

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week

Sat, August 20 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Delmar Haberman)

Sat, 8 pm Lake Metigoshe Chapel

Sun, August 21 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(Parishioners)

Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Aime Vandal)

Tue, August 23 12 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Rosemary Wald)

Wed, August 24 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)

Thurs, August 25 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Shawna Deschamp)

Fri, August 26 11 a.m. Good Samaritan  
(† Aime Vandal)

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)

### 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 Kritzberger, Patricia Toenjes, Jack Barber, Clint Strommen, Mary Frolek, Everett Lahr, Elois Halvorson, Wayne Barbot; a very special intention.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Mark's—August 20 & 21, representatives of Bethlehem Christian Families Mission, after Mass. Metigoshe Ministries, Catechist Retreat, Aug 27

St. Andrew's—September 11, Religious Education

### 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

ST. MARK'S CHURCH IS IN NEED OF A PERSON TO TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSEKEEPING. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some first who will be last." — Luke 13:30

Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.



Report For August 14, 2016

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 202 Pl \$ 84 and Ch \$ 12

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 2,452 Pl \$ 442 and Ch \$ 15



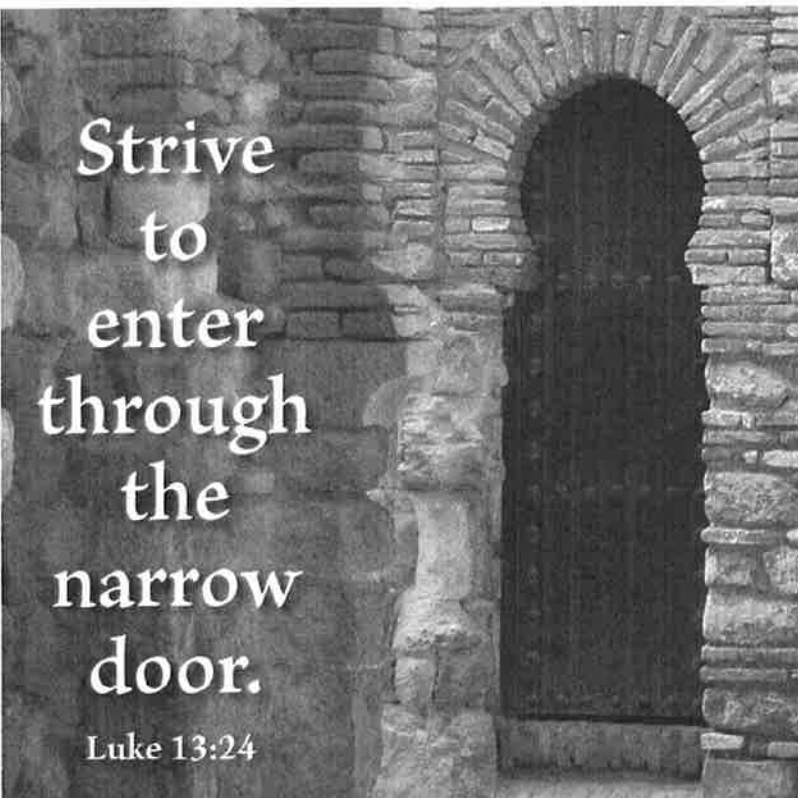
# ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU &

# ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE



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### PARISH STAFF

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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 20-21 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**WILL ONLY A FEW PEOPLE BE SAVED?** The disciples ask Jesus a tough question. As we might expect, Jesus' answer is troubling, challenging. We hear it, but don't quite understand. Jesus' words forever and always deserve to be pondered. As we weigh his wisdom, we grow in understanding.



Let's look at the eye, an amazing organ. Basically, we have two kinds of vision – central and peripheral. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah is a good example of peripheral vision. The Gospel messages focus on our central vision.



Central vision establishes "What is it". It is largely conscious; we choose to focus our attention on such 'n such an object. Central vision usually works in isolation, focused simply on sight, determining shape, color and other identifying features.

Peripheral vision establishes "Where Am I/Where is it". It is almost always sub-conscious. It enables visually guided movement such as

pointing, reaching and grasping. Peripheral vision works in conjunction with our other senses, rounding out our 'vision' with a 'view' of the whole scene.

Central vision is precise and very trustworthy. Peripheral vision is fuzzy and prone to mistakes. However, both fields of vision are necessary for us not just to 'see' but to 'experience' reality. This might help make sense of our salvation-journey.

Jesus says, "Strive to enter by the narrow gate." He wants us focused on home, our eternal home with our heavenly Father. It takes choices. Tough choices. The only reason we won't find a home in the heavenly Kingdom (the closed

door and the voice *I do not know where you are from*) is if we've already made a home somewhere else (in the smallness of our own thoughts and desires).

Isaiah has a vision of people streaming into the Kingdom from all sides. He sees pilgrims from all over the Earth finding a place in God's Kingdom. Jesus is by no means ignorant of the wideness of

God's mercy. **He is that Mercy!!** How does one hold together a specific devotion to Jesus with a worldwide hope in the salvation of *the many*, even non-Christians?

Saint James illustrates a similar tension in his discussion on faith and works: "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jm 2:15-17). In other words, the broad vision of faith as our journey to God and the narrow vision of living that faith with the person right in front of you together form a complete view of reality.

Will God save *the many* through the faith and hope and love of *a few*? Behind these gut-wrenching considerations stands the whole relationship of the Church with the world at large.

If it is a struggle to 'see' what Jesus means by the "narrow gate", continue to pray and ponder. It is a journey we make together.



## CATECHIST WANTED!

**PASSING ON THE FAITH.** St Andrew's is set for a new season of catechesis.

St. Mark's is in need of a religious education coordinator and many teachers. After a number of conversations over the Summer, the religious education situation remains unsettled.

Perhaps the Holy Spirit is moving us toward another approach to catechesis. Anyone interested in teaching or in the position of the coordinator, please contact the parish office.



Welcoming, mentoring, feeding the followers of Jesus is what our Catholic parishes are about. This is especially true of our children. What they receive are seeds to last a lifetime. Please say a prayer for this essential work of our parish family.

## POPE FRANCIS' FIVE-FINGER PRAYER

### 4. Ring

Our weakest finger reminds us to pray for the weakest among us. Pray for the poor, the unborn, the elderly, and those who have no one to pray for them.

### 3. Middle

The tallest finger reminds us of our leaders. Pray for politicians all over the world.

### 2. Index

Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal you. They always need guidance and wisdom from God.

### 1. Thumb

The finger closest to you, so offer some prayers for those closest to you. Family, friends, and other loved ones.

### 5. Pinkie

When you have finished praying for everyone else, you have the proper perspective from which you can offer prayers for your needs.

