

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat, March 10, 5:30 p.m. († John F. Wilcox Sr.)	St. Mark's
Sun, March 11, 9 a.m. († Parishioners)	St. Andrew's
Sun, March 11, 11 a.m. († Parents of Loren & Mary Seville)	St. Mark's
Tue, March 13, 12 p.m. (Charles Carbonneau- living)	St. Mark's
Wed, March 14, 7:30 a.m. (†Tom & Priscilla Fisher)	St. Mark's
Thur, March 15, 9 a.m. (†Tom & Priscilla Fisher)	St. Andrew's
Fri, March 16, 11 a.m. (†Darroll Vad)	Good Sam
Sat March 17, 5:30 p.m. (†Carl Monson)	St. Mark's
Sun, March 18 9 a.m. († Parishioners)	St. Andrew's
Sun, Mar 18, 11:00 a.m. († Delmar Haberman)	St. Mark's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>St. Andrew's</b>	
Mar 11	-EMHC training after Mass
Mar 21	- Soup supper - Followed by Living Stations of the cross
6:00 pm	
<b>St. Mark's</b>	
Mar 13	-Parish Council Meeting
Mar 14	- Youth Bible Study
Mar 14	-K-6th grade rosary
	- K-6 Religious Ed Class
	- Soups by NLA
	-Stations of the Cross
Mar 15	-Choir/Community Leader Mtg/ Parish Hall questions call Leanne @ 701-220-4595
Mar 18	-2nd grade Lunch, Retreat & 1st Reconciliation
Mar 18	Communal Penance Service, St Mark
Mar 23	-KC Fish Fry and K-6 Bake Sale
Mar 28	-K-6th grade rosary
	- K-6 Religious Ed Class
	- Soups by NLA
	-Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm	
7:00 pm	
4:30-5:00 pm	
5:00-6:00 pm	
5:00-6:15 pm	
6:30 pm	
6:00 pm	
11 am mass	
7:00pm	
4:30 pm	
4:30-5:00 pm	
5:00-6:00 pm	
5:00-6:15 pm	
6:30 pm	

### Stewardship Moment

**March 11, 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son* Jn 3:16  
 Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

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



### 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.



**PrayerLine** 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.



**MASS INTENTION REQUEST**

A Mass intention is requested for :

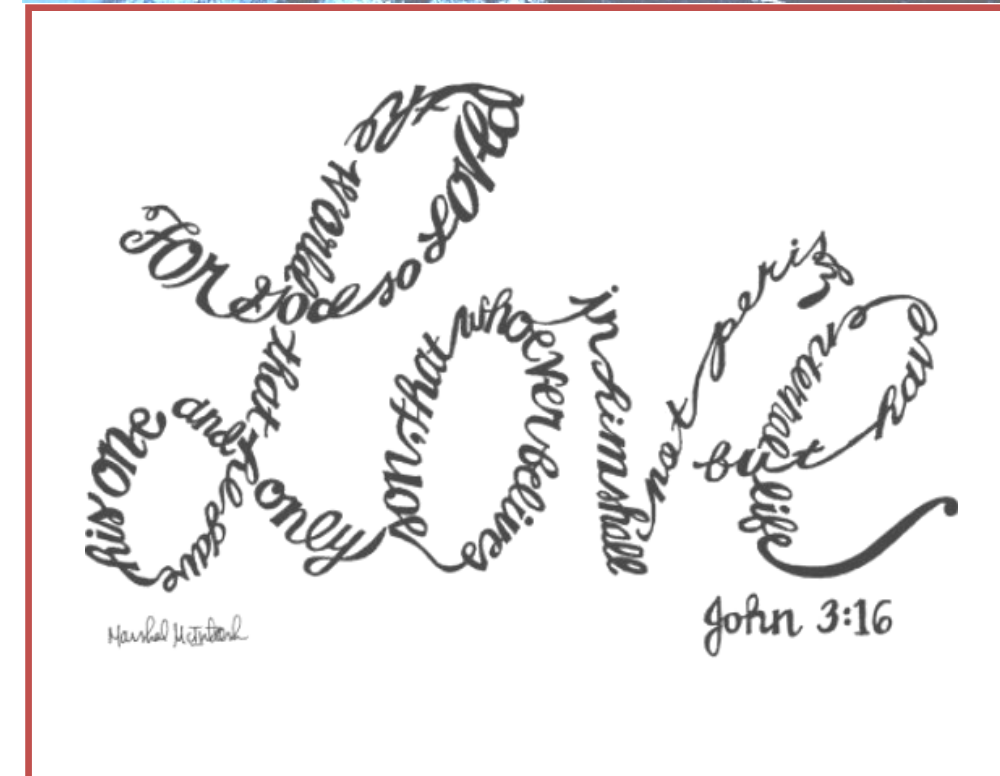
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Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

### Report for Mar 3-4, 2018

<b>St. Andrew's:</b>		<b>St Mark's</b>	
Adult env.	\$ 253.00	Adult env.	\$ 2,605.10
Plate	\$ 69.00	Plate	\$ 38.00
Children	\$ 11.00	Children	\$ 6.25

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 810.00



### 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 10-11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

# From the Pastor's Pen



**LIFE UNDER THE CHISEL.** In our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, St. Paul writes that “we are His handiwork, created in Christ



Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance...” (Eph 2:10).

As the river of time keeps a-flowing, events pile on top of events. We are forced to deal with people, places, ideas, decisions, etc., etc. There’s no stopping it. It’s unrelenting.

Thing is, this constant current of life is not just a fight for my time. It’s not just conflict: me vs. the world, my time vs. other obligations. The unfolding of time is also the way I am slowly being shaped and also doing a little shaping. Alas, “We are God’s handiwork.”

In other words, the world is turning me into a particular type of person and I’m making the world a little bit of a different place. What a breath of fresh air to step back and realize all the while, “We are God’s handiwork.”

Our Faith is essential to our journey through time. Faith interprets what the journey is all about. Without Faith, time simply eats me up and devours all I touch. With Faith, all I am and have enter into a story. Faith gives meaning to the journey, “We are God’s handiwork.”

When we forget that, we let this world shape us into somebody we don’t really care for. By Faith, we can see ourselves as sleek, svelte creatures slipping through the claws of temptation and regret into harmony with God and man and all creation. Without Faith, we discover strange barnacles weighing us down: depression, impatience, hostility, manipulation, envy, doubt, all forms of ugliness.

Not a problem. It’s Lent. It’s time to lay down on the workbench and let the carpenter’s son have his way with you. “We are God’s handiwork.” Jesus hasn’t abandoned anyone. Today’s the day you renew your permission and freely submit your person to his craft.

“God so loved the world,” today’s Gospel reads, “that He gave it His only Son.” If God, using the chisel of the Cross, is going to knock off some unsightly worldly barnacles, it’s not because He despises the World.



God wants to give the World a shape. Jesus called this shape *the Kingdom*. By us God shapes this World. He has created each of us for certain “good works,” whereby we become His co-workers in giving this World a particular form. The whole World, then, is on God’s workbench. We become the tools He’ll use to transform it into a Kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

As the time of Lent presses forward, submit to the Hand you feel pressing upon your heart. Give yourself to the Work He has in store for you. “We are God’s handiwork.”



**CATHOLICISM**— the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith in an epic media experience. Next meeting, Lesson 10: **World Without End. The Last Things.** Explore the Church’s conviction that life her and now is preparation for an extraordinary world that is yet to come—our supernatural destiny. Fr. Barron present the Catholic vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell, and purgatory. St Mk’s Rectory basement, Thursday, March 22, 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:**

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

**Mar 21**  
**Mar 28**

Living Stations practice in Westhope  
Soups and Living Stations in Bottineau



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



**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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> reading we hear that God created us in Christ for good works prepared in advance that show we live in God. These ‘works’ most often go unseen. They are not only our personal kindness, but the goodness we unleash in others when we share our gifts abroad.



**COMMUNAL Penance SERVICES**

- Towner – Mon, Mar 12, 7 pm
- Bottineau –next Sun, Mar 18, 7 pm**
- Rugby – Wed, Mar 21, 3 pm & 7 pm
- Dunseith – Sun, Mar 25, 7 pm
- Rolla – Sun, Mar 25, 7 pm
- Belcourt – Wed, Mar 28, 7 pm



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

- 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. I will be in Westhope this Weds, but whoever sets up, if they wish to view the whole chapter, about 50 min, that’s great.

**LENT AN EXTRA-SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY!**



O Holy Spirit, divine Fire full of light and love,  
I consecrate to You my understanding, my heart and my will,  
my whole being for time and for eternity.  
May my understanding be always obedient  
to the spark of Your inspirations  
and the teachings of the holy Catholic Church, which You guide.  
May my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor.  
May my will freely conform itself to the longings of the divine will.  
Come Holy Spirit and make my whole life  
a faithful following of Jesus Christ,  
to whom with the Father and You  
be honor and glory for ever. Amen.

**St. Andrew’s Ministries for March 18th**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	John & Tom	Paulette Martin	Lenny Artz & Family	Will & Saul	Maria & Lila	Mark & Tom

**St. Mark’s Ministries for March 17th-18th**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vicki Gangl Lenny & Sharon McGuire	Lenny McGuire	Monte Mikkelsen Fam.	Merle Allard & Brad Trebas	Marlys Richard/ Mona Johnson	
Sun.	Bread: Warren Emmer Leanna Emmer/ Mary Ann Saville	Pete Artz	Northern Lights Apostles	Steve Lorenz & Jeff Beyer	Northern Lights Apostles	Helen Christianson