

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

Sat, July 16 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Alex & Mary Miller)
Sat, 8 pm Lake Metigoshe Chapel
Sun, July 17 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Shawna Deschamp)
Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)
Tue, July 19 2 p.m. St. Andrew's Hospital
(Parishioners)
Wed, July 20 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Mike Wellett)
Thurs, July 21 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Wilbur "Bud" Emmer)
Fri, July 22 11 a.m. Good Samaritan
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Sat, July 23 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Aime Vandal)
Sat, 8 pm Lake Metigoshe Chapel
Sun, July 24 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, Karen Busch, John Smith, Donna Stratton, Margie Mehlhoff, Jim Atkinson, Julie Stanislau, Edward Bohl, Margie Cranston, Michael O'Malley, Frances Kritzerberger, Duane Sebelius, Patricia Toenjes, Jack Barber, Clint Strommen, Mary Frolek; a very special intention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KC BREAKFAST for the Youth Group, Sun, Jul 24.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ST. MARK'S PARISH

If you haven't signed up for the August and September schedules, 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.

ATTENTION

TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO BROUGHT PANS OR DISHES TO ST. MARK'S THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME AND PICK YOURS UP AT ANY TIME. THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." – Colossians 1:25

Believe it or not, we are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our knowledge and relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us, like our family and friends.



Report For July 10, 2016

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 693 PI \$ 46 and Ch \$ 6

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 2440 PI \$ 439.56 and Ch \$ 11



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"JESUS ENTERED A VILLAGE WHERE A WOMAN NAMED MARTHA WELCOMED HIM. SHE HAD A SISTER NAMED MARY."

LK 10:38

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor

Ursula Palmer, Secretary

Valerie Heth, Director of Religious Ed

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm, Bottineau

Saturday 8:00 pm, Lake Metigoshe

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

July 16-17 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



HOSTING THE REDEEMER. Catholics have a unique understanding of suffering. It is a participation in the suffering of Christ. St. John Paul II wrote at length about 'redemptive suffering'. St. Paul captures this with a famous line we hear today, *"...in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ"* (Col 1:24).

Our First Reading from Genesis and the Gospel of Martha and Mary emphasize *hospitality*. Each of those Scriptures is about receiving a guest. Let's try to bring all three passages together.

Pain and suffering (physical, mental, emotional) can be like a hostile guest wreaking havoc in the home. Sometimes it's an easy fix, sometimes not – no meds, no change of scenery, no 'right word' can take away our pain. Are we sunk? Is this utter defeat? Are we doomed to suffer?

Enter Jesus. Jesus enters our world, not to take away suffering but to give it purpose.

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is received by two women. Martha is hard at work but complaining. Mary, her sister, is soaking up Jesus' conversation. Jesus chides Martha not for working but for worrying. Mary, the listener, has chosen the better part.

I wonder if there isn't a lesson here about suffering. When we suffer, we have choices. We can hate the suffering or we can welcome it. I don't say we should love the pain, and it is understandable to try to chase it away, but if it won't go, can't we open our heart

MY FAVORITE
**"HAVING A MARY HEART
 IN A MARTHA WORLD"**
 QUOTES

to it, listen to it, and learn to live with it? In doing so, are we not hosting Jesus, sharing in his suffering and participating with him in the redemption of the world.



When my Mom was battling breast cancer about 10 yrs ago, I remember her saying that she imagined the chemo like Grace. It was going to do painful things, but it was also going to do some good. She trusted. She let it course through her body like a gift. She welcomed it.

Just as Mary shows us the hospitality of listening, so we who choose to listen to our bodies can find even in suffering a visit from the Lord Jesus. Through faith, our mind can change the meaning and the nature of pain.

MODELING HOSPITALITY. Many thanks to Erin Severson and her band of artists for renovating Fr. Kevin's handmade model of St. Mark's. As the rectory has gone through its phases of refurbishing, I've tried to preserve the architectural mock-up Fr. Kevin put together in preparation for building St. Mark's Social Hall. It got plenty dusty, but survived.

Erin has wonderfully restored the model and used it in creating a little display that tracks the progress of St. Mark's Roofing Project.

After a warm heart, the next thing hospitality demands is a roof.

Today's Scriptures



model hospitality for us. I so love to see our parishes strive to be places of warm welcome to those in our communities and those who visit from afar. It's such a vital part of being Catholic.

Aware as we are that it's first and foremost a personal and spiritual ministry, hosting worship and community gatherings also requires a structure.

THANKS TO ALL who have thus far participated in raising the funds needed for the up & coming Roof. For those who are still considering a donation, please know that every gift is highly appreciated.

I am confident the funds will come in. What I pray for is the broadest possible participation. When we all take part in a project like this, by differing degrees, it is an experience of *Family*. When we act as *Family* we are living our call as parish, welcoming Christ, welcoming one another, welcoming the world.



YOUTH TRIP. Young people from both our parishes are now deep into experiencing their *Thirst Conference* in Rochester, Minn. Please keep them in prayer.

I don't know how to teach people how to pray. I do know that one of the surest ways is to see and experience other people at prayer. This weekend they are standing with hundreds of other Youth in Eucharistic Adoration, learning, exchanging, along with plenty of Praise & Worship.

At the Sunday morning Mass next week, we've asked some of them to give a brief witness to what they encountered.

Please pray now that their hearts be touched by many great gifts from Christ and his Church.



KC BREAKFAST—HELP OUR YOUTH.

Sunday, July 24, KCs will serve a pancake & sausage breakfast for our Youth Group.

GUEST PRIEST—next weekend, Fr. Michael will be swapping places with Fr. Tony Hession, from St. Ann's in Belcourt. Please give Fr. Tony a warm welcome.



ST. MARK'S ROOF—Latest update! As of July 13th, we have received about \$18,480.00, 46.20% of our goal of \$40,000.

VOCATIONS

An interview with Deacon Jayson Miller (St. Joseph's Parish, Devils Lake)

Who was the most influential person to you as a child? **My family has had a huge impact on me, but especially my grandma Agnes. She enjoyed spending time with us and she prayed for us often.**



What would people you know find surprising about you as a teen? **I wasn't very studious. I enjoy studying now, but my Mom really had to push me to get my school work done in High School.**

In what ways have your parents influenced you the most? **My parents have been an example to me of faith, trust in God, perseverance, dedication to the Church, and forgiveness. Many of the virtues I pursue in seminary have their foundation in my parents.**

What is your most memorable travel experience? **Travelling to Ireland with my seminary classmates. We saw a lot of cool things, especially beautiful churches, St. Patrick's tomb, and some great landscape and scenery.**

What is one lesson you've learned in life? **We can trust God no matter what. It doesn't make any difference what we've done or who we think we are; God always accepts us and invites us to grow in his love.**

What is something you've learned about the faith since entering seminary? **I've enjoyed learning about the beauty of the Mass, especially that when we are at Mass we experience Jesus' love from the Cross. We receive his saving body and blood, the same as that which he offered for our sins on the Cross.**