

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat, December 30, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Albert & Mary Pugh)
Sun, December 31, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Todd Streich)
Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)
Mon, January 1, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
Mon, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Duane Sebelius)
Tue, January 2, 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Edward & Dorothy Cote)
Wed, January 3, 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's
(† JoAnn Nelson)
Thur, January 4, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Al Pugh)
Fri, January 5, 8 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Annetta Lexon)
Sat, January 6, 9 a.m. St. Mark's
Sat, 5:30 pm St. Mark's
(† Leonard & Estella Vandal)
Sun, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Arvid Anderson)



UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's
Jan 7, 21 & 28—Religious Ed classes
St. Mark's
Jan 5—First Friday Adoration
Jan 6—First Saturday Devotions
Jan 9—Parish Council, 5:30 pm
Jan 10, 17, 24, 31—Religious Ed Class
Jan 11
—ADULT ED., *Catholicism* series - Chap 6,
Thurs, 7pm in Rectory Basement
—Widows & Widowers Social 3pm

Stewardship Moment

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend



Fri-Sun, Jan 5-7.
Little Flower Parish, Rugby. "The Spirit Will Guide You to All Truth" Jn 16:13



Home Communion

Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Claudia Trebas (228-2339) by Monday evening to be put on the list. To add or remove a name, please contact Deb Wyman at 245-6538 or the parish office.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From:

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.



Report for December 23-25, 2017

St Andrew's: Ad env \$ 1390 PI \$ 151 Ch \$ 43.75

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 10404 Plate \$ 375.10 Ch \$ 54
Bldg Fund \$2750



PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS:
Military personnel & their families,
Cindy Volk, Clay Gunderson, Sylvia

Frazer, Harvey Soland, Jodee Blaze, Dave Woeste, Fred Salinsky, Todd Pigeon, Duane Indridson, Carol Carbonneau, Ann O'Connell, David Schultz, Donna Jones; Jerry Volk, Cindy Haman, Sandy Janzen, Charles Carbonneau, Bonnie Clark; Janet Kraft; Noah Signalness; Joe Schmaltz; LaVonne Jenzen, Kenny Cote, Jim Artz; a special private intention.

St. Andrew's Health Center: Marion Honer
Trinity Homes, Minot: Eva Bauer

Good Sam: Helen Hoffert, Regan Benning, Frances Boice, Maria Barballa, Pete Anderson, Ronnie Houle, Ernie Houle, Jane Kuntz.

Edgewood Vista: Eileen Laahr

The Wellington: Ray & Donna Sharkey

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor

Ursula Palmer, Secretary

Cathy Miller, Custodian

Ambre Gillstrap, 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

Oh God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

~Amen.

December 31-January 1, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

From the Pastor's Pen



FAMILY, WHERE TRADITIONS BEGIN. “None of us gave ourselves life or singlehandedly learned how to live. All of us received from others both life itself and its basic truths, and we have been called to attain perfection in relationship and loving communion with others. The family, founded on indissoluble marriage between a man and a woman, is the expression of this relational and communal aspect of life. It is the setting where men and women are enabled to be born with dignity, and to grow and develop in an integral manner.

“Once children are born, through their relationship with their parents they begin to share in a family tradition. Together with the gift of life, they receive a whole patrimony of experience. Parents have the right and the inalienable duty to transmit this heritage to their children: to help them find their own identity, to initiate them to the life of society, to foster the responsible exercise of their moral freedom and their ability to love on the basis of their having been loved and, above all, to enable them to encounter God.” Pope Benedict, July 9, 2006, at the 5th World Meeting of Families.

One family tradition we honor this time of year is the Christmas tree. Many a family memory is created around harvesting and setting up this tree. Where did that come from?

The Romans celebrated the winter solstice with a feast in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture. They decorated their houses with greens and lights and exchanged gifts.

In England, before the arrival of Christian missionaries, Druids used evergreens during winter solstice rituals, as well as holly and mistletoe. Just as the word *ever-green* implies, these plants were used to symbolize eternal life.

In the Middle Ages, Germans and Scandinavians began placing evergreen trees inside their homes. Our modern Christmas tree evolved from these early traditions, most likely arriving in the United States through German immigrants to Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The custom spread slowly. In 1851, Pastor Henry Schwan of Cleveland, OH appears to have been responsible for decorating the first Christmas tree in an American church. His parishioners condemned the idea as a Pagan practice (misinterpreting Jeremiah 10:2-4). The Puritans banned Christmas festivities in New England. Schools in Boston stayed open on Christmas Day through 1870, sometimes expelling students who stayed home. Objections eventually dwindled.

Also in 1851 the Christmas tree market was born. Catskill farmer Mark Carr hauled two ox sleds of three dozen evergreens into NYC. He sold short trees for a nickel or a dime, and 8-10 footers for a quarter. Europeans liked small trees about four feet high, while Americans preferred Christmas trees to reach from floor to ceiling.

Americans decorated trees mainly with homemade ornaments, while German-Americans used apples, nuts, and marzipan cookies. Popcorn joined in after being dyed bright colors and interlaced with berries and nuts. F.W. Woolworth brought the glass ornament tradition to the United States in 1890.

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Holy Family M. Dec. 07

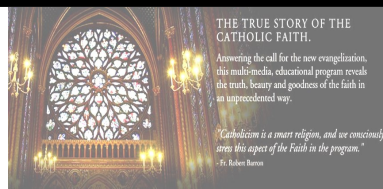


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Next meeting, Lesson 6: **A**

Body Both Suffering & Glorious-The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church. What is the Church? Come and learn what it means to belong to the “one, holy, catholic & apostolic” community that covers the face of the Earth. St. Mark's Rectory basement, **Thursday, Jan 11, 7 pm.**

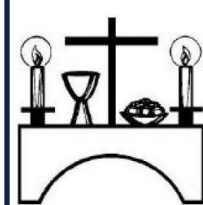


NORTHERN LIGHTS

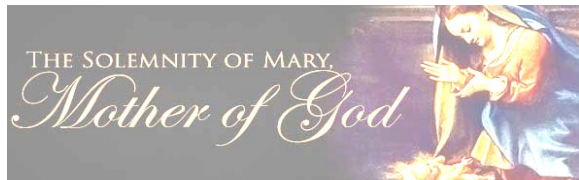
APOSTLES MEETING TIMES:
Jan 10—Sr. Mary Anne, special presentation, 6:30 pm

Jan 24—Fun day
Jan 31—Bible Study

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION. Your pastor wishes to thank all those who sent goodies, gifts and cards to the parish for the holidays. May the Good Lord reward your kindness. May He give me energy through the New Year of Grace, 2018, to be the good shepherd you so rightly deserve. In the Name of Jesus, let's continue to be gifts to one another.



MESSAGE FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY—
There are still some pans and containers in the kitchen that are crying out for their Owners. Please pick them up. Thanks!
Next meeting: January 4th at 5:30 pm at St. Mark's Social Hall.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, Mother of God
NEW YEAR'S 2018. Monday, Jan 1, a Holy Day, but not “of Obligation” this year. Celebrate the Octave of Christmas, World Day of Peace, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and New Year's Day all in one fell swoop!

St. Andrew's, Westhope at 9 a.m.
St. Mark's, Bottineau at 11 a.m.

“Called in the Gospels ‘the Mother of Jesus,’ Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as ‘the mother of my Lord.’ In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly ‘Mother of God’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 495).



A BIG THANK YOU— from the Meals-on-Wheels Committee to the following people who delivered the meals from Nov. 27-Dec. 22: Bill Baumann, Anne Bergeron, Cleo Pederson, Claudia Trebas, Helen Christensobn, Danny Aus, Bobbi Aus, Jerry Sollin, Karen Sollin, Jen Nero, Gabe Nero, Hallie Nero, Graysen Nero, Kathleen Grosz, Ken Grosz, Mary Lura, Donna Porter, Mitch Thompson, Bryan Schweitzer, Father Michael, Walt Pasicznyk, and Sue Roeder.

ST. MARK'S PARISHIONERS have been asked to help at the Bottineau Food Pantry on Wednesdays April 18 and May 16, starting at 8am. Please take note of the dates. We hope to see you there. Thank you!!



It's with a heavy heart that I say Goodbye to St. Mark's and St. Andrew's. I have finally found an opportunity to fulfill my dream of being closer to my parents. I will work at the office until January 12th and then around the 15th I will take to the road and put the cold behind me. I want to thank so many people that have made a difference to me during these 12 years I have lived in North Dakota, that I would need a whole bulletin to name them all. Nevertheless, I do have to mention Father Michael—a great Pastor, a great boss, a great friend, a great



“Confidant”—who has taught me many things during these years, namely PATIENCE (even if I do not excel at it). Thank you all, friends and acquaintances; and like we say in French: Au revoir!

~ Ursula Palmer

OUR REGION IS IN NEED—of Foster Care Homes. The number of children in foster care exceeds the number of homes available. Bottineau Co. Social Services is recruiting foster parents for children who are in need of short and long-term care. For more information, call Aimee Nehring or Kelly Jensen at 701-228-3613.



“Open your hearts and homes to a child in need; become a foster parent”.

St. Andrew's Ministries for January 7

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Nancy & Tom	Paulette	Ellsworth family	Jazmin & Kimberly	Crystal & Don	Tom & Howard

St. Mark's Ministries for December January 6-7

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Bobbi Aus Julie Hoffman / Lenny McGuire	Jessica Tagestad	Tagestad family	Matt Brandjord / Brad Trebas	Marlys Richard / Ann Swanson	
Sun.	Bread: Warren Emmer Karen Sollin / Jen Nero	Deb Stewardt	Nero family	Chuck Nubauer / Steve Lorenz	Barb & Al Wondrasek	