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 at



228-3164 PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAM-ILIES:

Loretta Schmaltz, Bridger Pul-

ver, Noah Signalness, Vilma Moncera, Shirley Pasicznyk, Craig Dix, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike & Diane Lee, Rick Hummel, LaVonne Janzen, Erica Leister Carlson, Karlee McCloud, Laurie Steinhaus, Brenda Marquardt, Judy Roedukr, Doris Hart, Marie Vargo, Mary Holen, Margaret Sebelius, Francis Kritzberger, Bud Woeste, Harvey Soland, Erika Hamilton, Crystal Grenier, Russ & Jan Picard, and any special private intentions.

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

Good Sam: Regan Benning, Maria Barballa, Pete Anderson, Ronnie Houle, Ernie Houle, Jane

Kuntz. Shirlev Pasicznvk.

Edgewood Vista: Eileen Lahr The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey

UPCOMING EVENTS



July 18: Communion Service SAHC Chapel 11:30am July 18: Religious Ed Board meeting 7:00pm

Teresa Pokiva has farm-fresh eggs for sale. \$3/dozen. Text 701-871-0460. So fresh you get to wash them yourself!

Session III—Camp of the Cross,

Garrison, ND, July 18-22.

Session IV—Pelican Lake,

Turtle Mtns, July 25-29.

Register at https://





www.trinityyouthcampnd.com/ Scholarships available. Call the Parish Office.

"Trinity Youth Camp's mission is to bring children of our Catholic faith together to rekindle within them the fire and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in a natural camp environment, where they are accepted as they are, formed

in our faith, and encouraged to further unfold the mystery of God.

Stewardship Moment: "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." - Mark 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's jour-ney more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Belcourt Teen A.C.T.S. retreat on July 26-29. Open to all incoming 9th graders to graduating 12th graders. Meals, housing and supervision all

provided. For more info or to sign up call, Brenda Trottier at 477-6288 or Amanda Eastbrook at 413-364-4099.



| Report for Jul | | Stewardchip | | | |
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| <u>St. Andrew's:</u> | | | <u>St Mark's</u> | a | |
| Adult env. | \$ | 736.00 | Adult env. | \$ | 1706.10 |
| Plate | \$ | 25.00 | Plate | \$ | 259.00 |
| Children | \$ | 4.00 | Children | \$ | 13.00 |
| Lake Metigoshe Chapel | | | | | 185.00 |
| Building Improvement Fund: | | | | | 263.00 |



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Valerie Heth, DRE at St. Andrew's Parish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm, Bottineau Saturday 8:00 pm, Lake Chapel 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 Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm

July 14-15, 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen

SUMMER WISDOM. As we enter the final stretch of Summer, and just before harvest arrives, lots of people are heading out on



vacation. At the end of the month, I'll be going to the North Shore of L. Superior to spend a few days with my sister Ann Marie's family in a rental where we hope to take in some waterfalls, lighthouses and hiking trails north of Duluth.

The word *vacation* comes from the Latin, *vacare*, "be empty, free ^{from obligations}, at leisure." We say there's a *vacant* position; or we have to *vacate* the premises, uses which hint at being on vacation, where we clear the calendar to fill our time with other interests. It's an important part of being human.

A few or more days away bring a mix of apprehension and excitement about leaving home and exploring somewhere new and different. It's normal to have hesitations and a bit of worry. We must feel it's worth it or else we

wouldn't strike out and change up the pace, see something different, hang with family, etc.

Life too is a journey. Even if we didn't choose it, and it's often far from a vacation, here we are, underway.

Our Scriptures today deal with journeys. First, Amos, the shepherd and tree-trimmer, is sent as a prophet to challenge his countrymen. He foresaw it'd be no holiday, but he felt urged by God, who said, "Go!" Amos didn't have the qualifications of a prophet; he spoke in God's name because he knew he was sent by God.

Similarly, Jesus in the Gospel sends out his first disciples. They have clear instructions: travel light, don't waste time with people who won't listen to you, challenge folks to turn their lives around, expel demons, anoint the sick.

In the 2nd Reading, St. Paul writes about *the* journey. From a lofty perspective, Paul lays out the Big Picture. It comprises the journey of Amos and all the prophets, of Jesus too and all the disciples. It includes us as well, the vacations we choose to go on and the lives we did not choose but have to undertake.

Paul describes the mysterious Plan of God's loving kindness. The all-encompassing Plan, formed by the Three-in-One before the foundation of the world, passes into the hands of two-by-two teams, hand-picked by Jesus.

It was God's will from all eternity to form a holy people, set apart to praise God and light the way for others. 'In love,

GOD HAS NOW REVEALED TO US HIS MYSTERIOUS PLAN REGARDING CHRIST, A PLAN TO FULFILL HIS OWN GOOD PLEASURE. AND THIS IS THE PLAN: AT THE RIGHT TIME HE WILL BRING EVERYTHING TOGETHER UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST – EVERYTHING IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. EPHESIANS 1-9-10 NLT God has destined us to be His children in Christ. On this account, He lavishes upon us the riches of His grace.^{Eph 1:5.8} As much as you want to plan your life, it 1 a way of surprising y

Through these adopted children the world comes to know that everything belongs to and leads to Christ.

This, of course, is our path too. If we Christians keep choosing the journey that God has chosen for us, all the smaller journeys along the way will find a way to plug into the Big Picture.

With St. Paul, the joy of life arises from a deep truth,

As much as you want to plan your life, it has a way of surprising you with unexpected things that will make you happier than you

originally planned.

That's what you call **GOD'S WILL**.

that 'in all wisdom and insight, God has made known to us the mystery of His will.' Eph 1:9

Wherever the Summer of '18 takes you, close to or far from home, the Earth beneath our feet is tied to the Heaven in our hearts. Isn't living in that connection, won by Christ, the truest form of vacation? And it's one we can be on for a lifetime, and Beyond....

From the Catholic Rural Life Prayer Book:

BLESSING OF LAND OR HOUSE

- **v**. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- **R**,. Who has made heaven and earth.
- **v.** The Lord is with you.
- R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord God almighty, bless this land (*or this house*). May health, chastity, conquest of sin, virtue, humility, goodness, and meekness flourish here. May the law be observed in its fullness, and thanks be given to God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing always remain on this land (*or this house*) and on those who live in it, now and forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Ongoing upkeep

At St. Mark's: a new thermostat is in social hall, the donated sprinkler system is installed, but not yet functioning; the courtyard garden is in the process of getting an overhaul.

Research is being done on some wrought iron railings for the front steps. The damaged stained glass windows are in the beginning stages of repair to preserve them.

AT ST. ANDREW'S: Next steps include:

pouring a pad for the

grotto for



the Mary statue, putting in a Rosary walkway around the shrine area, hauling in some top soil, laying a weed barrier, bringing in some rock and fresh plants, building the grotto, and return-

ing the statues to their renovated home for decades to come. Shown here are some ideas for our imagination.

Hey crafters and artists! We are looking for scrapbook paper, cardstock, old and new greeting cards of any kind, card envelopes, (and/or postage stamps -if you want) for Social Concerns card sending ministry. Any of these items can be dropped off at the Parish office. If anyone would like to be part of a group to make cards to be sent out, call the office at 228-3164. Thank you!

HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR NET RETREAT TEAM ON ysis, we hope to identify some practical ideas about mov-**OCTOBER 26-28.** There will be 6 men and 6 women on the ing forward with the challenge that is Ours to pass on the team. They can double up in the beds. An evening snack will Faith we have received. need to be provided on October 26 when they arrive. They will also need breakfast before they leave on Sunday. The It's an open mtg. Any are welcome. Dr. Migler is other meals will be provided at the Social hall during the realso willing to meet with those interested from St. Antreat. Please call Patty Graber at 871-0394or the Parish office drew's, Westhope. Some contacts were made, just waiting at 228-3164. WE NEED TO KNOW BEFORE JULY 25 SO THAT to hear back. WE CAN GET THE PAPERWORK IN TO THE NET TEAM.

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| DATE | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | READER | READER | | GIFT BEARERS | | ALTAR SERVERS | | 85 | COUNTERS | | | | |
| Sun. | Nancy & Paul | Bella Radzw | Bella Radzwell | | Erickson Family | | Lenn Artz | | Artz/ Mike | Tom & Mark | | | | |
| St. Mark's Ministries for July 21st – 22nd | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DATE | EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | READER | GIFT E | BEARERS | USHERS | | GREETERS | | ALTAR SERVERS | COUNTERS | | | | |
| Sat. | Bread: Carla E. Vickie Gangl/Karen Sollin | Jim Nero | Rita & Pat Lauer | | Merle Alla Matt Bran | | | Di | | | | | | |
| Sun. | Bread: Morris Holen Jr. Kathy McGhan/ Jared Nelson | Deb Stewart | Tim & Tiffani Fedje Family | | | | Mary Ann Sa Colleen Hole | | Talor & Tyler Christenson | Helen Christens Karen Sollin | son/ | | | |



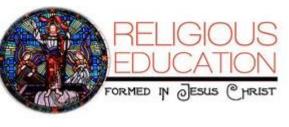


Vickie would like to extend a huge thank you to Emma Haberman for helping me plant in the courtyard. She did all the work and I just supervised. Thank you, Emma! You are a godsend! And also, a huge thank

you to Ryszard Pokrzywa and Tyler Olson for removing the sod. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! And, yes, I still need help out there. I need to lay the path with borders and finish all open soil with landscape fabric and gravel.

ST MARK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD met on Weds

evening, July 11. Jerry Migler led us through a brainstorming session. We



reflected upon and created lists of what the Board considered the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats of our Religious Education Program. Next Weds, July 18, 7 pm, we'll continue the discussion. From the S.W.O.T. analysis, we hope to identify some practical ideas about moving forward with the challenge that is <u>Ours</u> to pass on the Faith we have received.