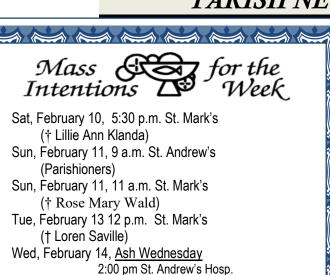
#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

Thur, February 15, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's

(† Albert & Mary Pugh)

(†Arvid Anderson)

(† Mark Koble)

(† Parishioners)

(†Darrol Vad)

Fri, February 16, 11 a.m. Good Sam

Sat, February 17, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's

Sun, February 18, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's

Sun, February 18, 11 a.m. St. Mark's

#### 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, Todd Pigeon, Duane Indridson, Carol Carbonneau, Ann O'Connell, David Schultz, Donna Jones, Jerry Volk, Cindy Haman, Charles Carbonneau, Janet Kraft, Noah Signalness, Joe Schmaltz, Kenny Cote, Frank King Family, Jim Artz; Paul Amsbaugh, Erika Hamilton, Maxine Erdmann, Crystal Grenier, Louis Volk and any special private intentions.

**St. Andrew's Health Center**: Marion Honer, Barney Honer **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 and Donna Sharkey

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### St. Andrew's

**Feb 11, 25—**Religious Ed classes **Feb 14**—Ash Weds

#### St. Mark's

Feb 13—Parish Council Mtg

Feb 14—Ash Weds, No Religious Ed Class

Feb 16—KC Fish Fry and K-6 Bake Sale

Feb 21 - Stations of the Cross

Feb 21—Northern Lights Apostles

Feb 22—Adult Ed.—Catholicism Lesson 8

Feb 28— Youth Bible Study

Mar 9—World Day of Prayer

#### Stewardship Moment

#### February 11, 2018

Brother's and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

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## 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.

#### MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

#### Report for February 3—4, 2018

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 \$ 1,775.10

 Adult envelope
 \$ 1,775.10

 Plate
 \$ 92.07

 Children
 \$ 10.00

 Building Fund
 \$ 768.35



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

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"If you wish, you can make me clean."

"I do will it. Be made clean."

Mark 1:41

#### 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

# From the Pastor's Pen



CHALLENGING OUR SILOS. We often feel a need to bond with others. We don't function well as silos, at least not for long. It's normal to bristle against being isolated.

The most isolating form of illness in Jesus' time was leprosy. For hygienic reasons, lepers lived apart—'outside the camp', in the words of today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Lepers could only have each other for company.

The leper in our Gospel was determined to break out of isolation. He did the *unheard-of*. He, a diseased person, approached a healthy person, Jesus. He pleaded, "If you want to, you can cure me." He was desperate. In response, Jesus did something just as unconventional. He touched the leper. Jesus did the forbidden.



It was part of Jesus' mission to deliver people from isolation. Isn't isolation what Hell ultimately is?

People can become 'homebound' in so many ways.



I wonder who Pope Francis had in mind when he wrote, "Sometimes we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length. Yet Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others. He hopes that we will stop looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune and instead enter into the reality of other people's lives and know the power of tenderness. Whenever we do so, our lives become wonderfully complicated and we experience intensely what it is to be part of a people" The *Joy of the Gospel*, 270.

Both Jesus and the leper have something to say about steps we can take to connect with people. This means different things to different people. That's okay. To break out of our isolation or help others break out of theirs is part of what it means to be Christian.

From time to time we need of course to retreat into our shell, but our normal is to be with others.

Like the leper, are there times when you need to go against conventional expectations? Ever feel the impulse to break out? If desperation drove the leper to seek out Jesus, maybe we can ask where we're feeling desperate. Where might I need to be bold and approach Jesus or another who can help me?

Like Jesus, who was perfectly healthy, are we tempted to avoid unhealthy folk? Jesus engaged the leper; he spoke to him and touched him. Is there somebody you know who could be waiting to be touched by your compassionate presence?

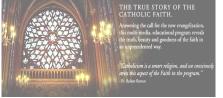
**CATHOLICISM**— the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience.

Next meeting, Lesson 8:

#### A Vast Company of Witnesses

Thursday, February 22, 7 pm.

The Communion of Saints. Come consider some of the Church's greatest heroes. Their extraordinary examples show both the passion and the creative poten-



tial of the Catholic Church. St Mk's Rectory basement,

Febr 14—Ash Weds Mass

NORTHERN LIGHT **APOSTLES MEETING TIMES:** Jan 31—Youth Bible Study February 16—help serve KC fishfry

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

Please keep this special need in your prayers.



#### **MESSAGE FROM EUCHARISTIC COORDINATOR**

We will have EMHC training on February 20th, at 6:30 p.m. for anyone feeling the calling to become a Eucharistic Minister. For any questions, please call Vicki Gangl @ 871-8530

#### Ash Wednesday Masses February 14

St. Andrew's Hospital: 2pm

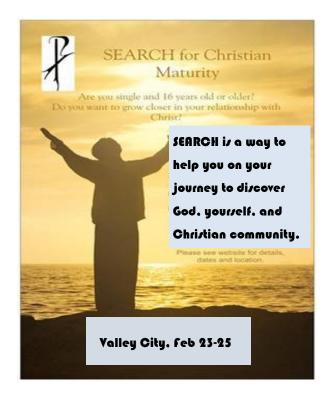
St. Mark's: 5:30 pm St. Andrew's: 7:30 pm



**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.

#### **Great Plains Food Bank**

Will be bringing a semi-truck load of both perishable and non-perishable foods to the old Shopco. parking lot to be distributed on February16th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for people in need (no-cost / no-questions, just show up)



#### **Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages**

The next South Dakota Retrouvaille wkend is March 16-18, 2018. The weekend will take place at The Abbey of the Hills near Marvin, S.D. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. To register and for general information, call 605-988-3755 or visit: www.retrouvaille.org.



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 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.

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS**

Feb 21—Parish Council

Feb 28—Knights of Columbus

Mar 7—Altar Society

Mar 14—Extraord Min of Holy Communion

Mar 21—Religious Ed Children

Mar 28—Northern Lights Apostles

KC FISH FRIES. Feb 16, Mar 2, Mar 23. Religious Ed K-6 sponsoring a bake sale, please consider bringing and /or buying baked goods.



### St. Andrew's Ministries for February 11

DATE	EUCHARISTIC 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	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Vickie Gangl 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 Beach- Meloni Priscilla Sturdevant