

**PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

*Mass for the Intentions of the Week*

- Sat, August 27 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Bill Nero)
- Sat, 8 pm Lake Metigoshe Chapel
- Sun, August 28 9 a.m. St. Andrew's († Jack Sandy)
- Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)
- Tue, August 30 12 p.m. St. Mark's († Duane Sebelius)
- Wed, August 31 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's (George Chavez)
- Thurs, September 1 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's († Duane Sebelius)
- Fri, September 2 8:00 a.m. St. Mark's († Bill Nero)
- Sat, September 3 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Sat, 8 pm Lake Metigoshe Chapel
- Sun, September 4 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.



PrayerLine



**PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS:** Military personnel & their families, Garth Saylor, Cindy Volk, Karen Busch, John Smith, Donna Stratton, Margie Mehlhoff, Jim Atkinson, Julie Stanislaw, Edward Bohl, Margie Cranston, Michael O'Malley, Frances Kritzenberger, Patricia Toenjes, Jack Barber, Clint Strommen, Mary Frolek, Everett Lahr, Elois Halvorson, Wayne Barbot; a very special intention.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

St. Andrew's—September 11, Religious Education  
 St. Mark's—Tuesday, August 30 at 7pm, Parish Council Meeting. Open to all.  
**St. Andrew's—August 31, CCD teachers meeting at 5pm in the Church basement**

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT  
 ST. MARK'S PARISH**

The sheet for the October schedule will be out for a couple of 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.

**ATTENTION**

ST. MARK'S IS IN NEED OF CATECHISM TEACHERS. IF YOU FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS IMPORTANT MISSION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS**

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."* – Luke 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.



**Report** For August 21, 2016

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 870 PI \$ 76 and Ch \$ 15.50

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1799 PI \$ 267.25 and Ch \$ 5



**ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU &  
 ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE**



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**But when you give a feast,  
 invite the poor, the maimed,  
 the lame, the blind.  
 And you will be blessed ...  
 Luke 14:13-14a**

**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

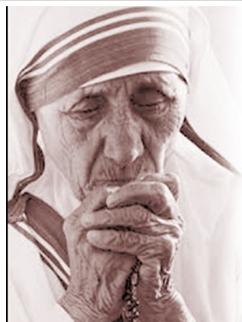
**OFFICE HOURS**

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

*August 27-28 — Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**GO & TAKE THE LOWEST PLACE.** Jesus' advice in the Gospel finds echo in a once famous prayer:



*THE LITANY OF HUMILITY* (a daring prayer)

"O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,  
*deliver me, Jesus.*

From the desire of being extolled,  
From the desire of being honored,  
From the desire of being praised,  
From the desire of being preferred to others,  
From the desire of being consulted,  
From the desire of being approved,  
From the fear of being humiliated,  
From the fear of being despised,  
From the fear of suffering rebukes,  
From the fear of being calumniated,  
From the fear of being forgotten,  
From the fear of being ridiculed,  
From the fear of being wronged,  
From the fear of being suspected,  
That others may be loved more than I,  
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be esteemed more than I,  
That others may be chosen and I set aside,  
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,  
That others may be preferred to me in everything,  
That others may become holier than I,  
provided that I may become as holy as I should.

—Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val, † 1930

If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are.  
*Mother Teresa*

**WHERE ARE OUR CHILDREN?**

Pope Francis asks this question in his recent letter *The Joy of Love* in the section entitled "Towards a Better Education of Children."

Here are some passages.

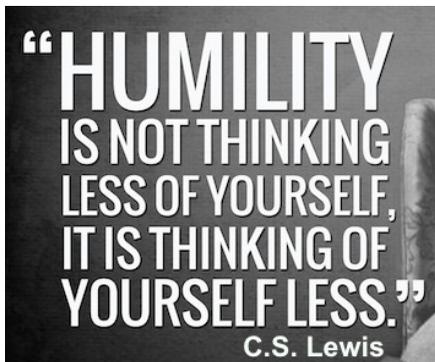
"Parents rely on schools... but can never

completely delegate the moral formation of their children to others. person's affective and ethical development is ultimately grounded in a particular experience, namely, that his or her parents can be trusted."

"Parents always influence the moral development of their children, for better or for worse. Parents need to consider what they want their children to be exposed to who is providing their entertainment, who is entering their rooms through television and electronic devises."

"Vigilance is always necessary and neglect is never beneficial. Obsession, however, is not education. What is most important is lovingly to help their children grow in freedom. The real question is where our children are in terms of their convictions, goals, desires and

dreams. Do we seek to understand 'where' our children really are on their journey?"



**"The better we live on this earth, the greater the happiness we will be able to share with our loved ones in Heaven. The more we able to mature and develop in this world, the more gifts will we be able to bring to the heavenly banquet."**

I echo Pope Francis' words encouraging parents in the active role they take in forming their children. Our parishes are here to help. Religious education is first



"LET THE CHILDREN COME"  
Matthew 23:14

and foremost the responsibility of parents. When they have their children baptized, parents promise to raise the children in the Faith, teaching them about who Jesus is, his message, and the Church he founded. Our parish programs are one way in which certain parents help others. Still, no one can take the place of parents in passing on the Faith. Parents we pray for you. You are the first lens through which your child comes to glimpse God. You set the tone. It is a grand undertaking. No one is in this alone. We stand together, yet parents remain indispensable channels for breathing Jesus into the next generation.



**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE, Sun afternoon, Sept 11.**

Please consider journeying together, as many as possible, to **St. Ann's in Belcourt** to receive the Jubilee Indulgence.

**REGISTRATION FORMS** for Religious Education will be out in the bulletin starting next weekend.

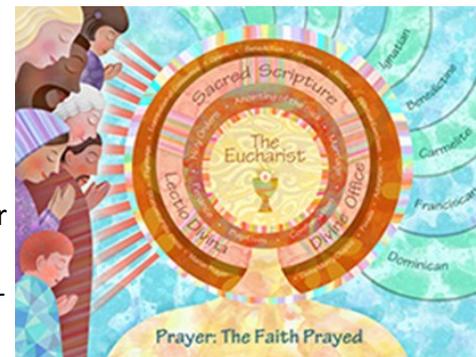
Please fill out the forms as soon as possible and turn them in to the Parish Office.



Classes at St. Mark's are tentatively set to start on September 21, after Catechetical Sunday. We will confirm the date.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, Sept 18,** will focus on the theme

*Prayer: The Faith Prayed.*



Those whom our parish communities have designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



**A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME** to Tom & Carol Hickin (Father Michael's parents), who visit during the Labor Day weekend.