

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat, March 3, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Albert & Mary Pugh)
Sun, March 4, 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Parishioners)
Sun, March 4, 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Jeff Shriver)
Tue, March 6, 12 p.m. St. Mark's
(† Albert & Mary Pugh)
Wed, March 7, 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fisher)
Thur, March, 8 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fisher)
Fri, March 9, 11 a.m. Good Sam
(† Everett & Eileen Lahr)
Sat, March 10, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
(† John F. Wilcox, Sr.)
Sun, March 11 9 a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Parishioners)
Sun, March 11 11 a.m. St. Mark's
(† Parents of Loren & Mary Seville)

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's
Mar 4 - Parish Priority Plan Webinar in church basement after Mass
Mar 11 -EMHC training after Mass

St. Mark's
Mar 6 - OSV teleconference 6:00 pm
Mar 7 -K-6th grade rosary 4:30-5:00 pm
- K-6 Religious Ed Class 5:00 –6:00pm
- Soups by NLA 5:00-6:15 pm
- Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Mar 23 -KC Fish Fry and K-6 Bake Sale 4:30 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
Mar 14 - Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm
Mar 18 1st Reconciliation Retreat
Mar 18 Communal Penance Service, St Mk 7:00pm

Stewardship Moment

March 4, 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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.



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.\$ 373.00
Plate \$ 1,028.60
Children \$ 10.00

St Mark's

Adult env. \$ 955.00
Plate \$ 91.00
Children \$ 9.25

Building Fund \$ 100.00



PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:
MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES:
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.

You are invited to send a card to Gary Wall @ (VA Hospital, 2101 Elm St. NE Fargo, ND 58102)

St. Andrew's Health Center: Marion Honer, Barney Honer
Good Sam: Regan Benning, Frances Boice, Maria Barbal-la, 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.



"His disciples remembered that it is written:
Zeal for your house will consume me." (J 2:17)

"Expulsion of the Moneychangers from the Temple" by Luca Giordano

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor
(final stages...), 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

March 3-4 Third Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor's Pen



SPRING HOUSE CLEANING. Hopefully we're not too far away from when we can open up the doors, shake out the rugs, till the garden, etc. When it finally gets here, we'll be busting with energy to carry out our annual spring house cleaning.

Just imagine how Jesus longed to clean house in the Temple. After a long and patient wait, he made a whip out of cords. Was it a spur of the moment decision or calculated? At some point he was committed and charged through the Temple area. He drove out merchants, tipping tables, and spilling money all over the floor. The market place had somehow, some way merged with this place of prayer. Clearly, he felt prayer was suffering at the expense of profits. Did his action put an end to this encroachment? At least for that day.

Jesus' tactics were meant to make a statement. It was a symbolic gesture. The cleansing of the Temple is about true worship. The lesson is incomplete until you follow it through to his Death & Resurrection.

The 1st reading spells out the 10 Commandments. They begin: "I, the Lord, am your God... you shall not have other gods besides Me." If Temple commerce was vying with Temple worship, the people were losing their focus. The attention they owed God was getting poured into other things.

Lent is a time to rid ourselves of what is vying for that unique attention due to God. This is what we call worship. God is our Maker and Savior. He alone holds out to us the true happiness we long for. He deserves worship, nothing and no one else.

Sometimes we claim that our lives are so busy that it's difficult, close to impossible, to give God His due. Many people struggle to offer the bare minimum, Sunday worship. Others wrestle with finding time to reflect on God's love story (continuing education) and/or absorb it through wrapt attention (prayer).

We often don't realize it, but it's our neighbor who loses out—God does not stand in need of our love, but we worship Him as the surest way to grow in imitation of Him—laying down our lives in service, i.e., loving one another.

When our lives are so busy that God is not getting His due, with the sad effect that our neighbor is getting the dirty end of the stick, then it's time to clean house.

Can we each offer an honest prayer that the Good Lord Jesus 'whip' us into shape. Essential to our Lenten pilgrimage is re-evaluating life as living for others, something we call *love*.

The true and lasting *Temple of God* is the Body of Christ, destroyed (Death) and rebuilt (Resurrection) to make room for us, the members of His Body, the Church.

P.S. Don't know if you caught it, but a month ago I placed a prayer in the bulletin. It is a prayer that a farm family from Selz, ND took and placed in the Wailing Wall. Their son is a pilot with *United* and took them on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Wailing Wall is the old retaining wall for the Temple and the only part of it that still remains. The prayer is worth renewing:

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



GriefShare is a weekly seminar 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.

Sundays thru May 20, 6-8 p.m. Bottineau Veterans Center Free, no registration required. More information call Warren at 701-220-5042.

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.

OSV TELECONFERENCE 6 PM, TUE, MAR 6 - join us for 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, a combined effort of our Diocese's 133 parishes in the eastern half of North Dakota, is underway. Please make your contribution or pledge.

In today's 1st reading we here the commandment, "You shall not covet." It's perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all is gift* help us be



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

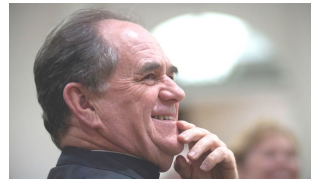
less covetous, that is *desiring*, of what is mere distraction.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS—ST M & ST A
Mar 7—Altar Society
Mar 14—Extraord Min of Holy Communion
Mar 21—Religious Ed Children/St A—NLA
Mar 28—Northern Lights Ap^{stis}/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 the Stations, there's be a collection. As in the past, these funds are split between the work of Sr. Cecilia Vandal and Fr. Jack Davis. Last week I did a little review of Sr Cecilia's life and mission. Here is a reminder of Fr. Jack Davis's ministry. More than 30 yrs ago, Fr Jack Davis & Sr Peggy Byrne answered the call to live among and serve the poor in the neighborhoods of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Chimbote. Leaving their native countries, they devoted decades of their lives to help these people escape poverty and to provide the opportunity to become self-sustaining. The mission began with just one soup kitchen and a handful of employees.



Friends from the U.S. & Europe began visiting & returning home to share the inspiring stories of the mission work. With growing revenue, the mission programs expanded to include libraries, tutoring labs, kindergartens, a medical clinic, scholarship programs, micro-lending, additional soup kitchens, and the first-known hospice in all of South America. Local people were hired to assist the founders in administering the mission & volunteer programs.

With our help, the good work continues.



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. S^t Mk's Rectory basement, Thursday, March 8, 7 pm.



APOSTLES MEETING TIMES:
Mar 7 5:00 pm Soup Luncheon
7-8:00 pm- Living Stations practice

Mar 14 5 pm serve soups; **7pm** Bible Study



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



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.