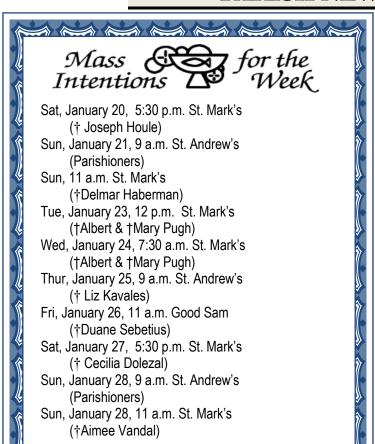
## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



#### 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.



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, Charles Carbonneau, Bonnie Clark; Janet Kraft; Noah Signalness; Joe Schmaltz; Kenny Cote, Jim Artz; Paul Amsbaugh; Erika Hamilton; 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, St Andrew's: Ad env \$6,838 PI \$ 28.01 Ch \$1.00 Jane Kuntz.

Edgewood Vista: Eileen Lahr

The Wellington: Ray & Donna Sharkey

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

St. Andrew's

Jan 21 & 28—Religious Ed classes

#### St. Mark's

Jan 24, 31—Religious Ed Class

Jan 24—ADULT ED., Catholicism series - Chap 7, Thurs, 7pm in Rectory Basement

Jan 25-2pm, St Mark's Social Hall. OSV parish planning webinar

Feb 7—Sr. Mary Ann for the NLA

Feb 13—Parish Council, 5:30 pm

Feb 14—Ash Weds

Mar 9—World Day of Prayer

#### Stewardship Moment

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." -MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST
A Mass intention is requested for :
From:
Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

## Report for January 13-14, 2017

St Mark's: Ad env \$ 1212.00 Plate \$60.50 Ch \$8.00 Bldg Fund \$200

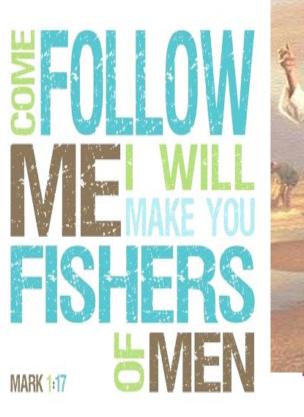


# ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU & St. Andrew's Westhope

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St. Andrew's Parish Kathy McGhan, 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

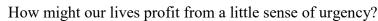


#### TO WHOM OR WHAT ARE WE MOST ATTACHED?

In Year B of our 3-year cycle of readings, we hear mostly from the Gospel of St. Mark. As the shortest of the 4 Gospels, it'll be supplemented from time to time with passages from John's Gospel.

In Mark's account of the call of the first disciples we see something different than we saw last week in John's Gospel. It was typical of first-century seekers of wisdom to look for rabbis. Mark shows Jesus breaking with this tradition. He doesn't wait for them to ask, but invites disciples to learn from him. Jesus begins by calling four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. He promises to make them "fishers of men." They left their fishing careers immediately. This immediacy is what is echoed in the first reading, when the people of Ninevah turn from their evil ways at the preaching of Jonah.

Mark wrote his Gospel with a sense of urgency. He portrays Jesus as a person of action. Events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's story. Time is of the essence. The fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand.



Looking for an application? Ask yourself what you might be attached to. The car won't start, a favorite piece of clothing gets stained, a special dish breaks, a business deal falls through, a dear neighbor moves away, etc., etc.

A sure way to pave the way to disappointment and sorrow is to live as though things will last forever. This is Paul's message in the second reading. Reminding us that the present form of the world is passing away, Paul shares one of the secrets to happiness in this life—detachment.

By living the virtue of detachment, we can take a step closer to experiencing the urgency of those fishermen who were the first to attach themselves to Jesus.

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

Next meeting, Lesson 7: The Word Made Flesh. True Bread from Heav**en**—The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist. "All value is summed up



in the Liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God." The Catholic Faith considers the Eucharist to be the "the source and summit" of its identity and purpose. Jesus' Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament is the center of Church culture. Come and find out why. S<sup>t</sup> Mk's Rectory basement, **Wednesday**, **Jan 24**, **7 pm**.



Jan 24- Fun day Jan 31—Bible Study Febr 7—Sr. Mary Anne, special presentation, 6:30 pm



as I have loved you. love one another.

**WE ARE ACCEPTING** applications for the position of Parish Secretary. They call the Church Secretary a front line missionary. Certainly true. A 4-pg job description is available on request. Basically, we're looking for someone who is diligent and eager to learn, someone reliable with communication and organiza-

tion skills, someone who respects the confidentiality that arises in such a position and loves the mission of the Church.

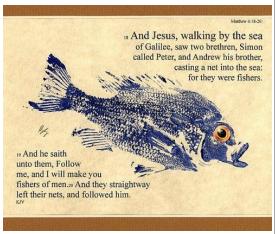
#### Please keep this special need in your prayers.

OUR REGION IS IN NEED—of Foster Care Homes. Children in foster care now exceeds the number of homes available. Bottineau Co. Social Services is recruiting foster parents for short and longterm care. More information, call Aimee Nehring or Kelly Jensen at 701-228-3613.



Secretary

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





#### 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



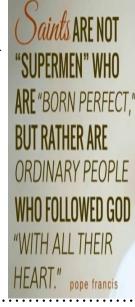
This year, global organizers chose the text "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" (Ex 15:6).

Throughout the Bible we see the Lord forming a people to call His own. The formation of such a people is integral to the Lord's Plan. The prophets reminded Israel that relationships among its various social groups should be characterized by justice, compassion and mercy. Rec-

onciliation demands reparation and healing of memories.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been going on for over 100 years. Christians around the world take part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity.

It is important that we not get comfortable with the scandal of a fractured Church. While we as Catholics enjoy that Church unity that stems from the Eucharist and the teaching authority of the Church, Christ's love for all ought to move us to pray to become ever more truly one in thought and action with others who follow Christ. To whom more is given, more is expected.





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.

The Parish Priority Plan is about creating a VI-SION with specific goals and milestones. It's about hiring a coach for 15 months to lay out a plan, ensure priorities, and focus on achieving the milestones

Participants will take a comprehensive look at how to thrive—including hospitality, outreach, finances, communication, evangelization, and formation. Join us, St. Mk's Social Hall, Thur, Jan 25, 2 pm.

While St Andrew's Hospital has lifted its precautions regarding the flu, parishioners at St. Mark's have requested that we continue for the next 2 wks to refrain from shaking hands and Communion from the Cup. Thanks.

## St. Andrew's Ministries for January 28

DATE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Paul & Roberta	Roberta Henry	Lenny Artz Family		Crystal & Don	Tom & Roger

## St. Mark's Ministries for January 27-28

DATE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Morris Holen Jr. Karen Soin Vickie Gangl	Barb Waagen	Schweitzer Family	Matt Brandjord / Brad Trebas	Beverly Boucher Denise Aide	
Sun.	Bread: Jim Nero Kathy McGhan/Susan Ha- berman	Jared Nelson	Steve & Diane Lorenz	Chuck Nubauer / Steve Lorenz	Teresa Awalt LaVonne Jansen	Helen Chrsitianson Marie Meloni-Beach