

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat, October 1 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Sun, October 2 9 a.m. St. Andrew's († Jack Sandy)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)
- Tue, October 4 12 p.m. St. Mark's **NO MASS Presbyterate Day**
- Wed, October 5 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's **NO MASS Presbyterate Day**
- Thurs, October 6 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's († Joe Mitzel)
- Fri, October 7 8:00 a.m. St. Mark's († Bill Nero)
- 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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Andrew's—Oct 2, CCD class
- St. Mark's—Oct 2, Right to Life meeting, 10am
- St. Mark's—Oct 5, CCD class
- St. Mark's— Oct 3-5 Fr Michael at Presbyterate Days
- St. Mark's— Oct 7, **Adoration**, 8:30-12:30
- St. Mark's—Oct 9, **Sacramental Prep Meeting** 12pm
Parents and children—POT LUCK
- St. Mark's— Oct 11, Parish Council meeting 7pm

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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!
THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. MARK'S ON OCTOBER 4 & 5
FATHER MICHAEL WILL BE ATTENDING PRESBYTERATE DAYS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."
— 2 Timothy 1:7

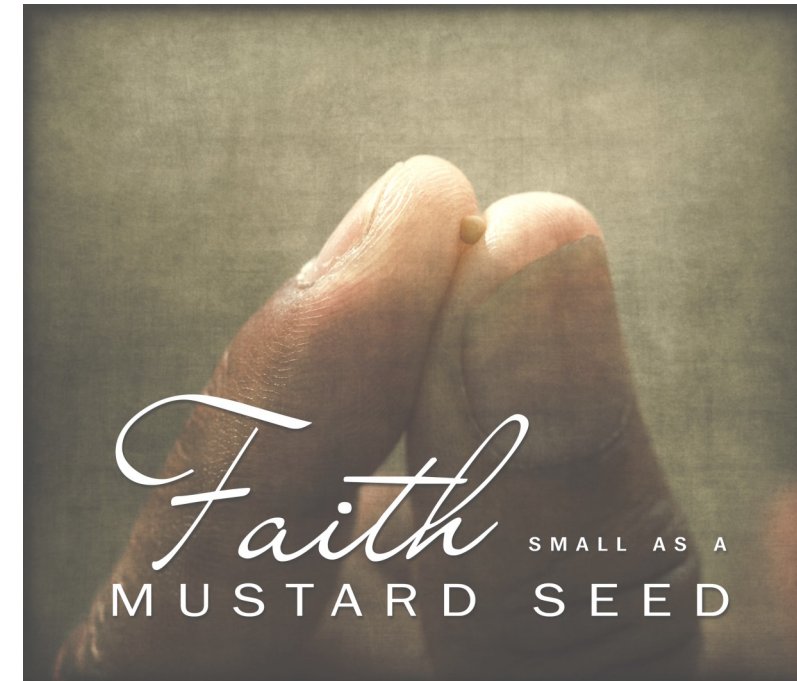
Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?



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St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 545 PI \$ 85 and Ch \$ 39.10

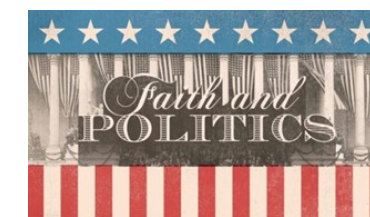
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**"THE APOSTLES SAID TO THE LORD
'INCREASE OUR FAITH'."**
Lk 17:5-6

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.
Amen.



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 Saturday noon 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.

October 1-2 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen



DISTRESSED ABOUT GOD'S INACTION? Why does God let evil happen right under his nose? This is the question Habakkuk deals with in our First Reading. 'I beg and you don't listen. Why do you make me look at misery?'

The prophet's anger and doubt arise from his country's desperate situation. Religious traditions were falling apart. Political intrigue was thick and Jerusalem was on the brink of collapse. Habakkuk is writing around 600 B.C., about 15 years before Jerusalem is sacked.

God answers the prophet's prayers with a promise, not a solution. For the time, the people must feed on a splendid vision of deliverance and restoration, but it would be a long road.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that even a little faith will open up wondrous possibilities. His followers will have to keep in mind that they're servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us.

As our Nation nears the end of an intense election season, we recall that we're graced to cooperate with God. He is far from inactive. We stay active by being involved and especially by faith. As faithful stewards of a Nation we are proud to call home, we rekindle our faith in God's promises and his choice to act through our willingness to trust him in trying times.

There is a national movement afoot to pray for the U.S.A. during the month of October; it is called Pray31. The purpose is to help us pray fervently and strategically for America as we near election day. Each day of the month of October will be designated for particular States and U.S. Territories or a specific intention. Each week, we will list the prayer intentions for the days ahead. You may use the **Prayer During a Time of Elections** (front cover), or some other prayer.

Oct 1—Pray for a great outpouring of God's Spirit upon America, and for our President and Vice-President; Oct 2—Pray for Alabama & Alaska; Oct 3—Pray Arizona & Arkansas; Oct 4—Pray for California & Colorado; Oct 5—Pray for Connecticut & Delaware; Oct 6—Pray for Florida & Georgia; Oct 7—Pray for Hawaii & Idaho.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS. If anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church or completing their initiation into the Faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the parish office. In the past, we've met on Thurs 7-9pm. Celebration of reception into the Catholic Church takes place at the Easter Vigil; this year, April 15, 2017. Let's pray for those who are pondering this important decision.



PRESBYTERATE DAYS - Oct 3-5, I will join brother priests from the Diocese of Fargo in Jamestown. As the community of bishops is called the "episcopacy", the community of priests in a given diocese is called the "presbyterate", from "presbyter", a Greek word for elder or priest.

It is a time for area clergy to gather for fellowship and continuing education. This year we are listening to Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk on bio-ethics issues. We also honor priests celebrating special jubilees with a special supper. Finally, it gives the Bishop time to discuss pressing issues with his priests. Among other things, he will be addressing recent responses to Pope Francis' encouragement to pastors on how to walk with and discern the path forward for divorced and remarried persons, especially regarding the reception of Holy Communion.

Please pray for us. Your priests, truly unworthy servants, love you and wish to serve you better all the time. Your love and prayers are a huge support to those who have given their lives over to serving you.

ST. MARK'S — Starting the month of October, we will pray the Rosary before Mass on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 10:30am. Volunteers would be appreciated. Please call Marlys at 228-2610



SACRAMENTAL PREP MEETING—For St. Mark's 2nd and 3rd Graders' parents and children on October 9 at noon. It will be a pot luck. This meeting is mandatory for the children



and their parents.

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.

THE BOTTINEAU GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY Fall Desert Festival & Bake sale Oct 2, 1-3 pm. Free will offering will be accepted.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS. This coming Weds, Oct 5, law enforcement officials and an addiction counselor will speak to our junior high and senior high youth on the dangers of drug use. At 7 p.m. in Holwell Auditorium there will be a session only for parents and community members. This evening mtg will cover similar material as what the students heard plus details on what to look for or who to contact with concerns or questions.

Superintendent Kersten believes our community suffers from issues relating to drugs and alcohol. He hopes we can work together to educate our community. As your pastor, I echo his encouragement to get better informed. Our prayers are with the presenters and especially with our young people.

ROOFING. MLC Construction is here and hard at work. They've accomplished much in one week. Please feel free to stop by, watch or ask questions. They're friendly men and feel honored to be working on a house of God.



Due to circumstances, primarily the weather, the crew will pause work until later this week.

As stated earlier, St. Mark's will have second collections for the parish Building Fund this first two weeks in October, then on the first Sunday of each month. At the end of the year, we will apply for a grant that will match 10% of all that we've collected.

ADULT EDUCATION Dust off your *Rediscovering Catholicism* books. An informational sign-up sheet will be in the back of St. Mark's church. Join us for an hour of Faith & Fellowship, 6:30-7:30 pm, beginning Oct. 12th. Extra bks available.

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.



The Apostolate has been active in the Diocese of Fargo for many years. Members are asking for representatives from each parish of the Diocese. It would be wonderful to plant our mustard-seed of faith in this humble soil.

Some of the programs currently in place:
PRAYER CELL PROGRAMS: 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 STATUE PROGRAM: 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: This was asked for at Fatima in reparation for sins, often overlooked as part of the peace plan that Mary gave.

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.

WEDS MASS TIME AT ST. MARK'S - Should we move the Weds Mass back to Noon or keep it at 7:30 a.m. all year round? Please contact the parish office this week if you want to share your input. So far we've received 3 messages asking to keep it at 7:30, and 1 message to return to Noon. Thank you!



St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Oct 9	Nancy Erickson / Trudy Artz	Paulette Martin	Henry family	Jude Griffith / Colton Bowers	Roger Heth / Mark Radzwell

St. Mark's Ministries for October 8-9

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Bobbi Aus Phyllis Brunelle & Julie Hoffman	Jim Nero	Monte Mikkelsen family	Paul Amsbaugh / Cory Bercier	Marlys Richard / Mona Johnson	
Sun.	Bread: Bill Baumann Cool Baumann & Jen Nero	Vickie Boehnke	Bill & Cool Baumann	Steve Lorenz / Jeff Beyer	Marie Vargo / Anne Swanson	Bill & Cool Baumann / Addie Berg