

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

- 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 (Parishioners)
- Tue, August 2 12 p.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)
- Wed, August 3 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)
- Thurs, August 4 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's (Parishioners)
- Fri, August 5 8 a.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)
- Sat, August 6 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)
- Sat, 8 pm Lake Metigoshe Chapel
- Sun, August 7 9 a.m. St. Andrew's (Parishioners)
- 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, 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.

PLEASE WELCOME MSGR JOSEPH SENGER. Fr. Joe will be subbing for Fr. Michael next weekend, who will be in Santa Fe for a workshop on the campus of St. John's University. Fr Michael is gone from July 31—Aug 8. Please keep him in your prayers. He prays for you.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ST. MARK'S PARISH

If you haven't signed up for the September schedule, 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

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." – Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.



Report For July 24, 2016

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 598 PI \$ 86 and Ch \$ 13

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1389 PI \$ 519.50 and Ch \$ 4



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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

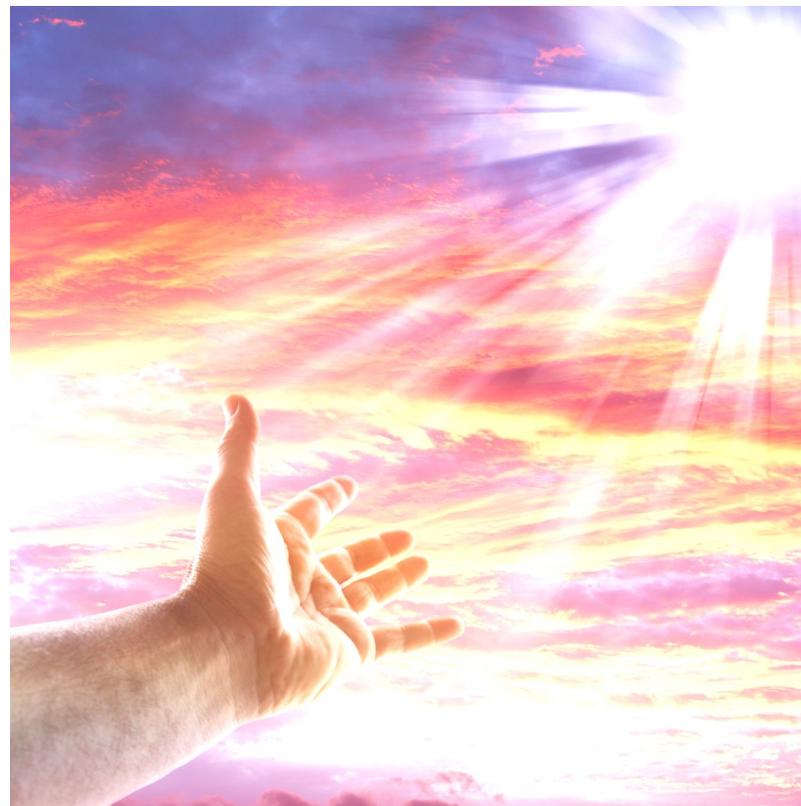
Saturday, 4:30 pm, Bottineau

Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope

Or by Appointment

OFFICE HOURS

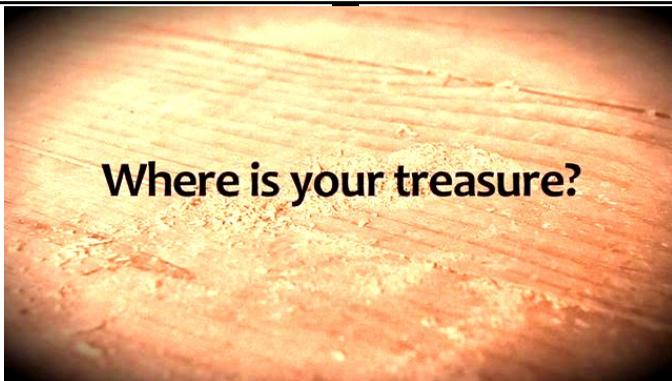
Tue-Fri 12:30pm-5:00pm



**"SEEK WHAT IS ABOVE,
NOT WHAT IS ON EARTH"**

COL 3:1-2

July 30-31 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Where is your treasure?

CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. Jesus tells a parable about a rich man's lands yielding more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share the extra, but how he can store it all. He has a brilliant idea, tear

down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

God responds, "You poor fool." That very night his life will end. To whom will everything belong? What good then are his possessions? Moral of the story: so will it be for everyone who stores up treasure but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later, St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We're not just performing works of mercy, we're paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Have the rich been blessed so they can have the privilege of blessing others? Jesus says Yes.

We live in a culture where we work, provide for retirement, and anything left over goes to our children or special causes we've adopted

5 THINGS YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK
A stone after it's thrown,
a word once it is spoken,
an occasion once it is missed,
an action when it is done,
and time once it has passed.

along the way. Saving money isn't sinful. It can, in fact, be very responsible.

But Jesus' point still stands – you can't take it with you. You can either share now, or share later. If you share now, you are becoming rich in what matters to

God – compassion, mercy, charity. If you only share *later*, that is, when death causes our coffers to open, it might do some others good, but not you. The chance to love through sharing has passed.

Jesus understands that the quality of life is in love. Love moves us to share. Dying rich without having shared is foolishness in God's eyes.

We only get one shot at life. We will be judged on how we loved. Sharing what we've reaped from God's bounty (yes, it's all God's, no matter how hard we worked for it), is one of the significant ways we show love.

If we choose to lay up treasure in Heaven by generously distributing our goods rather than hoarding them, then we truly become rich in what matters to God. Otherwise, wealth works against us.

Let's share now before we're gone. Others choose to set up plans for how their wealth will be distributed upon their death. What a joy-filled way to live life. Our acquisitions, great or little, are no use to us afterwards. They are useful now to the extent they give us opportunities to shower others with love.

Rocks. In early Spring, I launched an appeal for rocks. You just never know when those calls are going to be answered. Sen. David O'Connell brought two beds of flat rocks and dropped them off months ago. They've since gotten incorporated into a stone pathway from St. Mark's church to the social hall. Also, Rene Wondrasek and Carmen Dukeman also offered rocks, which I was happy to harvest from their properties—adding them to large rocks Al Wondrasek brought over already last Summer from the Vets Hall.

Last week, Sen. O'Connell again came through. After a call to the parish office warning that something was on the way, a few hours later a 5 ton boulder showed up. Seems we found a good place for it. A rock garden and some plants will eventually wrap around it.



Also last week, Tom Henry brought a load of sizable field stone from the foundations of an old barn, which I look forward, in time, to incorporating in the landscaping around St. Andrew's, Westhope.

Thanks to all. It might not be everybody's cup of tea, but for me, when I see a pile of North Dakota field stone, I spy a gold mine. Makes for a pretty good workout besides.



ST. MARK'S ROOF— Latest update! So far 47 of our 235 Registered families have participated. As of July 28th, we have received about \$ 34,410, 86.03% of our goal of \$40,000.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE. There are some 8 Holy Doors spread around the Diocese of Fargo for the Jubilee of Mercy called by Pope Francis. He wrote:

"I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' (Lk 6:36)."

Please find sign-up sheets for two possible pilgrimage opportunities. Depending on how many choose to sign up, we will make a more concrete plan.

One, to the Carmel of Mary on Monday, August 15. Another, to St. Ann's, Belcourt on Weds or Thurs, Sept 7 or 8.

I would be happy to join parishioners on both of these occasions.

There is a Sister in the Carmel of Mary who has adopted our parishes and prays for us every day. It would be a grand thing to greet her and thank her.

Having spent nearly a week in Belcourt, I look forward to forging some spiritual bonds of fraternity to bind together the Turtle Mountain community in an embrace of faith, hope, and love. Please consider joining us for one of these spiritual adventures. If you have another date to propose, please include it on the sign-up sheets.

