

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- 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)
- Tue, November 8, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Lloyd & Elsie Pease)
- Wed, November 9, 12 p.m. St. Mark's († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
- Thurs, November 10, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's († Shawna Deschamp)
- Fri, November 11, 11 a.m. Good Samaritan († Bud Emmer)
- Sat, November 12, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Reid & Sara Brady)
- Sun, November 13, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's (Parishioners)
- Sun, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's († Duane Sebelius)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Andrew's—K-6 Religious Ed.—Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 20
- St. Mark's—MONTH OF NOVEMBER food drive.
- Altar Society Meeting—Thurs, Nov. 10 @ 7:30 pm
- Religious Ed Classes K-6- November 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

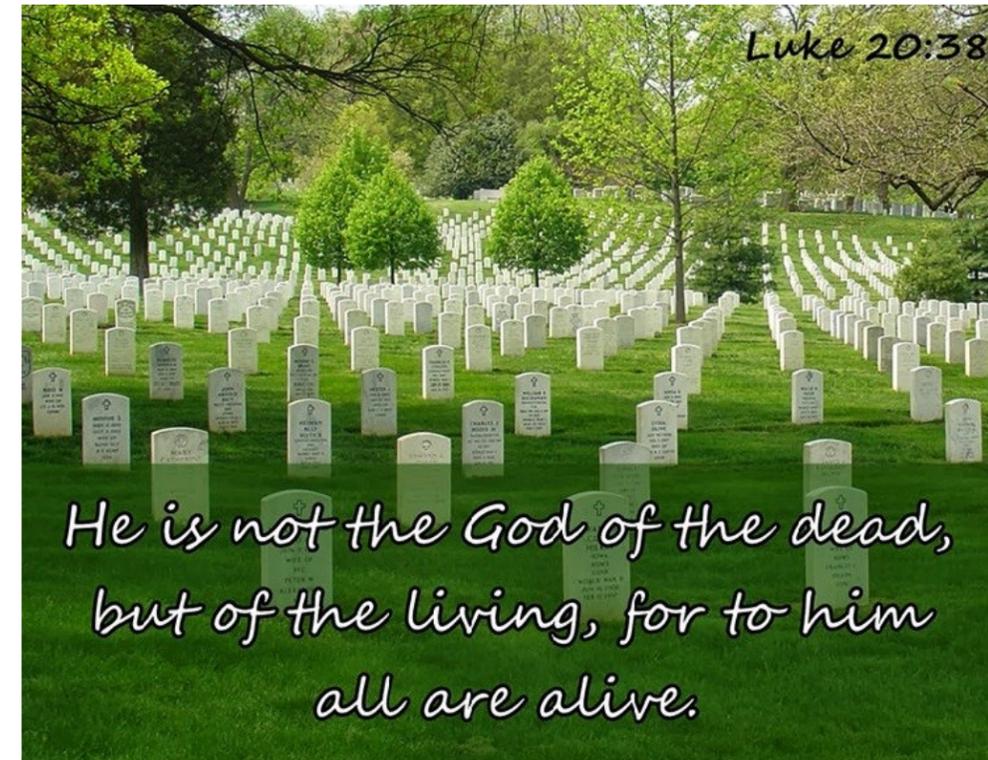
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ST. MARK'S PARISH

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.**



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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." - 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.



Report For October 30, 2016

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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.

November 5-6 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen



LIFE AFTER DEATH. The Sadducees in today's Gospel were a party of Judaism, literal interpreters of the Law of Moses. They were in constant disputes with the Pharisees, who worked from an oral interpretation of the Law. Hmmm. Two parties, one Law. Different interpretations. Arguments and division. Hmmm.

The Sadducees oppose belief in resurrection, and use an argument from the Book of Deuteronomy about marriage. Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection, using texts from the Book of Exodus about Moses' encounter with God in the Burning Bush.

Jesus tries to help his listeners recognize the limits of their imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because they thought in limited earthly terms. They could not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus opens their minds to possibilities of resurrected life beyond what earthly imaginations can picture.

Christianity lives by the truth that with death life is changed, not ended. Changed how?

A tree lives by water, soil, & sun. When we cut it down, it dies. The wood can become a pencil, a piece of paper, a statue, a wall, a table, etc., etc. Once the wood dies, it can be given a new purpose.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that after we die, we also will not need the same things we did when we were alive. Instead, we will have a new and different life with Christ.



PRAYERS FOR THE POUR SOULS. An indulgence, applicable to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is *plenary* each day from November 1-8; on other days of the year it is *partial*.

To acquire a plenary indulgence the following 3 conditions are necessary: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The 3 conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is satisfied by reciting one *Our Father*, one *Hail Mary*, and one *Apostles Creed*. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.

"The Church has always urged us to pray for the dead. She invites believers to regard the mystery of death not as the last word on human fate but as a journey toward eternal life. It is an important duty of ours to pray for the dead because although they may have died in grace and in friendship with God, they may still be in need of a last purification in order to enter into the joy of heaven. Prayer for the souls of the dead can be expressed in various ways, including a visit to the cemetery. Going to these sacred places provides an auspicious occasion to reflect on the meaning of earthly life and to nourish, at the same time, hope in the blessed eternity of paradise"

St. John Paul II, All Souls Day, 2003.

One way we honor the Dead is by inscribing the names of loved ones in our *Book of Remembrance*, placed at the entryway of our parishes. We will pray for them in a special way throughout this month of November.

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WE WELCOME Fr. Kurt Gunwall next week. Fr. Kurt is the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Fargo. He was well received last time he visited. His message about our call from God is always timely. It is important for all, especially our young people at the crossroads of life.

During Fr. Kurt's visit, I will be doing a tour of Western ND. Hopefully it'll be warm enough to walk among the rocks & rattle snakes, take in some sunrises & sunsets. My previous absences this year have been for ministry or educational purposes. This is simply good ole-fashioned down time.

PRAY. THINK. VOTE. In 2004, Cardinal Ratzinger wrote an official letter to Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop of Washington, D.C.. Ratzinger (to be Pope Benedict XVI) laid out the reasoning we find in our Bishops' voting guidelines.

The letter reads, "A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate's permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate's stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons."

I would be happy to sit down with anyone to discuss further what this paragraph is saying.

Basically, we have a duty to participate in civil society according to our conscience informed by our faith. This means more than merely weighing one party platform against another, or siding with one issue. In good faith, Catholics will reason differently.

Anyone can write off candidates because he/she disagrees with their stand on serious issues, abortion being a prime example; but it is another step entirely to write off all voters who would have a different reasoning process. I found 2 recent articles illustrating this in *National Review* <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/440122/> & *U.S. Catholic* <http://www.uscatholic.org/blog/201603/can-catholic-vote-democrat-moral-considerations-30587>

The Church's stand on a number of moral issues is easily accessible to any searcher. Her stand is strong and quite counter-cultural and sweeping in its scope. The reasoning process of voting is an action and an adventure for each person.

We can dispute the wisdom of political arguments for and against candidates, but we cannot insist that the Catholic Church tell people how to put the virtue of prudence into action. Time and again, history has shown that when the Church has gone down that road, it eventually backfires.

Pope Benedict himself considered it a slander against the Church's commitment to "the breadth of reason" to pigeon-hole voters into a party, let alone a candidate.

Pray and vote your conscience is not permission to straddle a fence. It is in fact a very tall order. It is important to understand the truth. It is important to elect public servants who can serve the truth. It is important to live with one another as we journey together into that same truth.

In God We Trust.

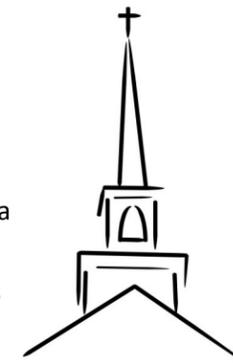


CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR. We will have our sales on November 19th and 20th following Mass in the Social Hall. There is something for everyone and we are hoping to help you cross off some names on your Christmas list. If you have questions, please contact Jen Nero 701-201-1117

CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN DIALOG. Tues evening, Nov 8, 7 pm, Fr. Michael will give a presentation at Trinity Lutheran Church, Westhope about *On the Way*, a 2015 statement signed by authorities, both Lutheran and Catholic.

Please consider joining us.

CHURCH ROOF. Well, after some time-consuming work on the wrapping the steeple, soffits, & fascia in metal, we now move on to the windows. The extra time in labor will not affect the cost of the project. The original bid stands. It's beautiful work and we are grateful.



St. Andrew's Ministries

DATE	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun. Nov 13	Nancy Erickson / Matt Wagner	Nancy Erickson	Ted & Becky Artz	Kimberly Tabarez / McKenna Flaherty	Ted & Becky Artz	Tom Herny / Howard Erickson

St. Mark's Ministries for November 12-13

DATE	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Carla Eisenzimmer Julie Hoffman / Phyllis Brunelle	Jan Picard	Dennis & Cindy Lagasse	Merle Allard / Brad Trebas	Marlys Richard / Joyce Bursinger	
Sun.	Bread: Marlys Vad Kathy McGhan & Karen Sollin	Susan Haberman	Chris Aberle family	Chuck Nubauer / Mike Haberman	Patricia Graber / Theresa Awalt	Carla Eisenzimmer / Karen Sollin / Marlene Getzlaff

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. This weekend, St. Andrew's has its elections. Last weekend, St. Mark's elected the following persons to represent the parish:

- Mike Nero
- Bryan Schweitzer
- Warren Emmer
- Rick Hummel
- Vickie Gangl
- Jodi Rosendahl
- Susan Roeder

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.

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 — WE ARE MAKING LEFSE for Bottineau Co Right to Life AND WE NEED HELP on Friday, November 18 at 12:30 or at 2:00pm for wrappers at the Social Hall kitchen. LEFSE sell after Mass on Sat, November 19 and Sun, November 20.

