

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- 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)
- Tue, October 18 12 p.m. St. Andrew's Hospital
(† David Olson)
- Wed, October 19 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Duane Sebelius)
- Thurs, October 20 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Emily Kempf)
- Fri, October 21 11 a.m. Good Samaritan
(† Duane Sebelius)
- Sat, October 22 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Aime Vandal)
- Sun, October 23 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
- Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Andrew's—Oct 16, Religious Ed class & CYO
- St. Mark's—Oct 19, K-6 NO CLASS / Youth Group
- Religious Ed Registration @ 6:30
- St. Mark's & St. Andrew's—Oct 22-23, World Mission Sunday Special Collection
- St. Andrew's—Oct. 23, NO CLASS (Teachers' conf.)
- St. Mark's— Oct. 26, K-6 Religious Ed.
- St. Andrew's—Oct. 30, K-6 Religious Ed.

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 COUNTER.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." – 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.



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"BECAUSE THIS WIDOW KEEPS BOTHERING ME, I SHALL DELIVER A JUST DECISION FOR HER."
LK 17:17-19

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.



- 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.



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, Elois Halvorson, Wayne Barbot, Cathy Miller's mother, Renee Wondrasek, Arlene Duval, Tanya Buzzerd, the Thomas family, Cool Bauman, Bill Baumann, McLinkley Anderson, Michael Doise, Patricia Anderson; a very special intention.

October 15-16 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen

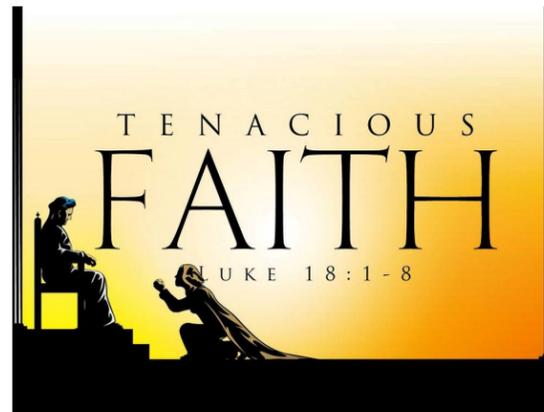


PERSISTENCE. Jesus tells two parables in Luke 18 about prayer. This week, we hear one on persistence. Next Sunday's parable is about our attitude in prayer.

Today's parable presents prayer as something more than nagging God for what we want. God is not like the corrupt judge, who is worn down and forced to answer. God is good and just. If even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more will God listen to our prayers.

God wants to hear us voice our needs. He doesn't need to hear. He knows already. It's for our sake that we learn to open our hearts and articulate what's going on inside.

Jesus' lament, about whether there'll be any faith left when he returns, points to persistence. Don't give up. If God is slow, in our view, don't stop trusting. Keep faith. God wants us to be like the persistent widow. Hang in there. Stay with the relationship. God hears. GAP - God Answers Prayers. God doesn't lose heart. So we better not. If God appears to delay, it stretches our faith. We don't see what He sees. Trust that He knows what He's doing when things don't happen on our



ROOF AND STEEPLE. We give thanks for the beautiful roof now gracing St. Mark's church. Thanks to each and all who have made this possible. The metal work will continue for another week or two.

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

World Mission Sunday, this year on October 23, 2016, celebrates the mercy of God as we extend His loving heart to our neighbor half a world away, through our prayers and sacrifices. "The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: it invites us to consider the *missio ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord's love. She "is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young or old." —Pope Francis



ONE MILLION. ONE MONTH. ONE NATION. Prayer During a Time of Elections (front cover), or some other prayer. Pray for the leaders, churches and Christians of : on **Oct 17—New Mexico & New York; Oct 18— North Carolina & North Dakota; Oct 19—Ohio & Oklahoma; Oct 20—Oregon & Pennsylvania; Oct 21—Rhode Island & South Carolina; Oct 22—South Dakota & Tennessee; Oct 23—Texas & Utah.**



ST. MARK'S—quilters will resume their activities on Wednesdays at 1pm, starting October 19th. Quilters are welcome!

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to their 75th Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 30th at 11:00am (709 11th St. E). A catered meal will be served after the morning service. Cost of meal is \$10.00 RSVP by October 20. 228-3021



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME. CLERGY, DRE, PARISH CATECHISTS, PARENTS – Mary

Hanbury, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Fargo, will give an update on the new standards and curriculum for Religious Education K-8th grade that will be implemented for the 2017 school year. She will explain the results of the ACRE (*Assessment of Children's Religious Education*) 'tests' that all the 5th and 8th grade students took last spring. This presentation will be geared toward clergy and DRE/catechists for the deanery, but anyone is welcome.

Date/Time: Tues, Oct 25th 7-8pm
Place: Little Flower Parish, Rugby

Since the late 1970's NCEA (*National Catholic Education Association*) has offered assessment instruments designed to strengthen religious education programs. The ACRE assessments help school, parish, and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of their students. The evaluation does not test individuals, but compares your parish scores against the national averages, revealing strengths and weaknesses. Bishop Folda supports using the ACRE assessments and we will gladly comply.

Great thanks to all those who help pass on our rich Catholic Tradition. I urge all those interested in forming the next generation of believers and strengthening our Religious Education programs to attend Mary's presentation.

With the new Diocesan Standards coming out for next year, this is an exciting time for us. With the whole Diocese on the same page, teacher and DRE training will be better coordinated. This whole effort is the fruit of a 50+ year trickle-down effect from Vatican II and the 1992 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

This movement has already reached our parishes, but now it is entering into our methods and a network of mutual support. It is powerful. Please, parish families, get ready for a new season of Faith. If the culture works against us on many levels, know that we are responding. The time has come to let our age-old Catholic Faith reinvigorate our lives. These efforts from our Bishop empower us to welcome a fresh, collaborative force to face the future with confidence.



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

VOLUNTEER PAINTERS NEEDED. Peg Nero and Robbie McGhan have volunteered to do some painting in St. Mark's rectory basement. We're looking for some more help. Painting to begin a little later this month. If interested, please contact the parish office or Robbie or Peg. Thank you!



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. This week, both St. Andrew's and St. Mark's parishes will receive nominations for new Parish Council members. Nominations will be received from October 15th through October 29th. The following week, from Weds to Weds (for those unable to be present during the weekend Liturgy) we will receive ballots for electing members. According to guidelines from the Diocese of



Fargo, Council members are parishioners known for the spiritual maturity and love of Christ and the Church. "The Council is a consultative body accountable to the pastor. It exists to assist the pastor in the administration of the parish so the parish can effectively pursue its proper mission of spreading Christ's Gospel and Love".

NORTHERN APOSTLES YOUTH GROUP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION AND FUN NIGHT—Help us kick off the new school year by joining us for registration for our Religious Education program for 7th –12th graders and as a bonus, participate in a Northern Apostles "fun night" on **October 19th at St. Mark's Social Hall.**

Members and guests are welcome! Questions? Call Warren Emmer at 220-5042 or 263-3209



REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM—The group is meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Oct 23	Nancy Erickson / Trudy Artz	Roberta Henry	Klokstad family	Isaac Griffith / Anthony Tabarez	Mike Artz / John Wyman	Roger Heth / Mark Radzwell

St. Mark's Ministries for October 15-16

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Morris Holen Jr. / Anne Bergeron / Vickie Gangl	Jan Picard	Mitch & Nicole Schmidt	Paul Amsbaugh / Cory Bercier	Mitch Schmidt family	
Sun.	Bread: Susan Haberman / Leanna & Warren Emmer	Jared Nelson	Mike Haberman family	Steve Lorenz / Jeff Beyer	Tim & Tiffany Fedje	Rick & Marlys Hummel / Marie Meloni Beach