

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass for the Intentions of the Week

- Sat, September 3 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Sat, 8 pm **Last Mass** at Lake Metigoshe Chapel
- Sun, September 4 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Jack Sandy)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)
- Tue, September 6 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Duane Sebelius & Margaret Sebelius)
- Wed, September 7 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Duane Sebelius)
- Thurs, September 8 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Shawna Deschamp)
- Fri, September 9 11:00 a.m. Good Samaritan
(† Elmer Olson)
- Sat, September 10 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Aime Vandal)
- Sun, September 11 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
- Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Bill Nero)

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 Stanislaw, Edward Bohl, Margie Cranston, Michael O'Malley, Frances Kritzberger, Patricia Toenjes, Jack Barber, Clint Strommen, Mary Frolek, Everett Lahr, Elois Halvorson, Wayne Barbot; Cathy Miller's mother; a very special intention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's—Sept. 11, Religious Education
 St. Mark's & St. Andrew's—Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Church. Departing 12:45 from St. Mark's
 St. Mark's—Sept. 13 at 7pm Parish Council
 St. Mark's—Sept. 21, CCD classes start.
 St. Mark's—Sept. 25, **FALL SUPPER**



**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 ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:33
 When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



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St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 536 PI \$ 55 and Ch \$ 22

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1436 PI \$ 314 and Ch \$ 45.60

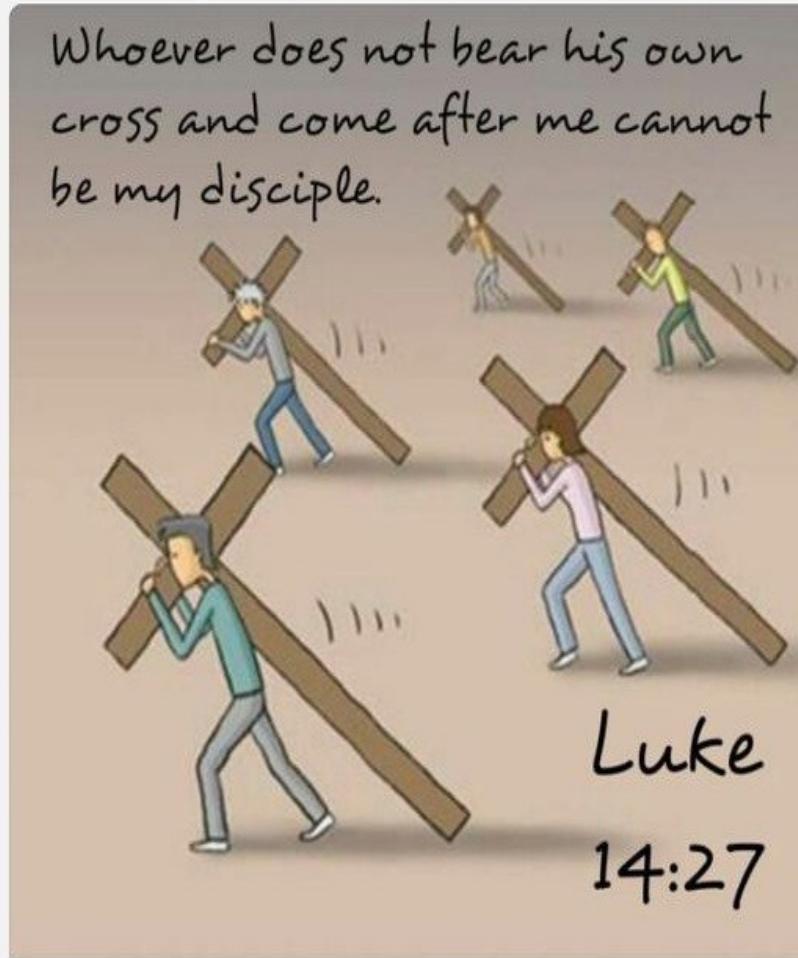


**ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU &
 ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE**



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 Ursula Palmer, Secretary

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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

September 3-4 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



FULL HOUSE. If you listen closely to the Gospel today, Jesus deals a full house. In poker, a full house consists of a pair and three of a kind. Jesus' full house: **twice** he says, "Sit down" (sit down and calculate the cost..., sit down and decide how you're going to do battle...), and **three times** he says "...you cannot be my disciple".

It's a pretty strong hand. Bluffing won't work. Jesus already knows what we have in our hand and the deck is stacked in his favor.

The Gospel challenge is straightforward and demanding. Jesus Christ is asking you to make him your #1—loved more than anyone else, even yourself. It's going to cost something—all we possess. There'll be crosses to carry, but the jackpot is out of this world.

Sound like a sweet deal? Depends on what you're in the market for. It's a lousy deal if we're trying to get on top in this life.



It's the only deal if we're interested in eternal salvation.

Jesus wants people to follow him. The invitation in his two parables about the tower and the king is to *sit down and figure out* what you're willing to risk to inherit the infinite treasures he has in

store for you. If you're familiar with Texas Hold'em, he's looking for each of us to say, "All in!"



ST. MARK'S PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tues, September 13. Last Tuesday, the Council met, but we decided to interrupt our normal proceedings to listen to a number of concerns from parishioners. There were about 30 in attendance.

It was an important moment for our parish. While painful for me at times, and I needed to be reminded that it was my turn to listen, most all would agree that we came away from the meeting hopeful with a firmer desire to work together. It was reminiscent of what they say about the key to a good marriage—communication, communication, communication.

We should look forward to building upon what we experienced, inviting input, and valuing one another's experience. Some notes on

the meeting are on file in the parish office.

Among the many concerns, one touched on people leaving the parish. How true this is and what the causes might be will be matter for further discussions. Any and all input is welcome. Towards the end of the meeting, all were in agreement, it appeared, that we want a warm and welcoming community here. This is food for our journey forward. It is also good to remember that the Church is family, first and foremost God's Family gathered by His Son, Jesus Christ. This is our #1 drawing card and the reason we stay; it's also the reason we want to share our Faith with others.

It is a privilege to believe together with you, people of St Mark's and St. Andrew's, along with all who join us in the Feast of Faith.



JUBILEE
Year of Mercy

PILGRIMAGE TO GOOD SAINT ANNE. Sunday afternoon, Sept 11, interested pilgrims will travel to St. Anne's in Belcourt to pray and receive the Jubilee Indulgence. We will meet at the steps of St. Anne's church at 1:30 p.m. For those wishing to caravan together, we will be departing from St. Mark's church at 12:45 p.m.

One of the local priests will be available for Confessions for those interested. We will go over the Church's understanding of indulgences, pray together, sing a hymn, visit the other two chapels on campus, and we should be on the road by 2:30 p.m. easily.

As many as can join us, it will be a simple, grace-filled event celebrating this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.



LOOKING FOR TEACHERS. Gratefully, Ursula Palmer, our church secretary, has agreed to assume the duties of Director of Religious Education at St. Mark's. Jen Nero has been helping her. A welcome letter to parents and a schedule for our meetings will be in next week's bulletin.

St. Andrew's is good to go but at St. Mark's, we currently only have three volunteers so far for teaching. We have four more classes that need a teacher, and it is always welcome to have teachers' aides. Please consider sharing our gift of Faith with the children of our parish.

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.



VERY GOOD NEWS— There were some concerns about holding our **FALL SUPPER on September 25th** because of the roofing project. Good news, the contractor informed us that they will start the work on September 26 or 27. We won't have any parking problems. If you haven't signed up for some volunteer work, we need you. Please find sign-up sheets at St. Mark's Social Hall.