

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

- Sat, April 23 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Lloyd Jelleberg)
- Sun, April 24 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Everett Solper)
- Tue, April 26 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Lloyd Jelleberg)
- Wed, April 27 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Berty Janzen)
- Thurs, April 28 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Jack Sandy)
- Fri, April 29 11 a.m. Good Sam
(† Lorraine Tjon)
- Sat, April 30 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Robert Brunelle)
- Sun, May 1 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, Karen Busch, John Smith, Aime Vandal, Donna Stratton, Margie Mehlhoff, Mike Bergeron, Cecilia Dolezal, Jim Atkinson, Judy Rudukuhr, Julie Stanislau, Eli Derr, Edward Bohl, Margie Cranston, Michael O'Malley; a very special intention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, April 24

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

St. Mark—Feast of St. Mark 5 p.m.

Mon, April 25

St. Mark—Calling Youth to Mission Workshop 3:30-8:30 p.m. at the Social Hall. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Wed, April 27

St. Mark—K-6 Religious Ed 3:30 p.m.

Quilters 1pm

Administrative Professional's Day

Thurs, April 28

St. Mark—RCIA meeting

Sat, April 30

Passover Ends.

Sun, May 1

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

St. Mark—May Crowning. Children will be singing during Mass.



IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT—

The sheet for June schedule will be out for three more weeks. We encourage you to choose the date/dates that are convenient for you to fulfill your Ministry—EMHC, gifts bearers, lectors and ushers. Please sign up. It is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.



Report For April 17 2016

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

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ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE



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JN 13:34

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

April 23-24 Fifth Sunday of Easter



LEARNING TO LOVE. What's easier, to explain to a little person how to tie a shoe, or to show how to do it?

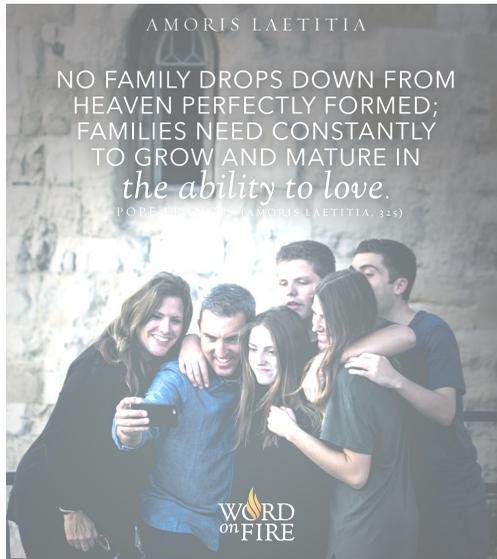
Can you recall a time when it was difficult to show love?

I remember once

That's why Jesus didn't just tell us how to love, he showed us. The Gospel this week tells us that, before Jesus died, he told his friends to love one another the way he had shown them how to love.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and

love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.



Today's Gospel unveils the cornerstone of our Christian Faith. It's no secret. It's love. Jesus calls it a "new commandment". It's newness is as fresh today as ever. Love never tires of being new. The word can get worn out, but never the reality.

This is also why the Church never tires of bearing witness to love. Pope Francis' new exhortation, *The Joy of Love*, proves this. If you like to watch brief video explanations, here's two possibilities:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJtv611PIHl> – 5 take-aways on the Pope's newest document; and another, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRm4rVtx740> – 7 highlights from the document.

AMORIS LAETITIA-- THE JOY OF LOVE



ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY

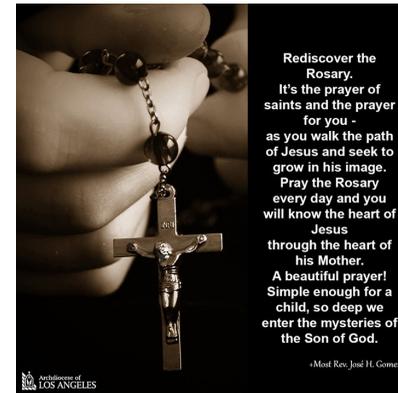
POPE FRANCIS

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL 2016— LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY!



The Diocese of Fargo, established in 1889, comprises 30 counties over 35,786 sq mi in eastern ND. It has a Catholic pop of 71,211 people out of a total pop of 408,101 (17.5%). There are 132 priests (including active, retired and those serving outside the diocese), 42 permanent deacons, 89 religious sisters and 131 parishes in the diocese (2015 stats). It's a beautiful and massive effort to nourish this great Body of Christ. Thanks to all those who help make this happen.

THE MERRY, MARY MONTH OF MAY is on its way! That means we'll be praying the Rosary before our wkend Masses. Rosary starts at St. Mark's Sat, 5 pm; Sun 10:30 am; at St. Andrew's at 8:40 am.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION— those interested in this important liturgical ministry, please contact the church office. Once we've gathered some names, we will schedule a training session.

Let's all welcome the Northern Lights Apostles to St. Mark's Parish!

It is Official, St. Mark's has a new youth group: *The Northern Lights Apostles*.

For the past 6 months up to 15 of our youth have been joining with several adult volunteers in an effort to become a viable Christian youth group that will serve the greater Bottineau community.

That group of youth, as well as several adult volunteers and Father Michael, met again on April 10th to elect officers and to name itself. Both the process of naming the group and the election of officers proved to

be raucous! There were lots of ideas for the name of the group and good candidates for offices too!

The officers named to the Northern Lights Apostles are as follows:

- Kyle Saville – President
- Greg Saville – Vice President
- Tasha Graber – Secretary
- Therese Haberman – Treasurer
- Kevin Yourk – Historian
- Mary Peltier - Historian

The Northern Lights Apostles believes that it will achieve its objectives if it adheres to the three "S(s)" of success:

That everything we do provides **Service** to the community,

That all activities are **Social** (fun)

That all our work supports the **Spiritual** tenants of our lives.

Please welcome The Northern Lights Apostles to our faith community!



A WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF



ST. MARK'S DAY!

ST. MARK'S FEAST—this Sunday evening we will celebrate a relaxing evening of good food and drink, toasting our patron Saint Mark, great disciple of Jesus Christ. 5pm—wine and hors d'oeuvres; 6 pm—supper, served by the Parish Council. ALL FAMILIES WELCOME.

YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP—Mon, Apr 25, St Mk's Social Hall, 3:30-8:30 pm, supper provided.