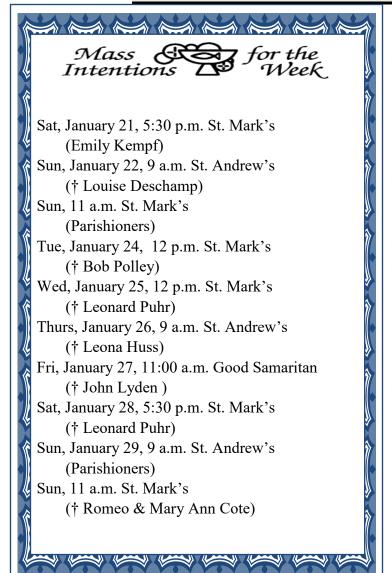
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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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.

<u>PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS:</u> Military personnel & their families, Cindy Volk, Wayne Barbot, Kenadi Zappone, Bridget Herpel, Jerry Burns, Glen Brandjord, Eloise Halvorson, Dakota, Lloyd McKeown, Todd Pigeon, Duane Indridson, a special private intention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's—

K-6 Religious Ed.—Jan -29 (CYO), Feb 5-12-26
Jan 22 — Altar Society meeting after Mass
St. Mark's—

Religious Ed Classes K-6—Jan 25, Feb 1-8-15-22 **Feb 2 — Altar Society meeting @ 6:30 pm.**

For Bishop Folda's visit we will need a count of parishioners attending the meal after Mass. A sign-up sheet for attendance will be passed around during Mass for 2 weekends. Please sign-up only once for an accurate count.

ST. MARK'S PARISHIONERS BISHOP JOHN FOLDA WILL BE VISITING ST. MARK PARISH ON FEBRUARY 4, 2017

The Altar Society and the KC's will provide the ham, the baked potatoes and the bread. For the potluck salad or dessert, please fill out the bottom and leave in the offertory basket no later than January 29.

NAME:	
POTLUCK SALAD:	
POTLUCK DESSERT:	

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From:	

Suggested offering is \$10.00 per Mass intention

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." – Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Report For January 15, 2017

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 703 PI \$ 11 and Ch \$ 9

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1611 PI \$ 227.10 and Ch \$ 13 Roof \$60.00



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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan 18-25

Reconciliation, The love of God Compels Us

God of all, we pray as one, that we may be one, just as the Lord Jesus prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. Amen

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor
Ursula Palmer, Secretary
Cathy Miller, 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

From the Pastor's Pen





"IMMEDIATELY!" Today's Gospel shows the start of Jesus' public ministry. Matthew tells how Jesus fulfills Israel's prophecies by beginning his ministry in Galilee, land of the Gentiles.

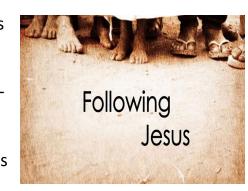
Jesus calls some fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) to drop everything and follow him. Immediately they do so. He thus has his first disciples.

Had they heard of him before? How could Jesus invoke such a response? He must have cut a powerful presence to elicit a response

as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

Jesus' ministry inaugurates the Kingdom of God. He teaches and preaches like no other. His cures are a sign that the Kingdom has arrived. Jesus comes with a message and an invitation that is absolutely mind-blowing—for those who will give Him a hearing—"Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Question for each of us, "What can I do today in thought, word, or deed that offers Jesus a response just as immediate as his first disciples?"



Fellowship



OUR CONDOLENCES to the family of Wesley Counts, age 14, whose funeral was held at St. Mark's on Weds afternoon. Wesley is fondly remembered, and the community remembers how dear this young man was to Sister Miriam in the days she served in Bottineau. May he rest in Peace.

EVA BAUER was moved this week to Trinity Nursing Home.
We will miss her smiling, faithful presence in the back pew at St. Andrew's, but we'll be sure to stay in touch.



Sending love & blessings to Ariel and Cody on the Holy Baptism of their child Ziah Rae, on January 15.

 $\mbox{\bf Big Thank You}$ to the group of ladies from the

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Altar Society who cleaned up the downstairs of St. Mark's rectory. After some more finishing touches, we look forward to an eventual open house event.



JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF HU-MAN LIFE MONTH—Bottineau Right to Life is asking all of our parishioners to please join us in rosary

before Mass this weekend January 21 & 22 and next weekend 28 & 29 for an end to abortions.

The Northern Light Apostles will have a Fundraiser Soup & Bread luncheon on Sunday, January 29th after Mass at the Social Hall at St. Mark's Church. You are all welcome. Free will offering.



ST. MARK'S Altar Society will hold their first meeting of the year on February 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. An agenda will be provided. The primary purposes include: review their annual budget, discuss events needed to achieve their goals and potential chairpersons / committees for these events. Every woman in the parish is welcome and encouraged to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS to Don & Marlys Richard on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on January 18. Best wishes go to you that the wonderful love you share lasts your lifetime

"CLIMATE SURVEY"—. Surveys are still available in the churches this weekend. So far we've received over 80 replies from St. Mark's and 53 replies from St. Andrew's. Thank you for making your voice heard.

This week we sent the survey to those whose names were not yet crossed off the list. This weekend and next, we will follow up with reminders. At the end of the month we will close our collection of the surveys and begin tabulating the results. Your participation is so appreciated.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, Jan 18-25. Each year Christians throughout the world gather to pray for that unity Christ so earnestly desired when he prayed to the Father that *all would be one* (Jn 17:21).

Pope Francis met a group of Lutheran pilgrims on Weds., during this week of prayer for Christian Unity. Francis said the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is important both humanly and spiritually. "After 50 years of official ecumenical dialogue between **Catholics and Lutherans**, we have succeeded in clearly articulating points of view which today we agree on. For this we are grateful. At the same time we keep alive in our hearts sincere contrition for our faults. In this spirit, we recall that Martin Luther's intention 500 years ago was to renew the Church, not divide Her."

PRESIDENT TRUMP, we offer a prayer for our new president from the Roman Missal.

God our Father, all earthly powers must serve you. Help our president Donald Trump to fulfill his responsibilities worthily and well. By honoring and striving to please you at all times, may he secure peace and freedom for the people entrusted to him. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HOMMERDING GRANT application was accepted by the Diocese of Fargo, and St. Mark's Church was awarded the sum of \$27,360. This covers more than a year's worth of efforts to pay down our loan from the Diocese. Again, many thanks to those who have made this possible. The goal back in August was \$40,000. We reached it within the six-week span of the campaign, and by the end of the year over \$80,000 was collected.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for sharing your blessings with us.

BISHOPS INVITE ALL CATHOLICS TO MAKE A DIGITAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE. When people hear the word "pilgrimage," many think of far-off destinations, such as Lourdes, Fatima, or Santiago de Compostela. Today, in the digital era, we have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage without ever leaving our hometown. In fact, the U.S. Bishops are asking Catholics to consider making a digital pilgrimage. The overarching intention is the end to abortion. However, as Catholics, we also recognize the need to pray for the protection of and respect for all human life.

Christians have been making pilgrimages since the Apostolic Age, motivated not only by the desire to venerate holy relics and places, but also to make a prayer out of their journey. Whether they are walking for a month across France and Spain or flying to Mexico to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe, pilgrims make sacrifices often resulting in aching feet and weary bones, but also in an increased love for the Lord and gratitude for all

of His blessings.

As wonderful and spiritually enriching as these opportunities are, monetary, physical and family circumstances often keep us from embarking on such journeys. Just because we can't trek 30 miles per day, we can still undertake a pilgrimage.

This January 22nd marks the anniversary of the infamous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion throughout pregnancy. Forty-four years later, over 57 million children's lives have been ended, and their parents, grandparents, siblings and many others suffer in the aftermath.

Of course, we should also pray regularly for the hungry, those without shelter, persons with disabilities, and all who are vulnerable. As bills legalizing doctor-assisted suicide are being introduced in a growing number of states, we should also pray that those nearing the end of life may receive the respect they deserve. The Church joyfully proclaims that each person's life has value.

With these intentions in mind, the U.S. Bishops invite all Catholics to make a 9 day digital pilgrimage. "9 Days for Life" will take place January 21-29 (the nine days surrounding the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*). To participate, visit www.9daysforlife.com and sign up for daily alerts (accessible via email, text message, or an app) or download and print the novena. Together, people across the country can unite in prayer for the protection of life at all stages.

St. Andrew's Ministries

•	DATE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
:	Sun. Jan 29	Tom Henry / Nancy Erickson	Tom Henry	Erickson family	Isaac & Jude Griffith	Linda Ellingson & Paul Klokstad	Tom Henry / Howard Erickson

St. Mark's Ministries for January 28-29

DATE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Morris Hollen Jr Carla Eisenzimmer / Vickie Gangl	Vickie Gangl	Alan & Barb Cote	Merle Allard / Brad Trebas	Marlys Richard	
Sun.	Bread: Warren Emmer Kathy McGhan / Leanna Em- mer	Jared Nelson	Chris Aberle family	Mike Haberman / Mike Nero	Theresa Awalt	Carla Eisenzimmer / Rick & Marlys Hum- mel