

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat, February 3, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Albert & Mary Pugh)
- Sun, February 4, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's (Parishioners)
- Sun, February 4, 11 a.m. St. Mark's († Greg Beyer)
- Tue, February 6 12 p.m. St. Mark's No Mass
- Wed, February 7, 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's No Mass
- Thur, February 8, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's No Mass
- Fri, February 9, 11 a.m. Good Sam No Mass
- Sat, February 10, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's († Lillie Ann Kanda)
- Sun, February 11, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's († Rosemary Wald)
- Sun, February 11, 11 a.m. St. Mark's (†Parishioners)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### St. Andrew's

- Feb 4, 11, 25—Religious Ed classes
- Feb 14—Ash Weds

#### St. Mark's

- Feb 4, 1 pm KC Free-throw competition at Bott H.S.
- Feb 7-21-28—**K-6th grade 6th Classes**
- Feb 7—**7-12 Grade**, Northern Lights Apostles (Sr Mary Ann)
- Feb 8—Widow/Widowers Gathering 3pm Rect.
- Feb 13—Parish Council Mtg
- Feb 14—Ash Weds, No Religious Ed Class
- Feb 21—Stations of the Cross
- Feb 21—Northern Lights Apostles
- Feb 28—Bible Study
- Mar 9—World Day of Prayer

### Stewardship Moment

**February 4, 2018** *"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - MARK 1:35, 38*

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

### A Prayer for Healing

*At every moment of our existence you are present to us, God, in gentle compassion. Help us to be present to one another so that our presence may be a strength that heals the wounds of time, and gives hope that is for all persons through Jesus our compassionate brother.*

### 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 Gundersen, Sylvia Frazer, Harvey Soland, Jodee Blaze,

Dave Woeste, 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, Frank King Family; Jim Artz; Paula Amsbaugh; Erika Hamilton; Maxine Erdmann, Crystal Grenier, 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

*"The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace,"*  
Psalm 29:11, NKJV

### MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

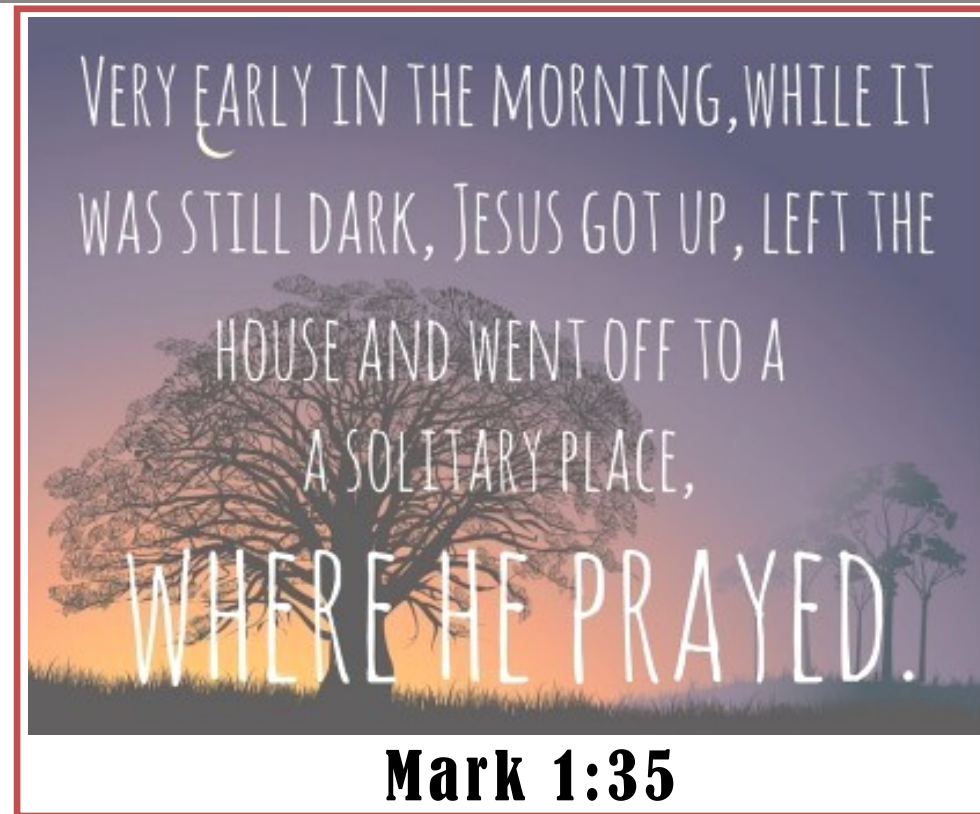
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Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

### Report for January 27-28, 2018

St Andrew's: Adult envelope \$ 222.00  
Plate \$ 66.00  
Children \$ 4.35

St Mark's: Adult envelope \$ 1,796.00  
Plate \$ 119.90  
Children \$ 6.00



### PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor  
(Looking/praying...) , Secretary  
Cathy Miller, Custodian  
Ambre Gillstrap, Custodian

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Valerie Heth, DRE  
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 10:00am-3:00pm  
Wed 10:00am-3:00pm  
Thurs 10:00pm-3:00pm  
Fri 10:00am-3:00pm

February 3-4, 2018 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

# From the Pastor's Pen



**JESUS, BUILDER AND HEALER.** In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, Job asks, "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" When "the night drags on" and we are "filled with restlessness until dawn", we can wonder, like Job, if we'll ever "see happiness again."

The book of Job is about a man whose faith is put to the test. It's a lesson about how even good people have to suffer. The book is also about who God is. Is God still All-Good, Almighty, even when life is going sideways or backwards?

Is it fair to judge God by human standards?

When life gets hard, we have choices. *Turn to God. Blame God. Ignore God.* The 'turn to God' is buried deep within us. Within that 'turn' there is the dawn of hope. God's ways are not our ways. Our lives are wrapped in a mystery, a mystery that glimmers with promise.

The Gospel shows Jesus ministering to whole towns seeking His touch. We also hear that He is on the road. He is determined to spread abroad the wholeness of life He offers.

"Everyone is looking for you," the disciples tell Jesus. We count ourselves among these people.

If Job's words capture our immediate gut reaction to bad news, they can't be allowed to throw a wet blanket on Jesus' words. Jesus has a purpose. He wants to meet us in our weakness. When we are downtrodden, He 'comes to town.' When we feel wounded and betrayed, He 'grasps us by the hand and raises us up.' It's what He does.



He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34



To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. 1 Corinthians 9:22

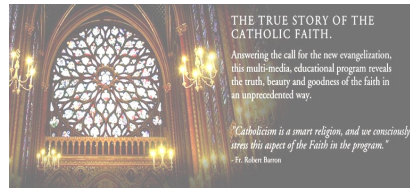
On behalf of all who are suffering from whatever affliction, from cancer to unemployment to domestic violence to hidden sorrows to broken family ties, we profess that the Lord "calls each by name" (Ps 147). Our gracious God "rebuilds Jerusalem" in whatever town is willing to declare, "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His Wisdom is without limit" (Ps 147).

This is why we stand shoulder to shoulder and place our trust in God. Together we believe "the Lord sustains the lowly" (Ps 147). We hand over to Him any "drudgery" we feel and let Him "rebuild" us one heartbreak at a time.

He is builder as much as He is healer.

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

Next meeting, Lesson 8: **A Vast Company of Witnesses—The Communion of Saints.** Come consider some of the Church's greatest heroes. Their extraordinary examples show both the passion and the creative potential of the Catholic Church.



S<sup>t</sup> Mk's Rectory basement, **Thurs, February 22, 7 pm.**



**APOSTLES MEETING TIMES:**  
Febr 7—Sr. Mary Anne, special presentation, 6:30 pm  
Febr 14—Ash Weds Mass

Febr 16—help serve KC fishfry

**Applications still being accepted** for the position of Parish Secretary. Please note the new office hrs on the front

pg of the bulletin. If you know someone who is diligent and eager to learn, someone reliable with communication and organization skills, someone who respects the confidentiality that arises in such a position and loves the mission of the Church, let us know. **Please keep this special need in your prayers.**



**OUR REGION REMAINS IN NEED** of Foster Care Homes. More information, call Aimee Nehring or Kelly Jensen at Bottineau Co. Social Services, 701-228-3613.

**VISITING PRIEST.** Please welcome Fr. Bernie Pfau, long time pastor in Jamestown, then New Rockford, and just recently entered retirement near Devils Lake. He grew up on a farm outside of Esmond, ND.

I'm attempting to live today's words in the Gospel, "... he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed" (Mk 1:35). Nice connection. Praying for you. Please offer a prayer for me.



**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: March 1**

For the rest of this week I will be at the New Camaldolese Hermitage, Big Sur, Calif. Returning, Fri evening, Febr 9.

In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Michael Slovak at St. Michael's Parish, Dunseith. I have left his cell phone # at the church office and at Nero's Funeral Home.



## PLEASE WELCOME OUR ST. MARK'S LITURGY COMMITTEE

Each ministry has a coordinator:

Ext Min of HComm<sup>o</sup>—Vickie Gangli; Lectors—Jerry Migler  
Ushers—Rob McGhan; Greeters & Gift Bearers—Carla Eisenzimmer  
Servers—Kathy McGhan; Music ministries—Leanna Emmer

Their goals are to:

- 1.) establish a 3-month rotating schedule (beginning in April)
- 2.) keep an up-to-date contact list of volunteers in each ministry
- 3.) schedule training sessions for each ministry
- 4.) put together and communicate the duties of each ministry



Later this month, at each parish's Parish Council Mtg we will discuss the possibility of involvement in OSV's **Parish Priority Plan.** It's a 15 month undertaking to come up with a 3 Year Plan for each parish. We'll only do it if

## Ash Wednesday Masses

**February 14**

St. Andrew's Hospital : 2pm  
St. Mark's : 5:30 pm  
St. Andrew's : 7:30 pm



it's the right fit for us. The link to the recorded webinar is available to any and all. Please ask at the church office.

The **Parish Priority Plan** is about creating a Vision, which is the ability to plan for the future with wisdom. Such a roadmap could serve us very well.

**PRAYERS FOR US.** Some friends who work a farm between Selz & Rugby have a son who is pilot for United. He's taking them to Holy Land this week. They asked what I wanted. I asked that they place the prayer below in the Wailing Wall, those massive foundation stones that are all that's left of the Temple in Jerusalem.

**ALMIGHTY & TENDER-LOVING GOD,**

We, the People of St. Mark's and St. Andrew's, of Bottineau & Westhope, North Dakota, USA, humbly ask that You bless us with peace, forgive our sins, heal our wounds, and by a fresh outpouring of the **HOLY SPIRIT** set us on fire to share Your glad tidings of great joy.

**THANK YOU** for Your countless blessings.

Give us Wisdom to sow what You have given so, as our Faith stretches back

to the events flowing from this Temple Our Love might reach forward

to feed future generations of prairie people, living stones in the Temple of Your Glory, the Body of **YOUR SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Amen.

February, MMXVIII

**KC FISH FRY DATES.**

Feb 16, Mar 2, Mar 23



## St. Andrew's Ministries for February 11

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Robert & Nancy	Bella Radzwell	Hannah, Karen, Calma	Jazmin & Maria	Jude & Isacc	Howard & Mark

## St. Mark's Ministries for February 10-11

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Sharon & Lenny McGuire	Susan Haberman	Christianson Family	Dennis Lagasse / Walt Pasicznyk	Mona Johnson / Marlys Richard	
Sun.	Bread: Jen Nero Priscilla Sturdevant / Kathy McGhan	Jared Nelson	Bristol Family	Cory Bercier / Rob McGhan	Wilmot Family	Marie B- Meloni Priscilla Sturdevant