

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- 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)
- Tue, October 25, 12 p.m. St. Mark's († Delmar Haberman)
- Wed, October 26, 12 p.m. & 6:00 pm St. Mark's († Duane Sebelius)
- Thurs, October 27, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's († Shawna Deschamp)
- Fri, October 28, 11 a.m. Good Samaritan († Duane Sebelius)
- Sat, October 29, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Aime Vandal)
- Sun, October 30, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's († Jack Sandy)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's (Parishioners)
- Tue, November 1, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's**
- Tue, 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's**

UPCOMING EVENTS

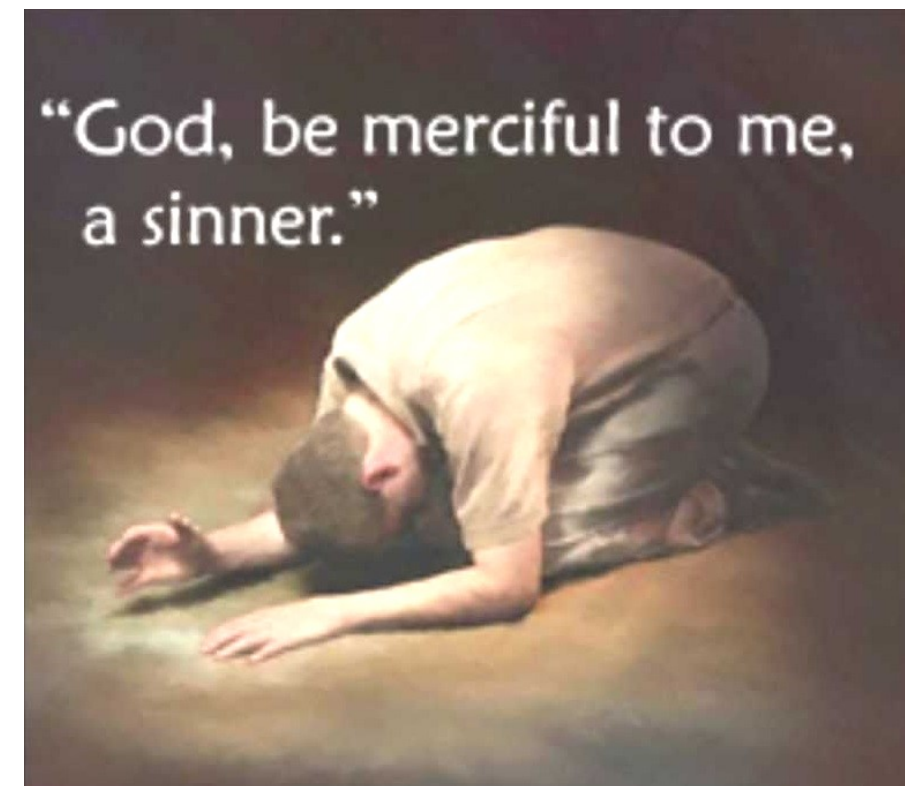
- St. Mark's & St. Andrew's—Oct 22-23, World Mission Sunday Special Collection
- St. Andrew's—Oct. 23, **NO CLASS (Teachers' conf.)**
- St. Mark's—Oct. 26, K-6 Religious Ed.—Quilters @ 1pm
- St. Mark's—Northern Lights Apostles youth group meeting at 6:00pm
- St. Andrew's—Oct. 30, K-6 Religious Ed.
- St. Mark's & St. Andrew's—**NOVEMBER 1st MASS—Day of obligation. St. Mark's 5:30 pm, St. Andrew's 7:30 pm**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ST. MARK'S PARISH

The sheet for the December schedule is out. 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 really appreciated!

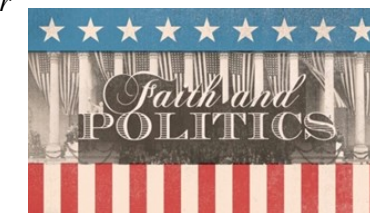
ATTENTION ST. MARK'S PARISHIONERS THERE ARE STILL SOME PANS WAITING FOR AN OWNER TO BE PICKED UP. PLEASE CHECK IF YOURS IS STILL ON THE COUNTER.



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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.



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, Renee Wondrasek, Arlene Duval, Tanya Buzzerd, the Thomas family, Cool Bauman, Bill Baumann, McLinkley Anderson, Michael Doise, Patricia Anderson; a very special intention.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." — Luke 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.



Report For October 16, 2016

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 559 PI \$ 186 and Ch \$ 16

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1903 PI \$ 215.26 and Ch \$ 8

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

October 22-23 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen



PRUDENCE. Jesus continues to teach us about prayer. He shifts from stressing that gritty persistence to our inner disposition.

Jesus tells the story of two men praying. One suffers from a sense of superiority. The other is humble.

As we pray for our Nation, we must look within. To participate in the Nation's electoral process is a great privilege, and it is a demanding responsibility.

The bent-over tax-collector in the Gospel makes no excuses for himself. Who's better or worse, he leaves to God. He begs for mercy. No finger-pointing, just knocking on the door of his own heart asking God for mercy.

Without humility it is very difficult to be prudent. We need prudence when we vote, be it for Parish Council or the Presidency of the United States. When humility and prudence work together, we can't help but serve the common good.



"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."
— Pope John Paul II

Prudence allows us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1806). Prudence enables us to weigh available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act decisively.

There are no easy formulas for transforming our hearts, our parishes, our nation. We begin by begging for mercy. We move forward by creating an environment where mercy is the mortar for building a just society. Voting is a privileged way to put Mercy into action. Prudence is the lamppost illumining the way we cast our votes.

The Catholic Vote



ROOF AND STEEPLE. 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



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 24—Vermont & Virginia; Oct 25— Washington & West Virginia; Oct 26—Wisconsin & Wyoming; Oct 27—Washington, DC & American Samoa; Oct 28—Guam & Midway Islands; Oct 29—Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands; Oct 30—Pray for God's will to be done on earth & for a spiritual awakening across the nation; Oct 31—Pray for a great outpouring of God's Spirit on America & the healing of our Land.**

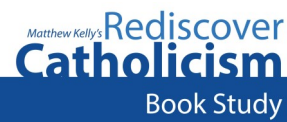
PRAY31
A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Today is World Mission Sunday. In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission. The collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!



ST. MARK'S—quilters resumed their activities on Wednesday, October 19th. at 1pm. Quilters are welcome every Wednesday!

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM— The group is meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This week, St Mk's church basement.



SAINT MARK'S CHOIR

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

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



FAIR TRADE. "There is no worse material poverty ... than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work" —Pope Francis.

Fair Trade Sale, St. Mark's, Nov 19-20. Stay tuned! When you purchase fair trade products, you stand in solidarity with the poor and respect their right to dignified work.

FOOD BASKETS. In November, we will be putting out baskets for dry-good donations to be used at local food pantries in our area.

CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN DIALOG. Tues evening, Nov 8 @ 7 pm, Fr. Michael has been invited to give a presentation at Trinity Lutheran Church, Westhope. He will summarize the 2015 statement signed by authorities, both Lutheran and Catholic, called *Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist*.

While dialog has not resolved all Church-dividing differences, this document celebrates the consensus achieved in the last 50 years and lays out our remaining differences.

As we near the 500th commemoration of the Reformation in 2017, it is good to review the path traveled together. This document is an aid to affirm the agreements between Lutherans and Catholics. By keeping the discussion alive, we encourage one another to walk the next steps we need to take toward Christian unity.

Please consider joining us. So many of our families are affected by the closeness and remaining divide between the Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church. Education will help us remove the stains of prejudice and build bridges toward the future Christ holds out to us "that all be one" (John 17:21).

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME. CLERGY, DRE, PARISH CATECHISTS, PARENTS – Mary Hanbury, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Fargo, will update parishes on the new curriculum standards for Religious Education K-8th grade to 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 will be taking. This presentation is geared toward clergy and DRE/catechists for the deanery, but anyone is welcome. Tues, Oct 25th 7-8pm at Little Flower Parish, Rugby.

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. We will continue to receive Nominations for Parish Council in both parishes until Weds at 1 p.m. We will then create a ballot for the Parish Council Elections to be held next weekend. If you are unable to turn in your ballot next weekend, you can turn it in to the church office by hand or by mail anytime between Oct 26 and Nov 2.



Next week, from Weds to Weds (for those unable to be present during the weekend Liturgy) ballots will be made available for electing members.

According to guidelines from the Diocese of Fargo, Council members are parishioners known for their 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".

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS APOSTLES & ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO MEET — Weds, Oct 26. Starts with Mass at 6pm, followed by a meal.

Parents and children are welcome to the Mass & meal. After meal, Ashley Grunhvd will present to teens on **GOD IS REAL, HE LOVES YOU**, introducing some Theology of the Body concepts and why God is relevant to the teens and their lives.



St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Oct 30	Matt Wagner / John Wyman	Grace Griffith	Erickson family	Addie Wagner / Katie Wagner	Mike Artz / John Wyman	Tom Henry / Howard Erickson

St. Mark's Ministries for October 29-30

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Carla Eisenzimmer Bobbi Aus / Julie Hoffman	Jim Nero	Pat & Rita Lauer	Paul Amsbaugh / Cory Bercier	Eileen Lahr	
Sun.	Bread: Priscilla Sturdevant Jen Nero & Mary Ann Saville	Deb Stewart	Bryan Schweitzer family	Steve Lorenz / Jeff Beyer	Rich & Marlys Hummel	Carla Eisenzimmer / Helen Christenson