

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat, February 24, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Albert & Mary Pugh)  
Sun, February 25, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Parishioners)  
Sun, February 25, 11 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Lillie Ann Kanda)  
Tue, February 27, 12 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Loren Saville)  
Wed, February 28  
(† Albert & Mary Pugh)  
Thur, Mar 1, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Carl Monson)  
Fri, Mar 2, 8 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Greg Beyer)  
Sat, Mar 3 9 a.m. 1st Sat Mass/Devotions  
5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Albert & Mary Pugh )  
Sun, Mar 4 9 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Parishioners)  
Sun, Mar 4, 11 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Jeff Shriver)



### 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:

PrayerLine



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, Sandy Hanretty, and any special private intentions.

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

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



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### St. Andrew's

**Feb 28-** Stations of the Cross-The Men 7:00 pm  
**Mar 4-** Parish Priority Plan Webinar in church basement after Mass  
**Mar 11-**EMHC training after Mass

#### St. Mark's

**Feb 28** -K-6th grade rosary 4:30-5:00 pm  
- K-6 Religious Ed Class 5:00 pm  
- Soups by NLA 5:00-6:15 pm  
- Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm  
**Mar 1** - Altar Society Mtg 5:30 pm  
**Mar 2 & 23**-KC Fish Fry and K-6 Bake Sale 4:30 pm  
**Mar 6** - OSV teleconference 6:00 pm  
**Mar 7** - Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm  
**Mar 8** -Widow/Widowers Gathering 3:00 pm  
**Mar 8** -Adult Ed.- Catholicism Lesson 9 7:00 pm  
**Mar 9** - World Day of Prayer  
**Mar 13** -Parish Council Meeting 5:30 pm

### Stewardship Moment

**February 25, 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
"Here I am!" he answered." - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I—will be used throughout the Lenten Season. Follow along, *Breaking Bread*, pp. 23-24.



### MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

### Report for February 17—18, 2018

#### St. Andrew's:

Adult env.\$ 396.00  
Plate \$ 21.00  
Children \$ 3.00

#### St Mark's

Adult env. \$ 2,318.00  
Plate \$ 178.00  
Children \$ 25.00



Look toward the heaven,  
and number the stars...  
So shall your offspring be.

Genesis 15:5 Galatians 3:29

If you are Christ's,  
then you are Abraham's offspring,  
heirs according to promise.

### 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

February 24-25, 2018 Second Sunday of Lent

# From the Pastor's Pen



**PLAYING WITH THE IMPOSSIBLE.** God asks Abraham to offer his son Isaac. Seeing his obedience, an Angel of the Lord stays his hand & grants him an abundant blessing, to be the *father of faith*. Abraham becomes the father of all those who put their unconditional trust in God.



Let's not get too caught up in the question of human sacrifice. The story actually shows God undoing, through Abraham, what many people in ancient times wrongly considered the ultimate act of worship—child sacrifice.

In the most mysterious of twists, history will come to discover that the 'impossible' God asks of Abraham, without letting him carry it out, He Himself does.

In the Gospel the Father's voice declares, "This is my Beloved Son." Yet Paul, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, states how God shows us how much He is so totally *for us* by not sparing His own Son. God alters our idea of what's do-able when he accomplishes the impossible.

Many yrs ago a group of friends took me to the *Palomino*, a fancy restaurant in downtown Minneapolis. Each place setting had a little sealed card for the dinner guests to open. Inside was a message, like a fortune cookie, but no cookie. Mine read: "To achieve the impossible, you must think the unthinkable." I've hung on to this little card for going on close to 20 yrs now.

This saying holds a challenge.

Last wk, meditating on Jesus in the desert, I invited folks to consider some of the 'wild beasts' roaming inside their own wilderness. Did you land on any crazy dreams or wild hopes?

I catch myself entertaining dreams that cannot be realized within my lifetime, whose seeds I can only plant. But I also recognize other seemingly "impossible" goals that surface amidst my interactions with you. They touch on things I want to achieve together with you as a committed community of authentic Christians.

For instance?

How about a packed church for Stations of the Cross? How about phone calls to one another to gather and pray over someone in need of healing? How about knocking on doors and asking people if there's anything our parish can do for them? How about times of Eucharistic Adoration that corralled people in Sacred Silence and sent them forth to carry out their own dreams planted by the Holy Spirit in surprise moments of quiet surrender?

This might come across as "impossible". But hey, it's at least "thinkable". Isn't *thinking it* the necessary step in *achieving* the "impossible"?

We can permit ourselves to think the *unthinkable* thanks to the trail God Himself has blazed. He 'desires that all men be saved' (1Tm 2:4), to which end He did the *impossible*—He sent His Son, Life Itself, to die. Go figure!

Who am we to be miserly in our dreams? Will we throw the "impossible" back in God's face, or step out in Faith? Father Abraham, come to our aid!

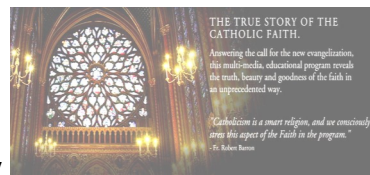


**WE MUST DARE TO THINK UNTHINKABLE THOUGHTS.**

QUOTEHD.COM J. William Fulbright American Politician

**CATHOLICISM**— the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience. Next meeting, Lesson 9: **The Fire of His Love**

**Prayer and the Life of the Spirit.** Explore Catholic spirituality. "Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and heart to God" *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. How do we pray. Come and see. St Mk's Rectory basement, **Thursday, March 8, 7 pm.**



**EMHC TRAINING for St Andrew's, Westhope** after Mass on Mar 11. For those interested and a refresher for those currently engaged in this ministry.



**APOSTLES MEETING TIMES:**

Feb 28- Soup Luncheon 5:00 pm  
- Living Stations practice  
Feb 28 - Bible Study 7:00 pm

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



**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 a Strained Marriage** March 16-18, *The Abbey of the Hills* near Marvin, S.D. A confidential week-end offering hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. Call 605-988-3755 or visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**OSV TELECONFERENCE 6 PM, TUE, MAR 6** - this gathering will be an opportunity for those with questions about the 15-month Parish Priority Planning presented in past wks here in the bulletin. 2 representatives from *Our Sunday Visitor* will be available to hear our concerns and answer our questions to see if this is a good fit for us. Both parishes invited to attend.

**GOD'S GIFT APPEAL** is underway.

Bishop Folda acknowledged the 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.



**WIDOW & WIDOWER GATHERING**  
Thursday, March 8th at 3:00 PM  
in the Rectory Basement.



## STATIONS of the CROSS

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

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 Ap<sup>stis</sup>/St. A—Relig Ed children



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

**LENTEN ALMS.** Following each of our celebrations of the Stations, there'll be a collection. As in the past, these funds are split between the work of Sr. Cecilia Vandal and Fr. Jack Davis.

Sister Cecilia entered Maryknoll from Bottineau, ND, where she grew up with seven sisters and four brothers, a good preparation for community!

The Maryknoll Sisters sent her to Chile in 1957. From 1982 to 1988 she had the opportunity to be in ministry to her aging parents while serving as a Pastoral Associate in two parishes in Bottineau County. Her main responsibilities were liturgies and religious education. When asked what it was like working in the U.S. Church, she answered, "The best part was getting to know people whom I hadn't been around since I was eight-teen years old. I got to appreciate their family values and my own culture."

In 1989, Sr Cecilia began her ministry in El Salvador. She is a beloved missionary of many talents. Sue Roeder just visited her and witnessed firsthand the dire needs of her ministry. Although Sister has returned to the U.S., her work lives on and we are honored to support it through our weekly donations at the Stations of the Cross.



### St. Andrew's Ministries for March 3rd

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	John & Lenny	Nancy Erickson	Ellsworth Family	Isaac & Saul	Jude & Isacc	Roger & Howard

### St. Mark's Ministries for March 3rd-4th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Satr.	Bread: Vicki Gangl Julie Hoffman & Karen Solin	Susan Haberman	Pat & Rita Lauer	Merle Allard & Brad Trebas	Mona Johnson & Ann Swanson	
Sun.	Bread: Marlys Vad Warren & Leanna Emmers	Jared Nelson	Tagestad Family	Steve Lorenz & Jeff Beyer	Teresa Awalt & Maxine Erdman	Addie Berg & Carla Eisenzimmer