

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

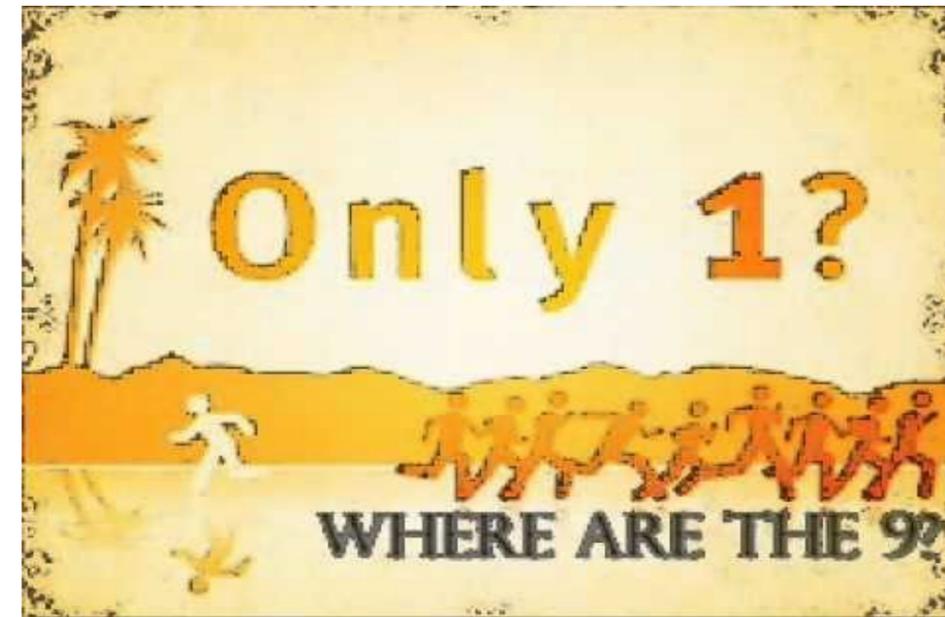
- Sat, October 8 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's (Special Intention)
- Sun, October 9 9 a.m. St. Andrew's (Parishioners)
- Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's († Pam Schmidt)
- Tue, October 11 12 p.m. St. Mark's († David Olson)
- Wed, October 12 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Thurs, October 13 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's († Shawna Deschamp)
- Fri, October 14 11 a.m. Good Samaritan († Stanley Estenson)
- Sat, October 15 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Ray & Rita Davis)
- Sun, October 16 9 a.m. St. Andrew's († Shawna Deschamp)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Andrew's—Oct 9, Religious Ed. class
- St. Mark's—Oct 9, **Sacramental Prep Meeting** 12pm  
Parents and children—POT LUCK
- St. Mark's— Oct 11, Parish Council meeting 7pm
- St. Mark's—Oct 12, Religious Ed class
- St. Andrew's—Oct 16, Religious Ed class & CYO
- St. Mark's—Oct 19, Religious Ed Class

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**ST. MARK'S PARISH**  
 The sheet for the November schedule will be out next week 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 PARISHIONERS**  
**THERE ARE STILL SOME PANS**  
**WAITING FOR AN OWNER**  
**TO PICK THEM UP.**  
**PLEASE CHECK IF YOURS**  
**IS STILL ON THE TABLE.**



**“WHERE ARE THE OTHER NINE?  
 STAND UP AND GO;  
 YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU.” LK 17:17-19**

- PARISH STAFF**
- Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor
  - Ursula Palmer, Secretary
  - Cathy Miller, Custodian
  - Gloria Giglio, Custodian
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
- Valerie Heth, DRE
  - St. Andrew's Parish
  - Ursula Palmer, DRE
  - St. Mark's Parish

- WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**
- Saturday 5:30 pm, Bottineau
  - 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

### Home Communion



Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Claudia Trebas (228-2339) by Monday eve to be put on the list.

### PrayerLine



To add or remove a name, please contact Deb Wyman at 245-6538 or the parish office.

**PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS:** Military personnel & their families, Cindy Volk, Donna Stratton, Jim Atkinson, Margie Cranston, Frances Kritzberger, Jack Barber, Clint Strommen, Mary Frolek, Everett Lahr, Elois Halvorson, Wayne Barbot; Cathy Miller's mother, Renee Wondrasek, Arlene Duval, Tanya Buzzerd, the Thomas family, Cool Bauman, Bill Baumann, McLinkley Anderson; a very special intention.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

*“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”—Luke 17:18*

Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.



**Report** For October 2, 2016

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 913 PI \$ 87 and Ch \$ 21.45

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 2583.10 PI \$ 228 and Ch \$ 19

### PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

*Lord God, as the elections approach, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, our state, and our country. May your Gospel help us respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes free from blindness in order to see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears to hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and walk the ways of your truth as they guide us toward your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.*



*October 8-9 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

# From the Pastor's Pen



**GRATITUDE & HAPPINESS.** Gratitude is an attitude that sees one surrounded by countless gifts. Opposite of gratitude is 'entitlement', a bad attitude that expects to get something for nothing. It stems from feeling of superior to others and often leads people onto paths of unhappiness.

There's a way out of entitlement. It comes when we make a point of being grateful to others throughout our day. Not just simple 'Thank yous', but seeing within ourselves the connections to why it's right to be grateful, that of our own we are destitute; we need others gifts—desperately. Our Gospel shows us an example of this.

Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten. Only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus.

The ten all show faith in calling out to Jesus. He recognizes their need and grants what they wanted. Did he expect them all to come back and thank him? Very probably. The nine who didn't return ended up settling for too little. Had they returned, they could've received a far greater gift, the promise given to the Samaritan: salvation.

Do we ever settle for too little? Do non-Christians or even non-believers sometimes show more gratitude than we do amidst our abundance of gifts?

The healing from leprosy was just a step upon a longer, further-reaching path. Failing in gratitude cut the path short. Did the nine think they deserved their healing? Why did they forget to return and give thanks? Did their happiness and good health run out of gas eventually? Did the Samaritan find a different and more fulfilling path?

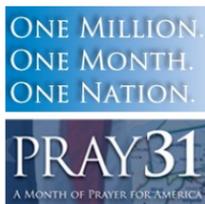
The Gospel doesn't answer these questions. But we're *grateful* to the Gospel-writer, St Luke, for paving the way toward the answer that each of us can give with our lives.

**RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.** Please contact the parish office if you or someone you know is considering entering the Catholic Church this coming Easter.



**UNITED PARISH IN BOTTINEAU**— is organizing an open meeting on Human Trafficking on Oct 12 at 7pm at 801 Main St. Everyone is welcome. If you want to attend, please call the Parish Office 228-3164 to register.

**ST. MARK'S** — Pray the Rosary before Mass on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 10:30am. Volunteers would be appreciated. Please call Marlys at 228-2610



**Prayer During a Time of Elections** (front cover), or some other prayer. Pray for the leaders, churches and Christians of : on **Oct 8—Illinois and Indiana; Oct 9— Iowa and Kansas; Oct 10—Kentucky & Louisiana; Oct 11— Maine & Maryland; Oct 12— Massachusetts & Michigan; Oct 13—Minnesota & Mississippi; Oct 14—Missouri & Montana; Oct 15— Nebraska & Nevada; Oct 16—New Hampshire & New Jersey.**

**FATIMA APOSTOLATE** . 2017 marks the 100th year of the Fatima apparition. Events open to the public and all parishes include Saturday May 13, and June 11-15. More details to follow.



This Apostolate is active in the Diocese of Fargo. Local officers are asking for representatives from each parish of the Diocese. I've already received some interest and am grateful. We look forward to implementing the following programs:

**PRAYER CELLS:** Two or more people come together once a week or month to pray at home or church for peace in the world and meditate on the message and how to live it out in their lives.

**VISITING PILGRIM STATUE:** Statues of our Blessed Mother Mary have been blessed by our Bishop Folda to visit the homes of families for a week and get to know more about the message of Fatima.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:** As asked by Our Lady at Fatima in reparation for sins.

The Fatima Apostolate encourages prayer in the family, the Rosary in particular and the first Saturday devotion requested at Fatima to bring peace to the world. Please consider being a part of this Apostolate of Prayer. Mary is waiting for you. For more information about the World Apostolate of Fatima USA please visit <http://wafusa.org/> or email the Fargo division at [waffargo@yahoo.com](mailto:waffargo@yahoo.com).

Could we begin by praying the Rosary before all weekday Masses, and the 1st Sundays of every month, all-month in Oct & May? **I would like to hear your feedback.**



**PRESBYTERATE DAYS** - Oct 3-5, priests of the Diocese of Fargo gathered around our bishop in Jamestown. One of our jubilarians was Fr. Kevin Boucher, celebrating 25 yrs of priesthood. *Happy Anniversary Fr. Kevin!!*

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk spoke to us with great wisdom on beginning and end of life issues. For instance, the Church's understanding regarding in-vitro fertilization and life-support decisions. We also learned more about 'sex change' operations and *gender identity disorder* and how to respond to these very, very basic challenges to what it means to be human.

Bishop Folda addressed his priests on a number of issues. Pope Francis had challenged bishops to undertake some Mercy-projects for the Year of Mercy. After considerable consultation, he settled on St. Ann's School, Belcourt. A letter will be coming from him on this.

Our Bishop also continues to show an active interest in catechesis. By Spring 2017, there will be guidelines regarding Religious Education and the selection of a text series for the whole Diocese. This will be a wonderful opportunity to do more for our catechists and DREs (Directors of Religious Education).

Also along these lines, Bishop is asking for annual assessments. The NCEA (National Catholic Education Association) developed an assessment tool decades ago to help Catholic parishes and schools get a better handle on how their children fare in comparison to their peers across the Nation. As chief catechist for the Diocese, Bishop wants to know how the children are doing. Do they know their Catholic Faith? Where do we need to improve our programs? What are the strengths we can continue to build upon?



It's hard to know what kind of job we're doing without assessment. Obviously, it's not just about right and wrong answers to specific questions, but also how our knowledge of the Faith is tied to a living relationship with God, the Church, and one's local parish.

There's a growing bias against the Church's Faith and traditional morality, the Bishop observed, and we pastors need to be vigilant about what our young people are learning.

**WEDS MASS TIME AT ST. MARK'S.** We received 7 requests to keep the 7:30 a.m. time and 16 to move back to Noon. All the feedback is appreciated. We will move the Weds Mass to Noon until sometime in the Spring. Thank you.

**OKTOBERFEST, ST. ANDREW'S, WEDS, OCT 12.** Come and join us for fun and food and another experience of our awesome flying Rosary.

**SAINT MARK'S CHOIR**—practice



on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. New members are welcome.

**ROOFING**—Through good weather and bad, MLC Construction has been moving along.

After second collections at St. Mark's these first two weeks in October, we'll continue the first Sunday of each month with a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the parish Building Fund. At the end of the year, we will apply for a grant from the Hommerding Foundation that will match 10% of all that we've collected. Please continue to pray for our roofers' safety.



## St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Oct 16	Roberta Henry / Tom Henry	CYO	CYO	CYO	Mike Artz / John Wyman	Tom Henry / Howard Erickson

## St. Mark's Ministries for October 15-16

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Darlene Olson Carla Eisenzimmer / Bobbi Aus	Vickie Gangl	Grant Tagestad family	Paul Amsbaugh / Cory Bercier	Al & Barb Wondrasek	
Sun.	Bread: Jen Nero Mary Ann Saville & Wayne Barbot	Pete Artz	Mike Nero family	Steve Lorenz / Jeff Beyer	Denise Aide / Theresa Awalt	Bill & Cool Baumann / Addie Berg