

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

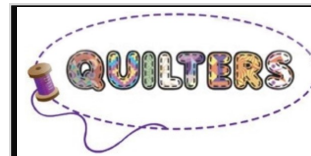
- Sat, December 10, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Duane Sebelius)
- Sun, December 11, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(Parishioners)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Pam Schmitt)
- Tue, December 13, 2 p.m. St. Andrew's Hospital  
(† Ethel Emmer)
- Wed, December 14, 12 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Thurs, Dec 15, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Theresa Killoran)
- Fri, December 16, 11:00 a.m. Good Samaritan  
(Ron Kujawa)
- Sat, December 17, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Sun, December 18, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(Parishioners)
- Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Duane Sebelius)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Andrew's—**  
K-6 Religious Ed.— Dec 11  
Dec 10 G 8-12 will ring Salvation Army bells in Minot  
Dec 11—NET retreat @ St. Mark's 11am-6pm Gr 7-12

### St. Mark's—

Religious Ed Classes K-6- Dec. 14  
Dec 3-18—Quilters' Silent Auction  
NET Retreat—Dec. 11, 11am-6pm Grades 7-12



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR QUILTERS ST. MARK'S PARISH

The annual silent auction is already under way from December 3rd through the 18th. You can start making your bids at the Parish Hall. Good luck to all!

**ST. MARK'S PARISHIONERS PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR A MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. THE SHEET IS OUT AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE. IT IS REALLY APPRECIATED!**



### 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

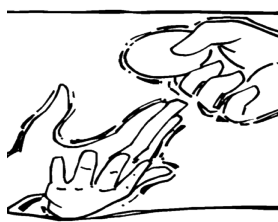
Saturday, 4:30 pm, Bottineau  
Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope  
Or by Appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue 12:30pm-5:00pm  
Wed 9:00am-3:30pm  
Thurs 12:30pm-5:00pm  
Fri 9:00am-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, Wayne Barbot; Renee Wondrasek, Arlene Duval, Tanya Buzzerd, the Thomas family, Michael Doise, Patricia Anderson, Jaxon Barbot; Kenadi Zappone, Bridget Herpel, Jerry Burns, Chris Vattel, Glen Brandjord, Eloise Halvorson, a special private intention.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."* – James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



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St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 432 PI \$ 128 and Ch \$ 18

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 4936.10 PI \$ 129 and Ch \$ 25 Roof \$ 8778

### A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

*Joy-filled Giver of life,  
Let the anticipation of your birth  
Fill us with overflowing joy.  
May our excitement and anticipation  
Be a sign to the world  
That you are always near.  
Amen.*



**December 10-11 Third Sunday of Advent**

# From the Pastor's Pen



**THE DESERT WILL BLOOM.** The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, from the Latin for "rejoice," the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near" Philippians (4:4.5). On the Advent wreath we light the pink candle, a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

Last week, John the Baptist went into that 'desert', preaching repentance and preparing the people for God's coming.

This week, Jesus sends a message to John in prison about the signs of the Kingdom, recalling the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah writes about salvation in terms of the desert awaiting God's Living Water.

John's disciples have 'proof' that the 'desert' is in bloom: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the mute speak, and the poor hear the Good News!

Aren't these our times? As we patiently wait for Him to return in glory, are we aware of living in such days? Some do. Some don't. Which camp might you be?

Our desert might be a workplace where God cannot be mentioned, a wide open prairie blanketed in white, an empty house, absence of affection, feeling trapped in an addiction, old grudges, a quiet shop, etc. The Advent Season bolsters our hope in a painted desert. For our desert to transform, "blooming with abundant flowers" (Is 35:1-2), often we only need a change of perspective, a fresh dose of Hope.

To live the Advent spirit is to see, like Isaiah does, glimpses of God all around in our world today, while still helping to prepare for the full coming of God's Kingdom. Salvation is both *already* mysteriously present to us, and *not yet* fulfilled. This is cause for rejoicing.



**BEAUTY.** When we behold something beautiful, is it just a mechanical encounter that triggers delight? No, it's an experience. A true experience of beauty introduces the soul into the joy of the Creator.

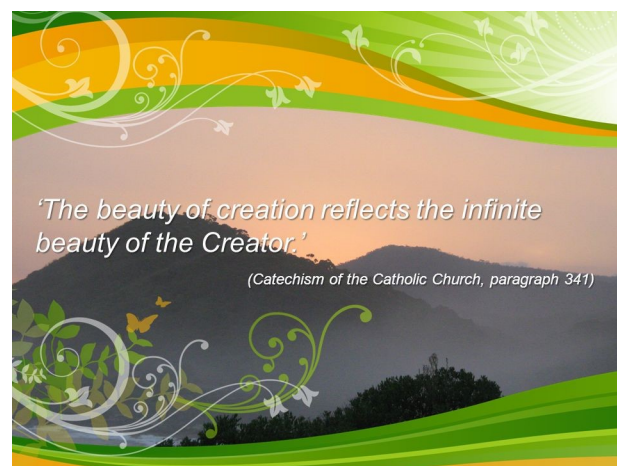
Our *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that truth isn't only something expressed in words; "truth can also find other complementary forms of human expression, above all when it is a matter of evoking what is beyond words: the depths of the human heart, the exaltations of the soul, the mystery of God" (par. 2500).

Thanks to all those

who give of themselves to make our parishes *truly* beautiful for the Christmas Season.

And how 'bout those snow drifts! It's labor-intensive to get out and about, and I prayed that the treacherous weather would cause none of us real harm, but let's not deny the beauty of Winter Wonderland. God speaks to us in countless ways. On the Northern Prairie, if we can't find God's artwork in a snow drift, we either need a change of heart or change of address.

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



*'The beauty of creation reflects the infinite beauty of the Creator.'*

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 341)



**MEALS ON WHEELS** provides an important service to many people in our community. St. Mark's Church has partnered with other Churches in our area to provide this service Monday through Friday from December 12, 2016 through January 6, 2017 with exception of the holidays. If you want to volunteer to deliver a hot meal to people in our community, please call the office (228-3164) and leave your name and number. We will contact you.

**AREA COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES—** People who couldn't attend the services in Bottineau, could take advantage of the following services:

Mon, Dec 12 at 7pm : Dunseith and Towner;  
Wed, Dec 14 at 3pm and 7 pm : Rugby;  
Wed, Dec 14 at 7pm : Mohall and Belcourt; and,  
Dec 15 at 7pm : Westhope.



**BOTTINEAU FOOD PANTRY.** St. Mark's parishioners are scheduled to help at our local food pantry on December 21 and on January 18, There are two ways you can help:

- 1) Fill up the boxes between 7:30am and 8:00 am; and,
- 2) Loading the boxes for some of the clients and other random tasks. This work begins around 10 a.m. and usually lasts until 1 p.m. or so. Any amount of time spent helps.

If you're willing to do this, please contact the parish office so Ursula can schedule the meal.



**ST. MARK'S** — Right to Life is making Lefse on December 16th at 9am and will sell them after Mass on Dec 17-18 at St. Mark's Social Hall.

**BISHOP FOLDA'S VISIT** that was originally scheduled for December 17-18 has been postponed until the month of February, 2017. We will keep you up to date on his visit. Remember that **MASS TIMES ARE STILL SWITCHED FOR SUNDAY, DEC 18.**

**CLEANING PERSON SOUGHT FOR ST. MARK'S.** One day per week for the church/social hall and twice a month at the rectory. If interested, please contact the parish office. Thank you.



**CLEARING THE SIDEWALKS @ ST. MARK'S.** Al Wondrasek has offered to clear snow from the sidewalks at St. Mark's, but he will be absent several weeks this Winter. Also, we may need help hauling snow away. If interested, please contact the parish office.

**MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**  
The beautiful poinsettias surrounding the Altar on Christmas represent memorial gifts of parishioners in remembrance of loved ones. To purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please complete this form. Place it in the collection basket or drop it at the Office during the Christmas season with your donation of \$10.00

Memorial names will be appear in the bulletin At Christmas Time.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Dec 18	Roberta Henry / Paul Klokstad	Ursula Palmer	Bryans family	Jude & Isaac Griffith	McCabe and Mark Radzwill	Roger Heth / Mark Radzwill

## St. Mark's Ministries for December 17-18

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Anne Bergeron Carla Eisenzimmer / Karen Sollin	Jessica Tagestad	Pat & Rita Lauer	Matt Brandjord/ Paul Amsbaugh	Ann Swanson	
Sun.	Bread: Marlys Vad Jen Nero / Wayne Barbot	Vickie Boehnke	Mike Nero family	Steve Lorenz / Jeff Beyer	Denise Aide / Theresa Awalt	Carla Eisenzimmer / Rick & Marlys Hummel