

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat, November 26, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's (Reid & Sara Brady)
- Sun, November 27, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's (Parishioners)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Tue, November 29, 2 p.m. St. Andrew's Hospital (Reid & Sara Brady)
- Wed, November 30, 12 p.m. St. Mark's († Duane Sebelius)
- Thurs, December 1, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's († Theresa Killoran)
- Fri, December 2, 8:00 a.m. St. Mark's († Rosemary Wald)
- Sat, December 3, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Sun, December 4, 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.— Dec 4, 11
Dec 4-7-12 kids gift exchange and movie
- Dec 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass**
Dec 10 G 8-12 will ring Salvation Army bells in Minot
Dec 11—NET retreat
- St. Mark's**—MONTH OF NOVEMBER food drive.
Religious Ed Classes K-6- Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14
- Dec 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass**
Church Workshop Session, Dec 9 5:45-9pm
NET Retreat—Dec. 11, 11am-6pm Grades 7-12
Bishop Folda visit, Dec 17-18

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ST. MARK'S PARISH

The sheet for the January 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!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8

Holy Day of Obligation
Patronal Feast of the United States

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - MATTHEW 24:42

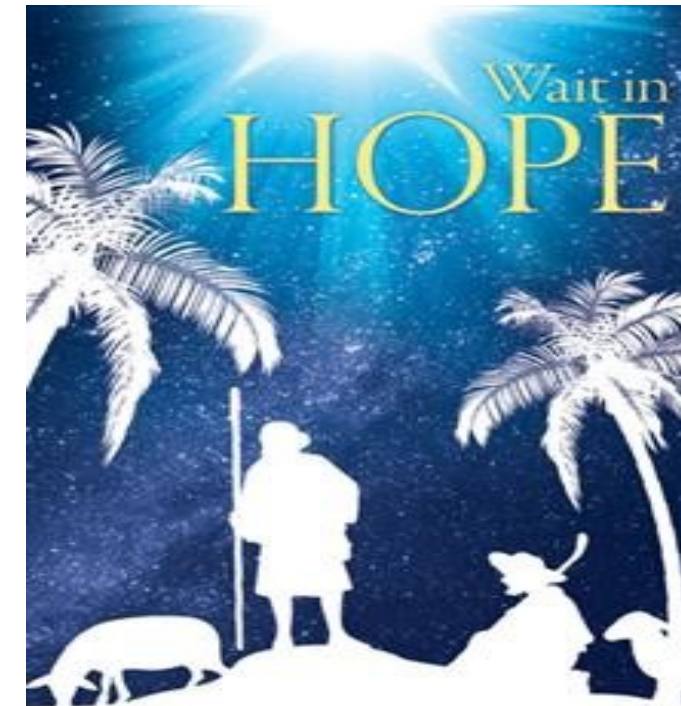
People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.



Report For November 20, 2016

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 1215 PI \$ 64 and Ch \$ 9

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1446.10 PI \$ 135 and Ch \$ 26 Roof \$ 400



A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

*God of light and life,
Give us hope as we wait
For your coming again.
When we are tempted
To be grateful to have found you
While others are lost,
Send us out into the darkness
In search of those
Who need you most.
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 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, Elois Halvorson, Wayne Barbot; Renee Wondrasek, Arlene Duval, Tanya Buzzerd, the Thomas family, Michael Doise, Patricia Anderson, Jaxon Barbot; Sandy Janzen, Kenadi Zappone, Bridget Herpel, Jerry Burns, Chris Vattel, Glen Brandjord a special private intention.

November 26-27 First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor's Pen



ADVENT—THE KING'S COMING.

The Gospel call is for vigilance. Christmas has a firm date, but the Lord's Coming—for each of us at death or for all of us on the Last Day—does not. We have to be vigilant.

Jesus tells his disciples that his Return will catch many people off guard. His disciples are to be ready at all times.

Christmas is like an annual dress rehearsal. We keep celebrating his first coming as a Babe to ready us to welcome his second coming as Judge.

Stay sharp. Keep on guard. Don't doze off. This is the spirit that Advent instills.

A new Church Year begins today. Our Sunday Readings are from Cycle A, which will favor the Gospel of St. Matthew.



Our lives are filled with traditions. We're unaware of the habits and patterns that shape our lives. A favorite Catholic tradition is the Advent Wreath. In the parish, it's a given. How 'bout at home?

See the Advent Wreath insert. Consider this tradition for the Advent-Christmas time of year around your house. It keeps before our eyes a reminder of the *waiting* attitude that characterizes not only this time of year, but our whole life.

THURSDAY, DEC 8, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Holy Day of obligation. This is the Patronal Feast of the United States.

Our **Yes** to God needs a boost. In the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate the unflinching power behind Mary's **Yes**: God's choice & God's grace. We celebrate in Mary what God's current offer is to us.



THE HOMMERDING FOUNDATION, held by the Diocese of Fargo, will match 10% of funds raised in parishes for capital improvements. Since July, 2014, St. Mark's parishioners have donated about \$162,000.

Thank you for this great generosity! Much has been accomplished and we are very grateful.

Next wkend, 1st Sunday of Dec, we will have our monthly 2nd Collection for the Building Fund. After this collection, we will submit our application for the grant monies.

After this, we will be making monthly payments on our loan. A summary of this financial situation will be forthcoming. For now, it is our last push to take advantage of the 10% matching funds.

We have done very well. We should be duly proud of what we have been able to accomplish since work began almost 3 yrs ago on the church basement. Thanks be to God for the many ways his Spirit works through us—serving one another in the present and laying foundations for those who will take up his cause when our days of service are over.

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

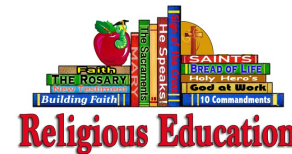


BOTTINEAU FOOD PANTRY. Dec-Jan, St. Mark's parishioners are scheduled to help each Weds at our local food pantry. There are a few parishioners who help Tim Schroeder, director of the pantry, every month. We're extremely grateful for their service. These folks help pack the boxes. The help that's needed in Dec-Jan is two-fold.



- 1.) Help loading the boxes for some of the clients, and other tasks that come up. This work begins around 10 a.m. and usually lasts until 1 p.m. or so.
- 2.) Provide a small meal for the volunteers – soup, salad, a sandwich, some chips, usually enough for 6-8 people. If you're willing

to do this, please contact the parish office so Ursula can schedule the meal. Volunteers do not have to stay the entire time. Any amount of time spent helps. Please consider experiencing this wonderful work of charity happening in our community.



A VERY SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT to our Religious Education children at St. Mark's who participated in the Choir at Mass on November 20. You did an awesome job and we are very proud of you!

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. St. Andrew's Parish Council has new members. They are:



- Kelly Thorenson,
- Roberta Henry, and
- Barry Mathern

We take this moment to express our **deep gratitude** to all those who participated in the voting process, **especially those who were willing to be placed on the ballot.**

The Council is a **consultative body** that assists the pastor in the administration of the parish so we can effectively pursue our proper mission of spreading Christ's Gospel and Love.

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM— The group is meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Next meeting will be on Thursday Dec 8th at St Mark's church basement after Mass, exceptionally.

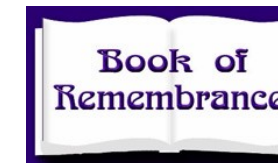


ST. MARK'S — Right to Life is making Lefse on December 16th at 9am and will sell them after Mass on Dec 17-18 at St. Mark's Social Hall.



PRAYERS FOR THE POUR SOULS.

Our *Book of Remembrance*, placed at the entryway of our parishes, reminds us of the love and service we still render to those who have gone before us. The bonds between the living and the dead are real, thanks to Jesus. His Death & Resurrection opened this bridge. November has been a special time to honor this belief.



St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Dec 4	TBD	Linda Ellingson	Henry family	Calma Henry / Katie Wagner	Mark & McCabe Radzwill	Roger Heth / Mark Radzwill

St. Mark's Ministries for December 3-4

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Vickie Gangl Bobbi Aus / Carla Eisenzimmer	Vickie Gangl	Grant Tagestad family	Merle Allard / Brad Trebas	Al & Barb Wondrsasek	
Sun.	Bread: Jen Nero Kathy McGhan & Mary Ann Saville	Pete Artz	Mike Nero family	Chuck Nubauer / Mike Haberman	Tim & Tiffani Fedje family	Carla Eisenzimmer / Helen Christianson