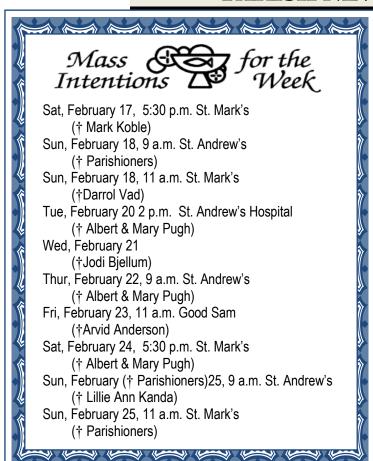
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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. Svlvia 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 Report for February 10—11, 2018 Good Sam: 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 20 - Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Feb 25 - Religious Ed classes

followed by Soup & Sandwiches

St. Mark's

Feb 21	- K-6th grade rosary	4:30-5	5:00 pm
		4:30-5	5:00 pm
	- K-6 Religious Ed Class	5	5:00 pm
		5:00-6	3:15 pm
	- Stations of the Cross	6	30 pm
Feb 22	- Adult Ed Catholicism Lesson 9	7	':00 pm
Feb 27	-Cath-Luth dialog, St. Andrew's Ho	sp 1	:30 pm
Feb 28	- Youth Bible Study	7	':00 pm

Mar 2 & Mar 23

-KC Fish Fry and K-6 Bake Sale . 4:30 pm

- World Day of Prayer

Mar 13 -Parish Council Meeting 5:30 pm

Stewardship Moment

February 18, 2018 1st Sunday of Lent
"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - MARK 1:14
Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I— Father will be using this special Eucharistic Prayer throughout the Lenten Season. Follow along on pp. 23-24 of the Breaking Bread hymnals.



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

St . Andrew's:		St Mark's	
Adult envelope	\$ 771.00	Adult envelope	\$ 1,775.10
Plate	\$ 65.00	Plate	\$ 92.07
Children	\$ 6.25	Children	\$ 10.00



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"And the angels ministered to him."

Mark 1:41

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor (almost there...), Secretary Cathy Miller, Custodian Patty Graber, 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

Rosary @ St Mark's: 5 pm, Sat; 10:30 am, Sundays.

From the Pastor's Pen



RETURN

LENT expresses three things: ^{1.)} a time of final preparation for those seeking Baptism; ^{2.)} a time of repentance and refocus for those already baptized; ^{3.)} a season to celebrate the core events of Jesus' mission.

The word *Lent* is an Old English word for Spring. In Mother Nature, the days are getting longer. The word *length* points to this original meaning.

During this Holy Season, we will introduce three candidates for the Sacraments. At St. Mark's, we welcome Levi Kippen, recently engaged to Kelsey Jensen (congratulations!!), and Tanner Lord, a

junior at Bottineau High School. At St. Andrew's, we welcome Don Zane, who celebrates with Crystal their wedding anniversary this wkend while being present at Bishop Folda's Rite of Election Mass, recognizing all those who will be received into the Church at Easter this year.

For Catholics at large, Lent is a time to grow spiritually. On Ash Weds, we heard the Gospel in which Jesus speaks of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are three traditional areas where we can stretch ourselves. Our weekly Stations of the Cross is a parish undertaking to practice all three of these spiritual exercises. Check out the rest of the bulletin!

Other opportunities for growth include: Daily Mass, Family Rosary, Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and your own creative discoveries about what it might mean to live at the height of your energies and have a Christ-centered life.

The 1st Sun of Lent always begins with the Spirit driving Jesus into the desert for 40 days. We see Our Lord in the Gospels get physically tired and thirsty, such that he needs to get away and rest. Similarly, he needed, as any human being does, time to get away in order to see with clear eyes who he was and the mission he had from his Father. At the end of the 40 days, the Devil came to tempt him. All this was for our sakes.



Jesus' victory in the desert invites us to plunge into 40 days of renewed

focus. Share in the Lord's victory over all forces that steer us away from our mission to be his followers.

FORTY

of LENT

DAYS

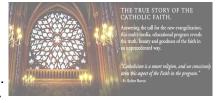
St Mark's description of this episode in Jesus' life is stark, but he adds a touching detail that should encourage anyone who may tremble a bit at the 40 day journey ahead of us: "and the angels ministered to him." Our heavenly Father has companions on hand just for you as well. They make the battle well worth the effort.

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. St Mk's Rectory basement,

Thursday, February 22, 7 pm.



NORTHERN LIGHTS F

APOSTLES MEETING TIMES:

Feb 21 - Soup Luncheon 5:00 pm

- Living Stations practice Feb 28 - Bible Study 7:00 pm

A FEW PERSONS have shown interest in the position of Parish Secretary. Looks like a solution is near at hand. Thank you for keeping this special need in your prayers.





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





We will have EMHC training on Tues, Feb 20th, at 6:30 p.m. for anyone feeling the calling to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Any questions, please call Vicki Gangl, 871-8530



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help people rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help others through difficult days.

Begins Sunday, February 25, 6-8 p.m. Bottineau Veterans Center Free, no registration required. More information call Warren at 701-220-5042. GriefShare will meet every Sunday evening for 13 wks, February 25—May 20.

Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Mar-

riag March 16-18, *The Abbey of the Hills* near Marvin, S.D. A confidential weekend offering hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. Call 605-988-3755 or visit: www.retrouvaille.org.

God's GIFT APPEAL is an effort through which parishioners donate toward the works of the Diocese of Fargo.

Bishop Folda, in his appeal last week through his DVD presentation, acknowledged many wonderful initiatives that happen thanks to your support of his ministry on behalf of the 133 parishes in the eastern half of North Dakota. These works include seminarian education, family life programs, migrant programs, rural life conference, Catholic schools and religious edu resources, etc.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS—ST M & ST A

Feb 21—Parish Council

Feb 28—Knights of Columbus/St A—the Men

Mar 7—Altar Society

Mar 14—Extraord Min of Holy Communion

Mar 21—Religious Ed Children/St A—NLA

Mar 28—Northern Lights Apostles/St. A—Relig Ed chidlren

ADULT EDU FOR LENT—during St. Mark's Lenten Soup Suppers, from 5:00-6:00pm, segment of Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism* series will be shown in the social hall at 5:30 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS COLLECTIONS. Following each of our celebrations of the Stations, there will be a collection. As in times past, these have been designated for the continuation of the work of Sr. Cecilia Vandal and Fr. Jack Davis.



We'd like to offer a special word of thanks to Peggy Nero for the second set of table toppers for the Social Hall. Your materials, time, and talent are greatly appreciated.

We also extend special thanks to:

The Lahr Family for white liturgical banners in memory of Everett Lahr.

The Cote family for a priest's liturgical vestment in memory of Clarence and Rosemarie Cote.

The Sebelius family for a priest's liturgical vestment in memory of Duane Sebelius.

Congratulations to Warren Emmer on his new position as Chaplain at St. Andrew's Hospital. Our blessings accompany you!

St. Andrew's Ministries for February 25

DATE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Roberta & Nancy	Linda Ellingson	Bryans Family	Jude & Will	Jude & Isacc	Tom & Roger

St. Mark's Ministries for February 24 - 25

DATE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Vickie Gangl Sharon & Lenny McGuire	Vickie Gangl	Dennis /Cindy Lagasse	Dennis Lagasse / Walt Pasicznyk	Larry/Roberta Baumann	
Sun.	Bread: Vicki Boehnke Mary Ann Saville & Tyler Rogers	Barb Waagen	Patricia Graber Family	Cory Bercier / Rob McGhan	Lois Raymo & Addie Berg	Helen Christianson Carla Eisenzimmer