

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass for the Intentions of the Week

- 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)
- Tue, July 26 12 p.m. St. Mark's NO MASS**
- Wed, July 27 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's NO MASS**
- Thurs, July 28 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's († Shawna Deschamp)
- Fri, July 29 11 a.m. Good Samaritan († Bill Nero)
- Sat, July 30 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Alex & Mary Miller)
- Sat, 8 pm Lake Metigoshe Chapel
- Sun, July 31 9 a.m. St. Andrew's (Parishioners)
- Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's († Ray & Rita Davis)

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, Donna Stratton, Margie Mehlhoff, Jim Atkinson, Julie Stanislau, Edward Bohl, Margie Cranston, Michael O'Malley, Frances Kritzberger, Patricia Toenjes, Jack Barber, Clint Strommen, Mary Frolek, Everett Lahr; 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

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." – Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.



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St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 741 PI \$ 98 and Ch \$ 24
St Mark's: Ad env \$ 2038 PI \$ 388 and Ch \$ 25



**ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU &
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**"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY
JUST AS JOHN TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES"**

LK 11:1

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 23-24 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



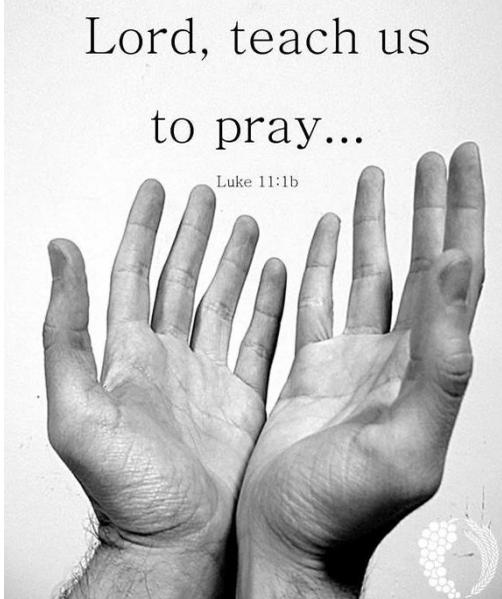
ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRAY. St. Luke shows a keen appreciation of Jesus' prayer life. More than any other Gospel writer, he mentions Jesus at prayer and Our Lord's approach to prayer.

Today we hear the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer: he dictates the *Our Father*, he offers a parable on persistence, and he assures the disciples that God hears our prayers.

Luke's version of the *Lord's Prayer* is more direct than St. Matthew's. Having taught his disciples this simple, daily prayer, Jesus reassures them that God answers prayers. He tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

We find another example of prayer in the 1st Reading from Genesis.

Abraham is not just a great negotiator. He uses



this skill on behalf of others. He attempts to persuade God to spare "the whole place" for the sake of a few. Listening to Abraham, it is like overhearing a son and his father. The father lets the son talk. All the while, the son is gradually letting his heart become as open and generous as his father's.

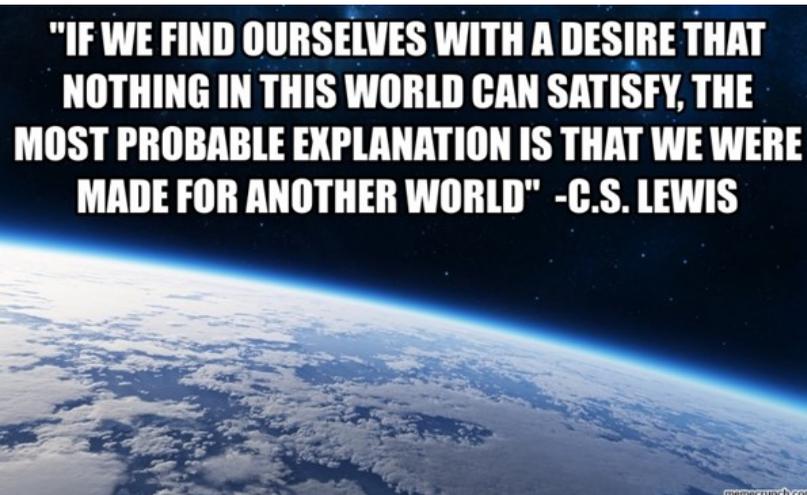
The lessons here are many. For one, God loves to extend his Divine Mercy through us. Abraham's pleading is an illustration of what Jesus is teaching his disciples. *Keep at it Persevere in asking for*

good things for others, even yourself. You are thereby being pulled into the very Goodness of God.

Jesus' reminds his disciples to be bold: *ask and you will receive.*

We can ask for anything. 'Never hurts to ask.' Asking always entails an education if we're willing to listen for responses. Sometimes, I've found, it takes years to receive the

Wisdom God is offering. If we don't know what to ask for, *ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT!!* This is how Jesus concludes his teaching on prayer. Such a request is irrefusable! Sounds like our young people got a taste of the Holy Spirit last week...



THE NORTHERN LIGHTS APOSTLES attended the Thirst Conference in Rochester MN on July 15-17



Nine Youth and Chaperones from St. Marks and St. Andrews, along with over 2000 others from eight states and one Canadian Province, attended the recent Thirst Conference in Rochester, Minnesota. Every attendee was given the opportunity to strengthen their personal relationship with God.

Our trip seemed to start out a bit rocky when we learned that our Deanery Bus failed a DOT inspection. This required the Northern Lights Apostles, along with the youth groups from Rugby and Harvey to patch together a caravan of private vehicles to transport our group. Undaunted, the group left together ON TIME on Thursday morning. By the grace of God, our Deanery 6 group was able to find space on another bus with youth from Minot. We joined them in Fargo. That rocky start proved to be a blessing as our groups joined forces.

The Holy Spirit's presence was felt almost immediately upon our arrival at the Convention Center in Rochester. Many lives were changed and hearts were opened to the Lord during our trip. Notable events included:

*Inspirational group sessions facilitated by well-

- known lay presenters and priests
- * Life changing experiences during Eucharistic Adoration
- *Over one thousand Confessions were heard by over Twenty priests
- *More than 75 young men and 50 young women came to the stage to show interest in discerning a vocation to life as a Religious Sister or Priest
- * Life-long friendships were begun
- *Youth learned how to praise the Lord with inspirational music
- We are already making plans to attend next year!



ST. MARK'S ROOF—Latest update! So far 37 of our 235 Registered families have participated. As of July 19th, we have received about \$ 26,155.00, 53.14% of our goal of \$40,000.

KC BREAKFAST—HELP OUR YOUTH. Sunday, July 24, KCs will serve a pancake & sausage breakfast for our Youth Group.



Guest Priest—PLEASE WELCOME FR. TONY HESSION. Beginning Friday evening, Fr. Michael has been at St. Anne's in Belcourt. He has been asked to help celebrate the annual St. Ann's Novena, returning Wednesday night.

Fr. Tony is serving at St. Ann's and has come to celebrate this weekend's Masses. Give him a warm welcome. We are grateful for these moments of exchange among our area priests.

There will be **no weekday Masses** at St. Mark's on **Tuesday, July 26 and Wednesday, July 27** due to Fr Michael's absence.