

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

- 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)
- Tue, May 3 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Stanley Estenson)
- Wed, May 4 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Lucille Peterson)
- Thurs, May 5 8 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Helenmarie Hickey) **Note time change.**
- Fri, May 6 8 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Bob Pugh)
- Sat, May 7 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Sun, May 8 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Virgil Vandewalle)



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, May 1

- St. Andrew—K-6 Religious Ed 10:30 a.m.
- St. Mark—May Crowning. Children will be singing during Mass.
- May Day Tea at the Social Hall 2 p.m. for all the ladies in The Parish
- Youth meeting 5-7 p.m. Taco bar—7-12 graders and their parents are invited.

Wed, May 4

Quilters 1pm

Thurs, May 5

St. Andrew—Mass will be at 8 a.m.

Sun, May 8 MOTHER'S DAY

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

Wed, May 11

St. Mark—Quilters 1pm

Sat, May 14

St. Mark—State of the Parish Address 6:30 p.m.

Sun, May 15

St. Andrew—Senior Recognition and Baccalaureate

St. Mark—Senior Recognition

Sat-Sun, May 21-22 Guest Priest from Food for the Poor.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH DIRECTORY pictures are scheduled for this coming Tuesday, May 3rd and Wednesday, May 4th. Please check your scheduled time and arrive promptly. We ask that everyone enter the front door of the church where there will be a check in table. Thank you all for helping make this church directory possible.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust He has a better plan for you.



Report For April 24, 2016

St Andrew's: Adult env \$ 438 Plate \$ 119 and children \$ 18.50

St Mark's: Adult env \$ 1764 Plate \$ 160 and children \$ 50.18



ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU

& ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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"...THE HOLY SPIRIT,
WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND
IN MY NAME
WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING... "

JN 14:26

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 30—May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter



ALWAYS LEARNING. Pope Francis' document on the family develops doctrine, but doesn't change it. *Amoris laetitia*, The Joy of Love, has true innovations, but no break in tradition. It emphasizes the need for greater discernment by pastors and Catholic couples in so-called "irregular" situations as they look for ways they can participate more deeply in the life of the Church.

This is nothing new. We've always had the duty to be thoughtful and not play around with the Sacraments or with conscience.

Those in a broken marriage must honestly examine their conscience before God. Was it valid in the first place? They need to honestly, prayerfully ask that question. "We have been called to form consciences not replace them," Francis wrote.

Looking at the situation of marriage the world over, the Pope denounced the excesses of male chauvinism and says "we must see in the women's movement the working of the Spirit for a clearer recognition of the dignity and rights of women."

Chapter 8 is the most controversial section of the document. In it, the Holy Father states,

"It can no longer be said that all those in any irregular union are living in a state of mortal sin and are deprived of sanctifying grace." What this implies is currently the source of much debate. He recognizes that "No easy recipes exist and as a result neither the Synod nor this exhortation could be expected to provide a new set of general rules to be applicable in all cases."

He calls for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to be more fully integrated into the Christian Community. In a footnote, he encourages

them to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and how they should expect tenderness from the Church's ministers. And about the Eucharist, he writes, "it is not a prize for the perfect, but powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." Is this opening the door to offering Holy Com-

munion to those who are divorced and remarried? Seems to be, but not a blanket permission. The Pope is simply acknowledging what is already happening all over the world. Not all situations are the same. Pastors and couples must discern.

This "discernment"—weighing as best we can how God sees things—is how the Holy Spirit continues to lead the Church and *teach us everything*—just as Jesus promised in our Gospel today.



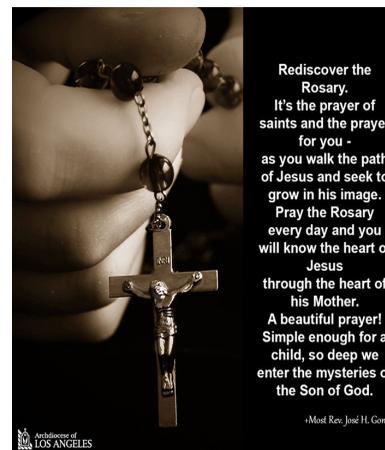
GOD'S GIFT APPEAL 2016— LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY!



The Youth Office for the Diocese of Fargo is one of the ways our God's Gift funds touch our lives. Thanks to Kathy Loney, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese, our parishes, along with six others, enjoyed a wonderful evening, Mon, Apr 25.

20 people gathered to pray and share and learn about how to foster an encounter between our Youth and Jesus Christ. It was a great experience and an example of God's Gift at work in our midst. Thank you for supporting our Diocesan Family.

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



Rediscover the Rosary. It's the prayer of saints and the prayer for you - as you walk the path of Jesus and seek to grow in his image. Pray the Rosary every day and you will know the heart of Jesus through the heart of his Mother. A beautiful prayer! Simple enough for a child, so deep we enter the mysteries of the Son of God.

—Most Rev. José H. Gomez

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.

PENTECOST NOVENA BEGINS this coming Friday. A novena is made up of nine days of prayers for a special cause. The Novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the most ancient of all novenas. It began with the Apostles, when Jesus sent them to Jerusalem to await his final Gift from On High. This is the origin of the word and practice of the *novena*, from the Latin for *ninth day*. This wonderful Novena of the Holy Spirit is a powerful way for individuals or families to prepare to receive the light, strength and courage we need to live friendship with Christ.

CONSECRATION PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT ASKING FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS

BEFORE the heavenly hosts, I offer myself, body and soul, to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, let it set my heart aflame and be the light upon my path. In You I live and move and have my being. Grant that I may always listen to You and follow Your inspirations. Watch over me and those who walk with me.



You were sent by the Father and the Son to set the Church on fire. After Pentecost, the Apostles, weak and misunderstanding, burned for Jesus and the Gospel. Complete your work in us through your Seven Gifts.

GRANT ME: the Spirit of **Wisdom** to feel the divine pulse running through all things; the Spirit of **Understanding** to enflame my memory with divine light; the Spirit of **Counsel** to hear the voice of conscience clearly; the Spirit of **Knowledge** to know through Scripture and Tradition the science of the Saints; the Spirit of **Fortitude** to bear my cross courageously; the Spirit of **Piety** to practice religion with reverence, humility, and delight; the Spirit of **Fear of the Lord** to wonder in awareness of God's majesty. Mark me, Creator Spirit, with the seal of your true disciples and lead me in love to all truth. Amen.

BOTTINEAU Co. RIGHT TO LIFE will have Carnations for sale (free will offering) after the Mothers Day weekend Masses Thank you for your support.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
ST. MARK'S PARISH
 The sheet for June schedule will be out for two 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.