

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat, January 6, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Leonard & Estella Vandal)
Sun, January 7, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Arvid Anderson)
Tue, January 9, 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & †Priscilla Fischer)
Wed, January 10, 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's
(†Albert & †Mary Pugh)
Thur, January 11, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Tom & †Priscilla Fischer)
Fri, January 12, 8 a.m. St. Mark's
(Sophie Kempf)
Sat, January 13, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Greg Beyer)
Sun, January 14, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sun, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(†Albert & †Mary Pugh)

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's

Jan 21 & 28—Religious Ed classes

St. Mark's

Jan 9—Parish Council, 5:30 pm

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31—Religious Ed Class

Jan 10 Sr. Mary Ann for the NLA

Jan 11

—ADULT ED., *Catholicism* series - Chap 6,

Thurs, 7pm in Rectory Basement

—Widows & Widowers Social 3pm

Stewardship Moment

Epiphany of the Lord

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



THE ULTIMATE TEST OF YOUR GREATNESS IS THE WAY YOU TREAT EVERY HUMAN BEING.
JOHN PAUL II



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.



PRISHIONERS, 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 parishioner undergoing cancer treatment, wishing to remain anonymous; 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 Lahr

The Wellington: Ray & Donna Sharkey

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 \$ 105.00 PI \$ 20 Ch \$ 6

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 4601.00 Plate \$ 264 Ch \$ 10
Bldg Fund \$100

Lord, every nation
on Earth
will adore you.
Responsorial Psalm, Ps 72

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

January 6-7, 2018 Epiphany

From the Pastor's Pen

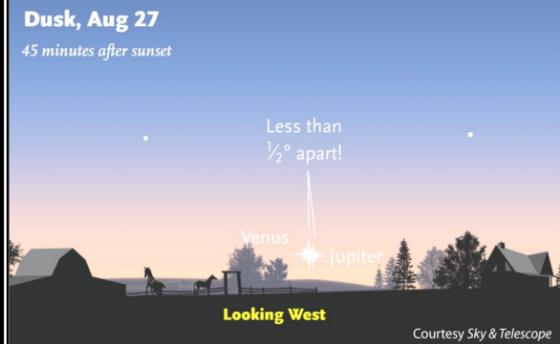
“EPIPHANY” Greek for *“manifestation”* or an *“appearance”*. We speak of having an *epiphany*, a moment when ‘the lightbulb’ goes on inside the head. An ‘epiphany’ is an experience of seeing things in a new light.

The Church’s Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God appearing to the Gentiles. In Bethlehem, the Magi (outsiders, non-Israelites) journeyed to meet the mystery of Christ.

The Epiphany message is that Christianity, the arrival of the Savior of the world, is good news for the whole human race. In the Epiphany Christ appears on the world’s stage. Yet, it can only happen one meeting at a time. This Sunday we recognize the meeting between this Infant Savior and three representatives from the ends of the Earth.

And how did the Magi find him? Interesting. They followed a star.

The image below depicts the sky from Aug 27, 2017. It gives an example of two planets lining up as they orbit the Sun. It is a rare phenomenon that some think explains what St. Matthew describes as the Star of Bethlehem.



The Bethlehem star stands for God’s choice to speak through the created things of earth and sky. By some form of astronomical phenomenon God guided these wayfarers from afar. But the Star is also symbolic.

Like the Magi, we have found Jesus. What leads you along the way of Faith? What’s been your Bethlehem Star?

When Jesus is revealed to us, we respond, like the Magi, by offering him gifts. What moves you to give Jesus what’s most valuable to you? Might that be your star?



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: February 1

Holy Graffiti
 Chalking the Door: Epiphany House Blessing
January 6/7 at all Masses

Chalk Blessing
 for you to take home to
 Chalk your door

20+C+M+B+18
 (Caspar) (Melchior) (Balthazar)
 traditional names for the magi

“Christus Mansionem Benedicat”
 which is Latin meaning
“May Christ Bless This House”

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

All: *Make the Sign of the Cross.*
Leader: “Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.”
All: Blessed be God forever.
Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth (Jn 1:1-3.14).

Using the blessed chalk, write on the lintel of one or more of your household doorways (each number/letter could be written by a different member of the family):
 The first half of the current year: + 20
 Then the three letters: C + M + B
 Lastly, write the other half of the year: 18 +
 It should look something like this: + 20 C + M + B 18 +
 The initials stand for **Christus mansionem benedicat**, which means: “May Christ bless this house”. They also recall the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar.

Final prayer
Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your beloved Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who dwell here. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ so our love for each other can go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Reflect more intentionally on the issue of Pro-Life this month. Little Flower Parish Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring the movie *Bella* at the Lyric Theater in Rugby at 2 pm, Sunday Jan 21. Free will offering admission price. Proceeds will support the work of First Choice Clinic in Devils Lake. Concessions available. Open to the public, so please bring a friend.

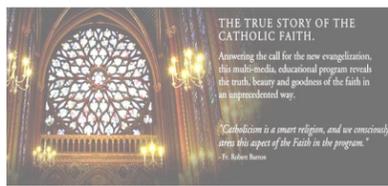
OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, JAN 25, is hosting a webinar called the *Parish Priority Plan*. It’s an active document and parish-wide jumpstart to unite our parish’s mission and ministry. Most importantly it answers the question, “Where are we going?”

This is not a program or gimmick. It is a way forward for each of our parishes. Participants will take a comprehensive look at how to thrive—including hospitality, outreach, finances, communication, evangelization, and formation. It introduces a 3-year written plan that will energize and unite each of our parishes in mission. Stay tuned for more info.

WE ARE ACCEPTING applications for the position of Parish Secretary. Suggest a name if you know someone who would be good for the job. Please keep this special need in your prayers.

CATHOLICISM— the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience.

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 Mk’s Rectory basement, **Thursday, Jan 11, 7 pm.**



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.

GREETINGS FROM BOTTINEAU GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER. It has been our hope to do some things that will create a more worshipful space for us all to use. To that end we are having new altar clothes made together with wall hangings that will have a bit of a ‘stained glass’ feel that will set our space off for worship. In addition we have a hanging cross hand-made by Gene Siercks – a local resident. His wife Sharon, is designing and creating the Altar Clothes and wall hangings. In addition, we are so thankful to First Lutheran and Metigoshe Lutheran for their generous gifts that have allowed us to get a new portable sound system. Thanks, Chaplain Glenn A. Berge



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”.**



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

Jan 24—Fun day
 Jan 31—Bible Study

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,



St. Andrew’s Ministries for January 14

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Nancy & Tom	Bella Radzwill	Hannah, Karen, Addy	Isaac & Will	Crystal & Don	Howard & Mark

St. Mark’s Ministries for December January 13-14

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Morris Holen, Jr. Bobbie Aus / Vickie Gangl	Lenny McGuire	Pat & Rita Laurer	Matt Brandjord / Brad Trebas	Ramona Johnson / Joyce Bursinger	
Sun.	Bread: Wayne Barbot Kathy McGhan / Priscilla Sturdevant	Vickie Boehnke	Hamilton Family	Chuck Nubauer / Steve Lorenz	Flora Carlson Lois Raymo	Priscilla Sturdevant / Carla Eisenzimmer