

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Tues., August 14, 5:30p.m. († Del Haberman)	St. Mark's
Wed., August 15, 7:00a.m. († Romeo & Mary Ann Cote)	St. Mark's
Wed., August 15, 7:00p.m. (Parishioners)	St. Andrew's
Thurs., August 16, 9:00a.m. († Eva Bauer)	St. Andrew's
Fri., August 17, 11:00a.m. († Gary Wall)	Good Sam
Sat. August 18, 5:30 p.m. († Clarence & Rosemarie Cote)	St. Mark's
Sun., August 19, 9:00 a.m. (Eva Bauer)	St. Andrew's
Sun., August 19, 11:00 a.m. (Parishioners)	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 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 north-west 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: car-melofmary.org or check out the flyer on the board in the entry-way by the Parish office.

ST. MARK'S FALL SUPPER TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

We will have the letters out in the Social Hall by next weekend. Please pick yours up and read it, fill it out, tear off the top and keep it for your information, put the bottom part in the Fall Supper box that will be in the Social Hall or give it to Vickie in the 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.

Stewardship Moment: "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" - 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

Report for August 4-5

<u>St. Andrew's:</u>		<u>St Mark's</u>	
Adult env.	\$ 678.00	Adult env.	\$ 2221.10
Plate	\$ 66.00	Plate	\$ 306.00
Children	\$ 4.50	Children	\$ 12.00

Lake Metigoshe Chapel \$ 227.10
Building Improvement Fund: \$ 843.52



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: 5p.m., Saturday



I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world.
John 6:51

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

August 11-12 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time



DOCILITY is a quality we often look for more in our pets than in our neighbors. Docility in pets means *easily managed or disciplined*. In people it refers to their *teachability*. Am I teachable? Would Jesus find me teachable?



Picking up from last week, the point of emphasis in today's Gospel is the fact that Jesus has come down from heaven.

Christ's listeners only want to see him as "the son of Joseph." Jesus notes that their inability to accept the extraordinary in the form of the ordinary is characterized by a grumbling attitude.

Jesus tries to snap them out of it. "Stop your murmuring," he tells them. He senses that they are not allowing themselves to be guided interiorly by God the Father. They're resisting God's magnetism.

"It is written in the prophets," Jesus said, "They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me" (John 6:45). Docility to the Father comes through heeding the Son, accepting his divine origin, recognizing in Jesus the one whom the Father sent from heaven.

Seeing in Jesus nothing but an ordinary man means missing the Father's offer of eternal life. If only they would believe in the one that the Father sent from heaven. Living forever is what truly satisfies us. That is why Jesus calls himself Bread come down from Heaven.

We are put to the same test as the 'murmuring Jews' of the Gospel. At every Mass, in every Holy Communion, the Lord is asking us to look beyond what looks and tastes like ordinary bread & wine to see the Extraordinary—what we Catholics call the **REAL PRESENCE** of Jesus.

If our genuflections or responses seem or sound humdrum, it's certainly not God's fault. If a moment's reflection reveals that attendance at Mass is more a 'going through the motions' than a real encounter with Heaven, there's a hint that one's faith is more sleepy than awake.

If I was truly docile, truly "taught by God," I would ask the Lord with all my heart, "Help me see this Bread for what it is, Your Son, come down from Heaven. And fill me with Eternal Life!!"

OFFICIAL CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE DEATH PENALTY now holds it as "inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

The Church also has committed itself to work "with determination" for the worldwide abolition of capital punishment, according to the revised section in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that Pope Francis approved during a May 11 meeting with the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Changes to Paragraph 2267 in the *Catechism* continues the Church's deepening understanding of the death penalty.

Development over time. For centuries, the Church understood capital punishment to be a legitimate tool of the secular state to punish criminals convicted of heinous offenses. Writing in the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas compared the state's execution of criminals to a surgeon amputating a diseased limb to protect the rest of the body, or community.

But St. John Paul II moved away from that aspect and raised serious doubts about the death penalty in his 1995 encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* ("The Gospel of Life"). In 1997, the *Catechism* was edited to reflect that encyclical. Pope Benedict XVI continued his predecessor's commitment to speaking out against the death penalty, calling for "the need to make every



effort to eliminate the death penalty."

Over the past three decades, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops also has issued several critical statements on the death penalty, pointing out several systemic problems in the way the death penalty has been administered.

Cara Drinan, a law professor at The Catholic University of America, an expert in criminal justice, said 162 people since 1973 in the United States have been exonerated and released from death row after DNA evidence proved their innocence. The death penalty, like much of the nation's criminal justice system, has disproportionately impacted criminal defendants who are poor and who are from ethnic and racial minority groups. "To be using the most extreme form of punishment when we know our system is so flawed and prone to error, I think, is deeply problematic," Drinan said.

Pope Francis holds that capital punishment "heavily wounds human dignity.... It is, in itself, contrary to the Gospel, because a decision is voluntarily made to suppress a human life, which is always sacred in the eyes of the Creator." In the final analysis, Pope Francis added, "only God can be the true judge."

TEACHING ON THE MASS

THE MASS IS THE MEMORIAL OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY OF CHRIST

Wed 22 Nov 2017. *Continuing with the catecheses on the Mass, we can ask ourselves: what essentially is the Mass? The Mass is the memorial of Christ's Passover. It makes us participants in his victory over sin and death, and gives full meaning to our life.*

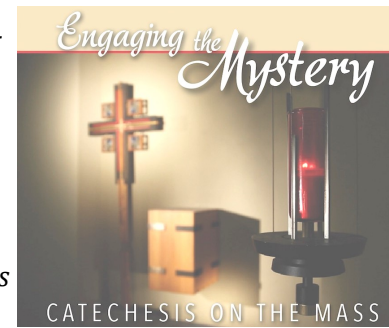
For this reason, to understand the value of the Mass, we must first understand the biblical significance of "memorial". It is "not merely the recollection of past events but makes them in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its

liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them" (CCC, 1363). Jesus Christ, with his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven brought the Passover to fulfillment. And the Mass is the memorial of his Passover, of his "exodus", which he carried out for us, so as to lead us out of slavery and introduce us to the promised land of eternal life. It is not merely a remembrance, no. It is more: it is making present what happened 20 centuries ago.

The Eucharist always leads us to the pinnacle of the salvific action of God: the Lord Jesus, making himself Bread broken for us, pours out upon us his mercy and his love, as he did on the Cross, thus renewing our hearts, our existence and our way of relating to him and to our brothers and sisters. The Second Vatican Council said: "As often as the sacrifice of the cross is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on" (Lumen gentium, 3).

Every celebration of the Eucharist is a ray of that never setting Sun that is the Risen Jesus. Taking part in the Mass, particularly on Sunday, means entering the victory of the Risen One, being illuminated by his light, warmed by his compassion. Through the Eucharistic celebration the Holy Spirit makes us participants in the divine life that is able to transfigure our whole mortal being. In the Mass we unite with him: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ", Saint Paul states, "who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

Indeed, his Blood frees us from death and from the fear of death. It frees us not only from the dominion of physical death, but from the spiritual death which is evil, sin, which catches us each time we fall victim to our own sin or that of others. Thus our life becomes polluted; it loses



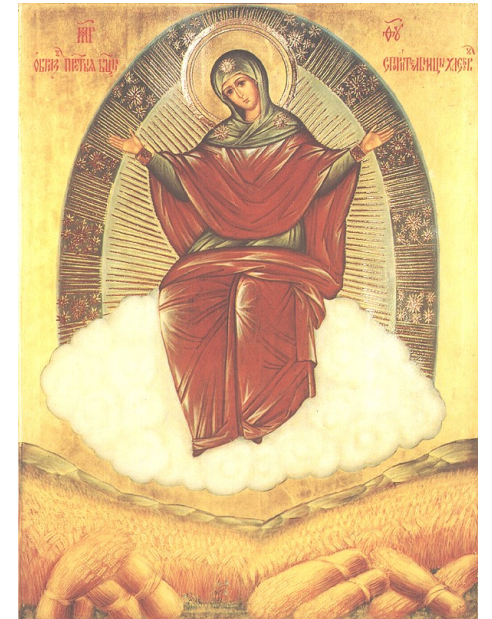
beauty; it loses meaning; it withers.

Instead, Christ restores our life; Christ is the fullness of life, and when he faced death he destroyed it forever. Christ's Passover is the definitive victory over death, because he transformed his death in the supreme act of love. He died out of love! And in the Eucharist, he wishes to communicate this, his paschal, victorious love, to us. If we receive him with faith, we too can truly love God and neighbor.

If Christ's love is within me, I can give myself fully to others, in the interior certainty that even if the other were to wound me I would not die; otherwise I should defend myself. The martyrs gave their own lives in this certainty of Christ's victory over death. As we enter the church to celebrate Mass, let us think about this: I am going to Calvary, where Jesus gave his life for me.

WHEELS. High school senior looking for a very economic car for basic school-work-church transportation. Anybody got a cheap vehicle they'd like to get rid of? Call the church office.

AUG 15, ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY.



Feasting Mary at Harvest Time reflects the life nurturing love of God.

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St. Andrew's Ministries for August 19th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Trudy & Roberta	Tom Henry	Tabarez Family		Terry & Jan Baumann	Mark & Tom

St. Mark's Ministries for August 18th-19th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Carla E. Vickie Gangl/ Susan Haberman	Jim Nero	Matt & Susan Brandjord	Brad Trebas/ Scott Wheeler	Carla E./ Denise Aide	Emma Haberman	
Sun.	Bread: Vicki Boehnke Warren Emmer/ Marlys Vad	Deb Stewart	Bill & Cool Baumann	Corey Bercier/ Steve Lorenz	Tim & Tiffani Fedje Family	Talor & Tyler Christenson	Addie Berg/ Marie Meloni-Beach