

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. August 4, 5:30 p.m. († Duane Sebelius)	St. Mark's
Sun., August 5, 9:00 a.m. (Parishioners)	St. Andrew's
Sun., August 5, 11:00 a.m. († David Olson)	St. Mark's
Tues., August 7, 12:00a.m. († Bill Nero)	St. Mark's
Wed., August 8, 7:30a.m. († Steve & Lorraine Haberman)	St. Mark's
Thurs., August 9, 9:00a.m. († Jim Artz)	St. Andrew's
Fri., August 10, 11:00a.m. († Arvid Anderson)	Good Sam
Sat., August 11, 5:30p.m. († Bill Nero)	St. Mark's
Sun., August 12, 9:00a.m. (Parishioners)	St. Andrew's
Sun., August 12, 11:00a.m. († Everett Lahr)	St. Mark's

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's

Aug 15: Mass at 7:00pm Assumption of Mary - Holy day of obligation

St. Mark's

Aug 8: Communion Service SAHC Chapel at 11:30am

Aug 14: Mass at 5:30pm Assumption of Mary - Holy day of obligation

Aug. 14: Religious Ed Board meeting at 7pm in the Social Hall

Aug 15: Mass at 7:00am

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

62ND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE PRAIRIES located at the Carmel of Mary Monastery northwest of Wahpeton, ND. It will be held on August 12, 2018 starting with a guest speaker at 2pm. and ending with a picnic at 6pm. For more information, call 701-640-6152 or call the Monastery at 701-642-2360. You can also visit their website at: carmelofmary.org or check out the flyer on the board in the entryway by the Parish office.

Catechist Retreat: Friday, August 24, Maryvale, Valley City or Saturday, August 25, Park River Bible Camp. Come away for a day of retreat at Maryvale in Valley City or Park River Bible Camp in Park River, where Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks on Missionary Discipleship. These retreats are primarily for those involved in Catechesis, however, all are welcome. The day will begin at **9:00am** and end at **4:00pm**. Deadline to register for both retreats is Wednesday, August 15. Please register on-line at www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat. Any questions please contact mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org.

Notice: The Parish office will be closed Monday, August 6th -Thursday, August 9. Vickie will be on vacation.



I would like to extend a **huge thank you** to Fr. Michael, Ryszard, Tyler Olson and Blayne & Patty Graber for helping me with the rocks, gravel and rosary stones. You all are great blessings! Thanks, Vickie

Stewardship Moment: "Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." - *Exodus 16:4*

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Report for July 28-29

St. Andrew's:		St Mark's	
Adult env.	\$ 400.00	Adult env.	\$ 2421.00
Plate	\$ 5.00	Plate	\$ 266.91
Children	\$ 0.00	Children	\$ 40.00

Lake Metigoshe Chapel	\$ 185.00
Building Improvement Fund:	\$ 00.00



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 FAMILIES, Billie Schell, Dakota Miller, Tallie Fedje, Duane Indridson, Janet Kraft, Loretta Schmaltz, Bridger Pulver, Noah Signalness, Vilma Moncera, Shirley Pasicznyk, Craig Dix, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike & Diane Lee, Rick Hummel, Sandy Janzen, Erica Leister Carlson, Karlee McCloud, Laurie Steinhaus, Brenda Marquardt, Judy Roedukr, Doris Hart, Marie Vargo, Mary Holen, 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

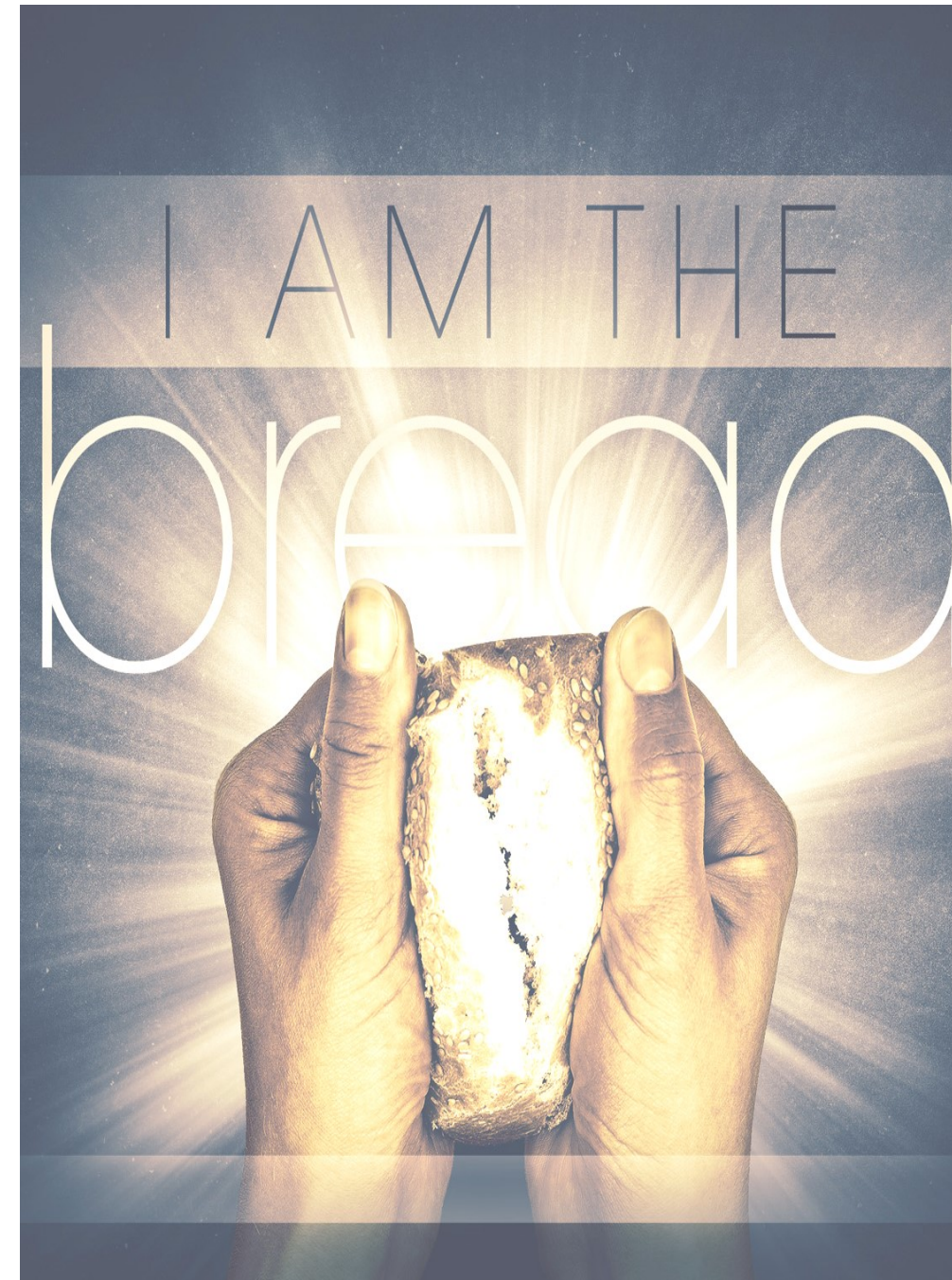
Good Sam: Regan Benning, Maria Borbolla, Pete Anderson, Ronnie Houle, Ernie Houle, Jane Kuntz

Edgewood Vista: Eileen Lahr

The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey

Rosary @ St Mark's:

5 pm, Saturday



Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

John 6:35

August 4-5, 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor

Vickie Gangl, Secretary

Cathy Miller, Custodian

Patty Graber, Custodian

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

From the Pastor's Pen



BREAD THAT LASTS—BREAD FROM HEAVEN. We continue with the 2nd in a series of 5 Gospels from Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse, John Chapter 6.



Jesus really impressed the people gathered along the lakeshore. They wanted to make him their king. Jesus fled because that kind of feeding was not why he came. He was happy to meet their need in the moment. It was an attention-getter, a "sign" (John 6:14).

"You are looking for me not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled." Jesus wanted to go deeper, and that's what today and the next 3 weeks is about.

The thing with *signs* is that they point to something else. Jesus explains it like this, "Do not work for food that doesn't last," he warns, "but for food that lasts to eternal life." They saw in the multiplied loaves 'food', but he wanted them to see something 'more'. The loaves were given as a sign for another kind of food.

Food that lasts.... Are we not attracted to things that last? We live in a society that prizes quickness: ready to eat meals, buildings that go up almost overnight, even speed-dating.

When he speaks of what truly *lasts*, Jesus means ever-lasting, Eternity. It's hard to keep the horizon of Eternity before us. When Jesus speaks of himself as the Bread of Life, he desires to feed a very deep hunger in us.

Something to ponder, how hungry am I for what endures for ever?

Do you Pray?

I love this interpretation of a Prayer.

What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer.

When we send off our near and dear ones and say, 'drive safely' or 'be safe'. That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone, that is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being. Keep praying always...

ONGOING UPKEEP

St. Mark's: the fence is getting a new coat of paint. The red is a primer; we're keeping it black. The courtyard garden is getting an overhaul. Our centerpiece for it is nearly there! We ordered wrought iron railings for the front steps. The damaged stained glass windows are being repaired, with Sts. Casimir, Boniface, and Anne being done. These 3 windows need to stay closed to allow the caulking to cure. Next week, we tackle the window of St. Mark. Boiler work moves along. We still need to get a pad made for the propane tank.

St. Andrew's: Need to pour a pad for the grotto for the Mary statue, put in a Rosary walkway, prep the central area for some plantings, and build the grotto.

Cooking for Christ Cookbook. A new edition of the Catholic Rural Life 1949 classic cookbook is available for bulk discounts of 3 or more. 180 pp with all the original stories and recipes, including new stories and submissions from across the country. Faithful to the liturgical year, this cookbook celebrates food, family and faith. Contact the Parish Office if interested.

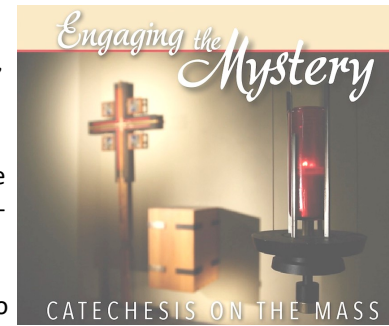


CONGRATULATIONS TO EVAN & JANAYE ST. MICHEL ON THE BAPTISM of their daughter, Charlotte Marie, on Sunday, July 29th. We welcome Charlotte into our Parish family with great joy!



TEACHING ON THE MASS

THE MASS. Listening to Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse is an opportunity for us to review Pope Francis' teachings on the Holy Mass. This is just a selection from his 15 lessons delivered Nov 2017 - Apr 2018. Hopefully it's enough to whet your appetite.



General Audience, Wed 15 Nov 2017. *To illustrate the beauty of the Eucharistic celebration, I would like to begin with a very simple aspect: Mass is prayer; in fact, it is the loftiest, the most sublime, and at the same time the most "concrete". It is the loving encounter with God through his Word and the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is an encounter with the Lord.*

But first we must answer a question. What truly is prayer? It is first of all a dialogue, a personal relationship with God. Man was created as a being in a personal relationship with God who finds his complete fulfillment only in the encounter with his Creator. The path of life leads toward the definitive encounter with the Lord.

The Book of Genesis says man was created in the image and likeness of God, who is the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, a perfect relationship of love which is unity. From this we understand that we were all created in order to enter a perfect relationship of love, in the continuous giving and receiving of ourselves so as to be able to find the fulfillment of our being.

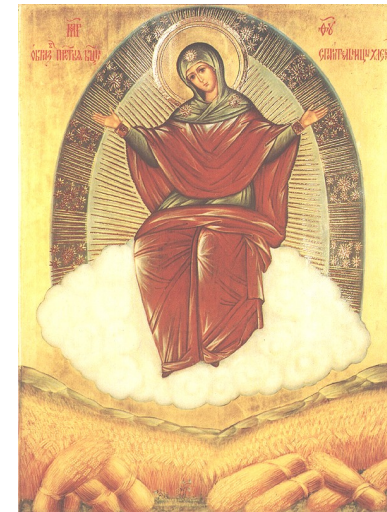
Praying is also knowing how to be in silence — in any conversation there are moments of silence — in silence together with Jesus. When we go to Mass, perhaps we arrive five minutes early and begin to chat with the person next to us. But this is not the moment for small talk; it is the moment of silence to prepare ourselves for the dialogue. It is the moment for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important! From this mysterious silence of God springs his Word which resonates in our heart. The Gospels show us Jesus who withdraws to secluded places to pray; seeing his intimate relationship with God, the disciples feel the desire to be able to take part in it, and they ask him: "Lord, teach us to pray" (Lk 11:1).

This is the first point: to be humble, to recognize ourselves as children, to rest in the Father, to trust in him. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven, it is necessary to become little, like children. Children know how to trust; they know someone will take care of them (cf. Mt 6:25-32).

The second point about being childlike is to let ourselves be surprised. A child always asks thousands of questions because he wants to discover the world; and he even marvels at little things because everything is new to him. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven we must let ourselves be astonished. This enters our relationship with the Lord, in prayer do we allow ourselves to be surprised by God who is always the God of surprises? The encounter with the Lord is a living encounter. It is a living encounter, and we go to Mass, not to a museum.

The Lord surprises us by showing us that he loves us even in our weaknesses. "Jesus Christ ... is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 Jn 2:2). This gift, the source of true consolation — but the Lord always forgives us — this consoles; it is a true consolation; it is a gift that we are given through the Eucharist, that wedding feast at which the Bridegroom encounters our frailty. Can I say that when I receive communion during Mass, the Lord encounters my frailty? Yes! We can say so because this is true! The Lord encounters our frailty so as to lead us back to our first call: that of being in the image and likeness of God. This is the environment of the Eucharist. This is prayer.

AUGUST 15, ASSUMPTION, A HOLY DAY. Mid-August means we're into harvest time. The ancient Celts celebrated Lugh, the god of the harvest.



There was singing and drinking and dancing and storytelling in gratitude for the promise of food to eat during the winter months. In Christian times it became the festival of Mary at Harvest Time because Mary reflected the life nurturing love of God.

God is Father of the Harvest! How pleased He is that we remember Him by calling to mind the wonders He wrought in Mary. Sunday is every week's celebration of gratitude to God. This special feast is an occasion to celebrate our food and drink and His nurturing love in

all its forms. **Masses: St. Mk, Aug 14, 5:30 pm; Aug 15, 7:00 am; St Andrew, Aug 15, 7 pm.**

See back page for the Annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Carmel of Mary celebrating Our Lady of the Prairies.

St. Andrew's Ministries for August 12th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Paul & Jesse	Nancy Erickson	Klokstad Family		Terry & Jan Baumann	Howard & Rose

St. Mark's Ministries for August 11th-12th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Julie Hoffman Darlene Olson/Vickie Gangl	Anne Bergeron	Alan & Barb Cote	Brad Trebas/ Scott Wheeler	Maxine Erdman/ Marlys Richard		
Sun.	Bread: Vicki Boehnke Warren Emmer/ Bev Jensen	Jared Nelson	Bryan & Heidi Schweitzer	Corey Bercier/ Steve Lorenz	Mike & Jen Nero Family	Gabe Nero/ Jonas Parisien	Helen Christenson/ Paul & Donna Johnson