

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

- 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**  
(† Reid & Sara Brady)
- Tue, 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's**
- Wed, November 2, 12 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Todd Streich)
- Thurs, November 3, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(The Poor Souls of Purgatory)
- Fri, November 4, 8 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Helen & Steve Vargo)
- Sat, November 5, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Duane Sebelius)
- Sun, November 6, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Jack Sandy)
- Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's  
(Parishioners)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Andrew's**—K-6 Religious Ed.—Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 20  
**St. Mark's & St. Andrew's**—**NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> MASS**—Day of obligation. **St. Mark's 5:30 pm, St. Andrew's 7:30 pm**  
**St. Mark's**—MONTH OF NOVEMBER food drive.  
 Altar Society Meeting—Thurs, Nov. 10 @ 7:30 pm  
 Religious Ed Classes K-6- November 2, 9, 16, 30  
 Operation Christmas Child—November 1-13  
 Christmas Gift Fair—November 19 & 20 after Mass  
 Religious Ed Children sing at Mass November 20

### 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!

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE !!!  
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.**

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" — Luke 19:8

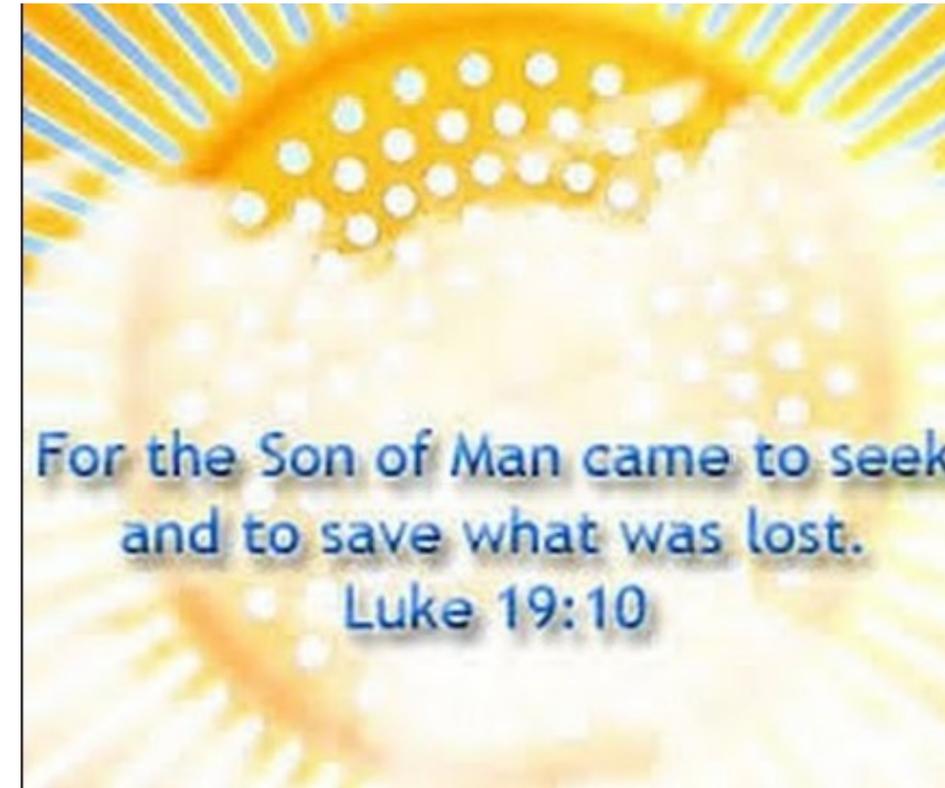
We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?



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St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 5588 PI \$ 134 and Ch \$ 6.10

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1785 PI \$ 195.50 and Ch \$ 26 Roof \$ 600



### 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, Renee Wondrasek, Arlene Duval, Tanya Buzzerd, the Thomas family, Michael Doise, Patricia Anderson, Jaxon Barbot, Sandy Janzen, a very special intention.

October 29-30 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

# From the Pastor's Pen



"**TODAY SALVATION** has come to this house." Last wk's Gospel focused on a man bowed low in the Temple, who called himself a sinner and begged for God's mercy. Jesus held him up as one to imitate.

This wk, the Gospel proposes Zacchaeus to imitate. Could it be that Jesus is on the hunt for losers? In a way, Yes! "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was **lost**."

Americans have a competitive streak that can dangerously exult 'winning.'

Christ doesn't seem to be seeking the company of "winners", folks who win on the human scorecard, according to human rules.

Jesus Christ came looking for the down-trodden, the poor, the sinner, and anybody humble enough to need a Savior, something of a self-acknowledged 'loser'. To such a house as theirs, salvation comes.

Tax collectors worked with the Romans to gather taxes from the Jews. Many Jews despised them. The Romans allowed these folks to charge more than what was required so they could turn a profit. Their countrymen thought this was deplorable and branded them as sinners.

When Jesus ate with such people it made the crowds grumble. 'Why's he hanging out with *'the enemy'* (losers)? To dine together shows a bond of fellowship among those at table. Eating with tax collectors was a no-no in the eyes of observant Jews.

Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector, but the chief tax collector and wealthy. That didn't keep him from being hungry for salvation. Zacchaeus, short in stature, makes a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. He wants to see Jesus. Jesus sees him, and more, he sees Zach's faith.

In extending hospitality to Jesus, Zacchaeus is lifted up higher than any tree could take him. Jesus makes Zach a model of salvation.



**ALL SAINTS—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** "We remember our brothers and sisters who lived before us and are now in Heaven, they are there because they were washed in the blood of Christ," said Pope Francis in a past All Sts homily. "That is our hope, and this hope does not disappoint. If we live our lives with the Lord, he will never disappoint us. On the feast of All Saints and before the Day of the Dead, it is important to think about hope. The early Christians used an anchor as a symbol of hope, and to have our hearts anchored up there where our loved ones are, where the saints are, where Jesus is, where God is -- that is hope. That is the hope that doesn't disappoint."

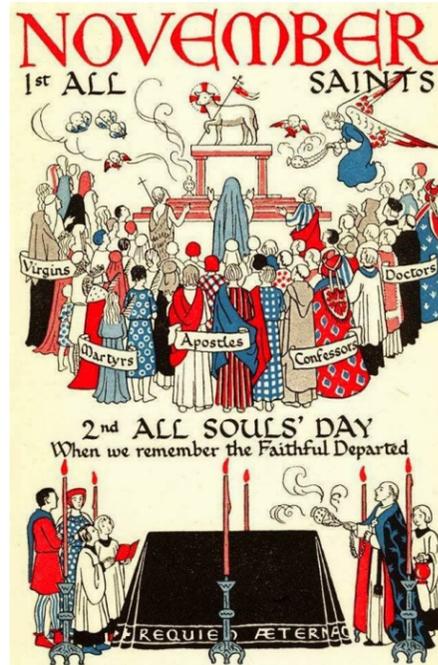
All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. In the U.S. and other countries, the bishops have Vatican permission to abrogate (temporarily waive) the requirement for Catholics to attend Mass on certain Holy Days of Obligation, when they fall on Saturday or Monday. All Saints Day (Nov 1) is one such Holy Day. Of course, even when we aren't required to attend, celebrating All Saints Day by attending Mass is a wonderful way to honor the Saints, and the hope Pope Francis spoke about.

**ALL SOULS—CEMETERY VISITS.** Nov 2, after the Noon Mass, Fr. Michael will visit and bless the graves at the following cemeteries: Tarsus, Mount St. Mark's, Westhope, Maxbass, & Antler.

The Church on Earth continues to

love the faithful departed, especially those souls in purgatory, by earnest prayer to God, and in particular, by remembrance of them on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

In the communion of Christ's members with one another, the Church obtains spiritual help for those who have preceded us in faith. This spiritual communion brings the consolation of hope to us who pray for our dearly departed with devotion. Belief in Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the reason we commemorate our faithful departed on All Souls Day and bless their graves. We entrust them once again to the purifying, life-giving love of the One eternal God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They are not forgotten.



**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.** We continue our tradition in each parish of displaying a Book of Remembrance through the month of November.

Please write the names of those departed souls for whom you wish us to pray throughout this month. Dates, comments, prayers are also welcome.

**YOUTH GATHERING.** After a nice, simple Mass, Altar Society fed 25 people and 14 youth (gr 7-12) from both parishes listened to Ashley Grunhovd from the Office of Evangelization, Dioc of Fargo. I heard laughter. I heard engagement. Ashley commented afterwards on feeling a strong spirit among the young people. She was deeply impressed. She will return 3 more times this year.



**CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR.** We will have our sales on November 19th and 20th following Mass in the Social Hall. There is something for everyone and we are hoping to help you cross off some names on your Christmas list. If you have questions, please contact Jen Nero 701-201-1117

**CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN DIALOG.** Tues evening, Nov 8 @ 7 pm, Fr. Michael will 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*.

This document celebrates the consensus achieved in the last 50 years of dialog and lays out remaining differences.

Please consider joining us.

**WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

1. Take a shoe box (if you wrap it, please wrap lid and box separately so it can be opened )
2. Choose a girl or boy ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 (please write boy or girl and age range on your box.)
3. Fill with toys, hygiene items, school supplies
4. add a personal note and photo (optional) and pray over your box!
5. Turn box into collection container in the Social Hall between November 1st - 13th.



We will pay the shipping and deliver to drop off site in Minot.

Read more about this amazing mission at <http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/>.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Nero 701-201-1117

**ROOF AND STEEPLE.** Barring unforeseen circumstances, the metal work should be finished on Sat, Oct 29. The lifts and pallets will be removed on Mon, Oct 31.

Again, we are so grateful to all those who have supported, encouraged, and admired this work.

**REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM—**

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



**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.** St. Mark's ballot is ready and elections open this weekend during our Masses and through Saturday, November 5. Please spread the word for those unable to be present this weekend. If they would like to fill out a ballot, they can stop by the parish office. For those in special circumstances, we can accommodate an absentee ballot.



St. Andrew's ballots will be ready next weekend.

We would like to conclude voting within a week of ballot distribution. Thank you for participating in this process that brings vitality to our parish families.

Guidelines from the Diocese of Fargo call for council members who are 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 SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE OF ST. MARK'S PARISH—** is sponsoring a food drive for the Bottineau food pantry, during the month of November. All parishioners should consider bringing nonperishable and non-expired food items (canned goods, etc.) Donations can be left in the basket at the Church main entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Warren Emmer at 701-220-5042 or 701-263-3209

**ST. MARK'S ALTAR SOCIETY—**meeting on Thursday, Nov 10 at 7pm at St. Mark's Social Hall. All ladies are welcome!

**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

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE—TUES, NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

**ST. MARK'S Lector:** Vickie Gangl, **EMHC** Jen Nero, Bobbi Aus & Vickie Gangl; **Gift bearers** Nero family; **Greeters:** Rick & Marlys Hummel

## St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Nov 6	Roberta & Tom Henry	Ursula Palmer	Baumann family	Hannah Radzwell / Calma Henry	Ted & Becky Artz	Roger Heth / Mark Radzwell

## St. Mark's Ministries for November 5-6

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Bobbi Aus Anne Bergeron / Vickie Gangl	Vickie Gangl	Alan & Barb Cote	Merle Allard / Brad Trebas	Beverly Boucher / Mona Johnson	
Sun.	Bread: Jen Nero Vicki Boehnke & Wayne Barbot	Jared Nelson	Ted & Becky Artz	Chuck Nubauer / Mike Haberman	Lois Raymo & Flora Carlson	Helen Christenson / Addie Berg