue, Mar 29 10 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Stanley Estenson)
Wed, Mar 30 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Gene Richard)
Thurs, Mar 31 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† David Pease)
Fri, April 1st 8 a.m. St. Mark's
(Duane Sebelius)
**Sat, April 2. ST. MARK'S
NO MASS**
Sun, April 3 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.



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, Judy Rudukuhr, Julie Stanislaw, Eli Derr, Edward Bohl, Margie Cranston; a very special intention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, March 27
St. Andrew—NO CLASS—EASTER SUNDAY
Wed, March 30
St. Mark's— K-6 Religious Ed 3:30
Quilters 1pm
Thu, March 31
St. Mark's—RCIA, 6:30 pm
Fri, April 1
St. Mark's—First Friday Adoration
Sat, April 2
St. Mark & St. Andrew— First Eucharist & Confirmation—Church of St. Joachim in Rolla 2pm
Sun, April 3
St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30
Confirmation & First Eucharist Recognition
Wed, April 6
St. Mark— K-6 Religious Ed 3:30pm
Quilters 1pm
Sat, April 9
St. Mark's—Rummage Sale 8-2:30 pm, Parish Hall
Sun, April, 10
St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30
St. Mark—1st Communion and Confirmation kids will be introduced to their home parish. Special Candle Lighting during Mass.



IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT— Some people have signed the Ministries schedule sheet for the month of April and WE THANK YOU!! We will be putting out a sheet for May and June as well and it will be out for three weeks. Please choose the date/dates that are convenient for you to fulfill your Ministry—EMHC, gifts bearers, lectors and ushers. Please sign up. We really appreciate it!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.

Report For March 20, 2016



St Andrew's: Adult env \$ 1099 Plate \$ 126 and children \$ 26
St Mark's: Adult env \$ 1974 Plate \$ 198 and children \$ 28



ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE



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**"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING ONE
AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED"
LK 24:5-6**

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 26-27 2016 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



EASTER DATE & EASTER JOY.

Easter comes from the direction of the rising sun, "East". Many other languages use instead a variation on the Jewish word for Passover, as in *Paschal* Season. The date for Easter is tied to the Feast of

Passover, calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (the first day of spring). It ranges from March 22 to April 25. The very agricultural society of former times much meaning in tying the new life of Spring to the whole new life begun in Jesus' resurrection.

I had my first glimpse of Easter Joy Weds evening, returning from a Communion call in the Turtle Mtns after Stations of the Cross. On the way home, I turned south on the Lake Rd. After about a quarter mile, I glanced to the left. It was like I got popped in the noggin with a tennis ball. I did a massive double-take. There, just above the rolling hills was a giant orange Moon.

One reason Israel's Feasts followed a lunar calendar was to take advantage of the Full Moon. Pilgrims could travel to Jerusalem even by night.

Joy is a deep-down gladness that darkness



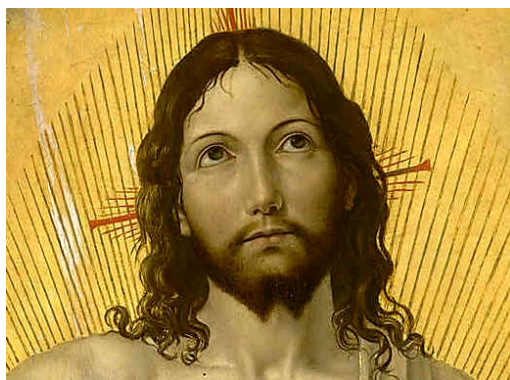
and sorrow cannot take away. Jesus' *Pass-over* from death to life teaches us to let go of suffering. We endure suffering, but we believe in Joy, in Life, in a final Victory.

The Risen Christ teaches us that God overcomes all, even

death. Jesus' first words to the women at the tomb, "Do not be afraid!" speak to our hearts. His bold words help us cope with the fears of a bad economy, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our Easter faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

The return of Spring lifts our spirits. We feel the world afresh. Way more, the Resurrection of Jesus makes "all things new." (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal. It is permission to unleash a positive attitude, to renew relationships we take for granted, and to express appreciation and affection for all that surrounds us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God's eyes, risen eyes.

Let's use these 50 days of Easter to cultivate a spirit that lives, without fear, to embrace joy and see the world again—as if for the first time... as heralded by a big ole orange Moon.



First Communion

Confirmation

Please take note this year **Confirmation** for St Mark's & St.

Andrew's is in Rolla, next Sat, April 2 at 5 pm. With the feedback received, we're confirmed in the decision (regrettable) to cancel St. Mark's 5:30 pm Mass. **PLEASE PRAY** for our young people. 9 from each Parish will be with Bishop Folda in Rolla. The Parishes will honor them: St. Andrew's on April 3rd, St. Mark's on April 10th.



ST. MARK'S PARISH RUMMAGE SALE April 9th, from 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. **We will be needing help moving boxes on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm**, please contact Joan at 701-770-2869.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR - Queen of Peace in Belcourt, ND. Fri, April 8, 7pm to Sun, April 10, 3pm. The seminar is free with free-will donations for meals. If you need housing or have questions, call Cindy Gourneau 701-477-698.

One way to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy is to learn the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please feel free to take home one of the Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA runs from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus asked St. Faustina: "On each day of the Novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls".



To our guests and parishioners, we wish you all a very **Happy & Blessed Easter**

