

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., September 8, 5:30p.m. († Everett Lahr)	St. Mark's
Sun., September 9, 9:00a.m. († Eva Bauer)	St. Andrew's
Sun., September 9, 11:00a.m. (Parishioners)	St. Mark's
Tues., September 11, 12:00p.m. († Bill Nero)	St. Mark's
Wed., September 12, 7:30a.m. († Clarence & Rosemarie Cote)	St. Mark's
Thurs., September 13, 9:00a.m. († Jim Artz)	St. Andrew's
Fri., September 14, 11:00a.m. († Loren Saville)	Good Sam
Sat. September 15, 5:30p.m. (Marlys & Don Richard)	St. Mark's
Sun., September 16, 9:00a.m. (Parishioners)	St. Andrew's
Sun., September 16, 11:00a.m. († Ray & Rita Davis)	St. Mark's

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Andrew's**  
**Sept. 9** - Religious Ed classes start  
**St. Mark's**  
**Sept. 9:** Discipleship/Catechist retreat 9:00a.m. Social Hall  
**Sept 11:** Parish Council meeting 5:30p.m. Social Hall  
**Sept 12:** Holy Communion service at SAHC Chapel 11:30a.m.  
**Sept. 16:** Eric Genuis concert for Food Pantry 2:00pm Holwell Auditorium  
**Sept. 19:** Right to Life meeting, Social Hall at 1:00p.m.  
**Sept 19:** Religious Ed classes start 5:00-6:00p.m.  
**Sept 23:** St. Mark Fall Supper 4-7p.m.

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

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**WE NEED ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING A COMMUNITY LEADER TO CONTACT LEANNA EMMER @ 220-4595 OR THE PARISH OFFICE @ 228-3164.**

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**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ROLETTE, ND** on Sunday, September 16th, 2018. The celebration starts at 1:00pm with Mass presided by Bishop John Folda. Coffee and cake served afterward in the Parish Hall. For more information, call the Parish Office at 701-477-3449 or Fr. Paulraj Thondappa, Pastor at 701-388-2601.

### Family Crisis Trash to Treasurer Sale

Friday, Sept 14 5pm to 8pm, Saturday, Sept 15 8am to 2pm Bottineau Armory. \$5 – Bag, NEW \$10 – Recycled Grocery Bag, \$15 – Box or Two for \$20, \$20 – Tote (Provided while supplies last). All bags, boxes and totes provided. In addition, if someone would like to volunteer to help with the sale, we are looking for volunteers to set up, organize during the sale and take down. The volunteer times are Friday, September 14 from 8am-1pm and Saturday from 2pm-4pm. If interested, please, please have them contact the FCC office at 228-2028 or toll free 1-800-398-1098.

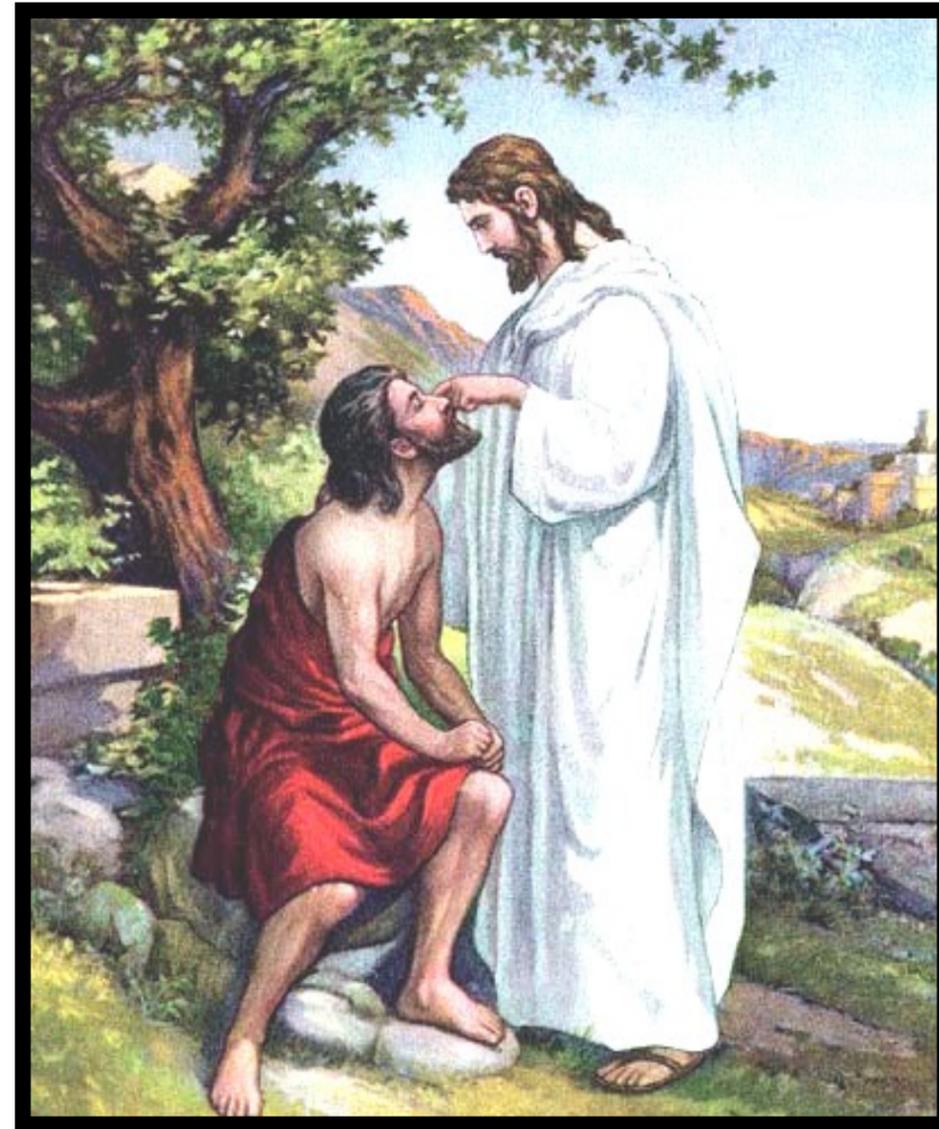
**Stewardship Moment:** "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (JAMES 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

### Report for September 1-2

<u>St. Andrew's:</u>		<u>St Mark's</u>	
Adult env.	\$ 613.00	Adult env.	\$ 2051.00
Plate	\$ 56.20	Plate	\$ 440.00
Children	\$ 6.00	Children	\$ 18.31

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 357.00



Jesus took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" - that is -, "Be opened!"

Mark 7:33-34

### 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

### 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,** Ronald Carlson, Jeff Thorsgaard, Marion Lynnes, Mary Ann Saville, 2 year-old Hayden, special intention for a granddaughter with pneumonia, Carol Raymond, Harriet Hall, Dakota Miller, Tallie Fedje, Duane Indridson, Janet Kraft, Loretta Schmaltz, Bridger Pulver, Noah Signalness, Vilma Moncera, Walt & Shirley Pasicznyk, Craig Dix, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike & Diane Lee, Rick Hummel, Sandy Janzen, Karlee McCloud, Laurie Steinhous, Brenda Marquardt, Judy Roedukr, Doris Hart, 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



September 8-9, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

# From the Pastor's Pen



**OPEN TO LOVE.** During one of our many conversations during my parents visit, Mom asked me, *What do you think happens after we die?*

We had a very nice talk. I rambled. While I'm reaching for my best explanations, trying to use my theological studies, Isaiah, in our First Reading takes a different tack, much more poetic. The first 7 lines of this lovely passage announce a new and wonderful coming of God, and the next 8 lines describe the wonders of this new age. In a few brief stanzas we're offered a compelling picture of healing, restoration, fertility, refreshment and plenty.

The Prophet's vision of a world to come, when the lot of the poor will be reversed, aptly illustrates the question of St. James in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"

James' Letter reminds us that faith must find expression in good works. He gives concrete examples, like not favoring the wealthy over the poor. James is mindful that Christians behave in a certain way because God has loved us in a certain way. The good we do and evil we avoid is simply how we respond to having been loved beyond measure.

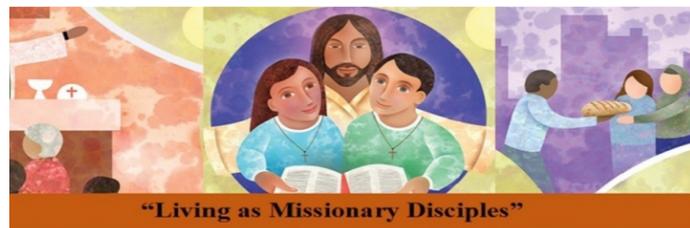
Is it possible that we catch ourselves from time to time struggling with a sort of communal inferiority complex? It is often hard for us to swallow the truth that God loves us infinitely—just as we are in this very moment.

Jesus' healing in the Gospel confirms the above and makes it real. He is the One sent by God to heal and restore and refresh. His presence lifts up the poor and opens the ears of the deaf.

Believing in Jesus, we are led to understand that the wonders of the world

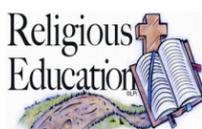
to come are already present. What I hope for in Heaven is already being unleashed in a world of faith within. My soul, set ablaze by Jesus, becomes a new world. *Streams break forth in the desert and tongues of the mute sing*—these realities describe not just life after death but a heart transformed by grace even in this life.

Refreshment comes to one who is **open** to the Truth that Jesus is God's love poured into our existence. "Ephphatha—be opened!" (Mk 7:34)



**THIS SUNDAY, Sept 9, 9 am—2 pm, Sr. MaryAnn and 2 other Sisters from Dunseith are hosting a retreat at St. Mark's.** Open to all. Religious Ed teachers and parents of children in Religious Ed strongly encouraged to attend. No charge. Sign up for half or for all of it. Breakfast and Lunch served by the Altar Society.

**HELP!! We need male chaperones for the Religious Ed kids and the Northern Light Apostles. We have 1 but he can't always get the time to do it. Come on dads, you can do it!**



**ST. MARK'S RELIGIOUS ED: If you are willing and able to teach, please call the office or Mary Gorder at 263-7004. Thank you.**

**A Prayer for One Struggling with Depression**

Dear God I am tired, but, tired or not, I have life's journey to travel.  
Dear God, I am not a good traveler. I can't even get started.  
I worry about so much and I accomplish so little. Help me, Lord.  
Help me with my panic and rage. I don't want them.  
I am weary from worry. I am tired of being depressed.  
Lord, You see how troubled I am. Lord, I need hope.  
Help me to have confidence in You and in myself.  
Lord, I can do what I must to get better if I know You are with me.  
How silly I am. Of Course You are with me. Help me know that not only in my head but in my heart. I am counting on Your help.  
I am going to pester You with petitions until You help me.  
I know You won't disappoint me. Amen.



**KNOW ANYONE OPEN TO JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?** These are difficult days for the Church, but the Message lives on. Reach out. Dare to ask someone if they're open to letting us help them in their walk with Jesus.

**MEMORIALS, A PROPOSAL.** Both parishes have independently put together two marvelous Rosary paths and accompanying gardens. Each setting has a tree. Someone has offered to show me how to do laser engraving, and given me access to the machine. Here's a proposal.

Our parish churches are God's special Dwelling Place in the midst of the community. They are also sacred places that tell the story of the people. As the generations succeed one another, it is not uncommon to leave certain footprints behind. In our travels, we have seen many ways of doing this. Names and dates give a shape to the history of a parish church.

We can discuss it at our upcoming Parish Council Meetings, but would there be interest in hanging memorial plaques from the limbs of each tree? I have some drift wood or barn wood that would look nice and stay in keeping with the garden environment.

I propose two different kinds of memorials: either be "In memoriam..." for the deceased, or "In honorem..." for the living. Families can also go together for a group memorial.

At St. Andrew's, once we will have laid the weed barrier and a bed of gravel, we will have just about exhausted the monies thus far collected. We still need a grotto or an arbor/trellis that would frame the statue of Mary and some final landscaping. Those who have already given to this project could also request a memorial.

At St. Mark's, we spent about \$1,500 to convert the courtyard into the current Rosary Garden. Some have suggested the addition of a statue. The volunteer labor was greatly appreciated, but if anyone likes what they see and would like to help defray the costs, your contributions are welcome.

Lastly, sincere gratitude to the person who anonymously donated \$5,000 for the repair of the two central stone columns of St. Mark's portico and the wrought iron railings for the front steps. A huge help for a job that was not in our budget for this year—**THANK YOU!!**

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**ERIC GENUIS CONCERT FOR BOTTINEAU COUNTY FOOD PANTRY TICKETS FOR SALE AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT. IT IS ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 AT 2:00P.M. IN THE HOLWELL AUDITORIUM AT THE BOTTINEAU PUBLIC SCHOOL. Tickets are \$10.**

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## Area Fall Suppers

**ST. CECELIA FALL SUPPER IN TOWNER IS ON SUNDAY, September 9th from 4-7p.m.** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy and trimmings. Baked goods, garden and craft sale too. Adults \$10; 5-12 \$6, preschool free.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, DEVILS LAKE, FALL DINNER IS ON Sunday, September 16th from 10:30-1:30p.m.** in the St. Joseph's Parish Center, serving Swiss steak, mashed potatoes & gravy and all the trimmings. Adults-\$10, 6-12 - \$5, preschool -free.



**ST. MARK'S FALL SUPPER IS SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup> FROM 4-7P.M.** Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy.



Mr. Glen Gauer is coming to our parishes to give a 3-day retreat. Fri-Sun, Oct 26-28 at Westhope

and Sun-Tues, Oct 28-30 at Bottineau. Both parishes have expressed interest in a retreat and it's in our budgets.

To prepare the way, we're forming small teams in each parish to make the experience of the retreat the best possible. If interested, please talk to Father Michael or Vickie.

Glen will be introducing himself either through a facetime conversation with our Parish Councils, or a video.

Pray that we can get to know Jesus and the Holy Spirit better. Let this be an experience for our whole community.

## St. Andrew's Ministries for September 16th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Lenny & Roberta	Trudy Artz	Terry & Jan Baumann	Karen & Ashley	Linda Ellingson & Tom Henry	Mark & Roger

## St. Mark's Ministries for September 15th - 16th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vickie Gangl Karen Sollin/ Carla Eisenzimmer	Anne Bergeron	Alan & Barb Cote	Walt Pasicznyk/ Don Arends	Pat & Rita Lauer		
Sun.	Bread: Jen Nero Warren Emmer/ Mary Ann Saville	Jerry Migler	Tim & Tiffani Fedje Family	Jeff Beyer/ Chuck Neubauer	Wayne & Janell Barbot	Riley Biberdorf/ Jonas Parisien	Helen Christenson/ Karen Sollin