

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. October 13, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Duane Sebelius)
Sun., October 14, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Todd Streich)
Sun., October 14, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)

Fr. Michael is sorry to be absent again. He will be in Rapid City, SD, helping to direct a retreat for the priests of that diocese. He leaves Sun afternoon, returning Fri night.

Sat. October 20, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Duane Sebelius)
Sun., October 21, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sun., October 14, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† Roger Berg)

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's
St. Mark's

Oct 17: Holy Communion service at SAHC Chapel 11:30a.m.

Oct 17: Quilters will meet 1:00—Quilting Room

NO RELIGIOUS ED THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

NET Retreat October 27th with the Amazing Race (which is Trick or Treating for nonperishable food items to be donated the Food Pantry). Kids will be going door-to-door to get the donations. Please be generous to the kids and for the kids!

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

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

Mass for God's Children, Nov 6, 7pm in Rugby. Bishop Folda will offer a *Mass for God's Children* at St. Therese Church, Rugby. This is a Memorial Mass for children who have died before baptism; it is offered for families as a way to remember and celebrate the lives of children who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or young child death. A memorial rose and naming card will be provided for families who have lost a child. If you would like to reserve a rose, please contact Rachele Sauvageau before Nov.1 by calling 701-356-7910, or by e-mail at: rachele.sauvageau@fargodiocese.org. All are welcome. A reception will follow Mass.

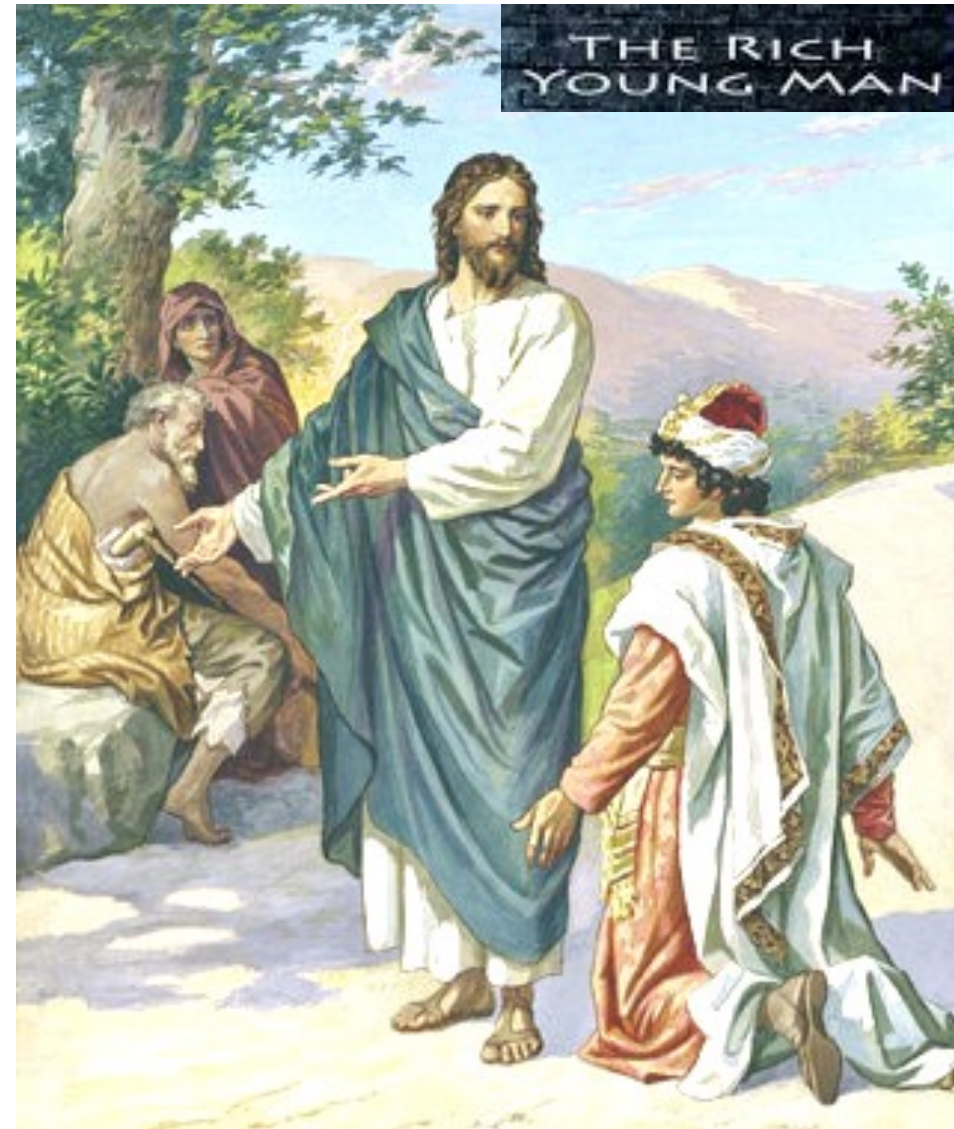
YOUNG WOMEN (AGES 16-30) ARE INVITED TO "PAX ET BONUM," A DAY OF REFLECTION WITH THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF DILLINGEN SATURDAY, OCT. 20 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Anne's Guest Home (524 N. 17th St., Grand Forks) Get more information or R.S.V.P. to Sr. Christina by Oct. 10 at 701-746-9401 or sr.christinaosf@gmail.com.

Stewardship Moment: "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

Report for October 6-7

| St. Andrew's: | | St Mark's | |
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| Adult env. | \$ 469.00 | Adult env. | \$ 2006.10 |
| Plate | \$ 52.00 | Plate | \$ 270.00 |
| Children | \$ 10.00 | Children | \$ 28.00 |
| Building Improvement Fund: | | \$ | 698.00 |



"Children, How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter

the kingdom of God."

(Mark 10:24-25)



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, Kim Phillips, Kasper Stinock, the family of Walt Pasicznyk, the family of Devon Main, Jim Moote, Scott Wheeler, Joel Medallo, Judy Baumann, 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, Janet Kraft, Loretta Schmaltz, Bridger Pulver, Noah Signalness, Vilma Moncera, Craig Dix, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike & Diane Lee, Rick Hummel, Sandy Janzen, Karlee McCloud, Laurie Steinhaus, Brenda Marquardt, Judy Roedukr, Doris Hart, Mary Holen, Francis Kritzberger, Harvey Soland, Erika Hamilton, Crystal Grenier, Russ & Jan Picard, and any special private intentions.

St. Andrew's Health Center: Barney Honer, Shirley Pasicznyk
Good Sam: Regan Benning, Maria Borbolla, Pete Anderson, Ronnie Houle, Ernie Houle, Jane Kuntz
Edgewood Vista: Eileen Lehr
The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey

Rosary @ St Mark's: 5p.m., Saturday; 10:30a.m.—Sundays in October for Respect for Life Month.



October 13-14, 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen



Witnesses of the Miracle of the Sun kneel on the dry earth at Fatima 101 years ago (CNS)



The Miracle of the Sun, or the Miracle of Fatima, took place on October 13, 1917. It was perhaps *the* most stupendous event of the 20th century. And yet it is hardly known outside the Church, and not well enough known within it.

The people who braved the terrible rainstorm which struck Fatima that day had gone there because Our Lady, back in July, had promised the three children of Fatima—Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia—that she'd perform a miracle. Exactly what sort of miracle they didn't know, but they came from all over Portugal, despite horrible weather. Many sceptics and unbelievers also went expecting to see a fiasco that would turn the Church into a laughing stock.

A crowd of 70,000 or so, including newspaper reporters and photographers, gathered at the Cova, place of the apparitions. The downpour of rain had finally ceased and a thin layer of clouds shielded the silver disc of the sun such that it could be looked upon without hurting one's eyes.

At noon, Our Lady appeared to the children. The oldest of the visionaries, Lúcia, described seeing the Lady as "brighter than the Sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal ball filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the Sun." Lúcia called out to the crowd to look at the Sun. Sometime while Lucia was pointing towards the Sun and seeing various religious figures in the sky, the Sun appeared to change colors and rotate, like a fire wheel.

Many eye witnesses wrote about the event.

Portugal's most influential newspaper, pro-government and anti-church, *O Século*, reported "Before the astonished eyes of the crowd, whose aspect was biblical as they stood bare-headed, eagerly searching the sky, the sun trembled, made sudden incredible movements outside all cosmic laws—the Sun 'danced' according to the typical expression of the people."

An eye doctor Domingos Coelho, writing for the newspaper *Ordem* reported "The Sun, at one moment surrounded with scarlet flame, at another aureoled in yellow and deep purple, seemed to be in an exceeding fast and whirling movement, at times appearing to be loosened from the sky and to be approaching the earth, strongly radiating heat."

A reporter for the October 17, 1917 edition of the Lisbon daily newspaper, wrote, "...the silver Sun, enveloped in the same gauzy grey light, was seen to whirl and turn in the circle of broken clouds...The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands...people wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, they were so vivid."

25 miles away, a schoolteacher and her students reported the solar phenomena as visible, undercutting the idea that it was simply a collective hallucination. Further evidence verifying the extraordinary event is that the people at the Cova felt the Sun's heat. Their clothes and the ground, soaked by the torrential rains, were dry by the end of the miracle.

The point of this spectacle in the sky was to put an exclamation point on the fundamental Fatima Message. In Lúcia's account, the Lady exhorted the children to do penance and to make sacrifices to save sinners, adding, "Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended." Most important, Lúcia said that the Lady asked them to say the Rosary every day. She promised the war (WWI) would end soon and reiterated many times that the Rosary held the key to peace in the world and in people's hearts.

I have been hearing about the Fatima Message since I was a little boy. At different times in my life it hits me differently and takes me deeper into what is the most basic truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: turn away from sin and toward God.

Just weeks ago, I visited with someone recently returned from Fatima. The candlelight Rosary procession around the Cova was a life-changing moment for her. It was a sign to me that the Message and the Miracle lives on.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us one of his most beautiful gems of wisdom: "All things are possible for God" (Mk 10:27).

Whether it is not being possessed by our own possessions (Jesus' point) or shouldering the Divine Movement toward what the Angels declared in Bethlehem, "Peace on Earth", to be Christian, a loyal follower of the Risen One, is to specialize in the impossible.

Faith is believing in the impossible because we have a God who is master of impossible.



We are two weeks from welcoming Mr. Glen Gauer and his family for two 3-Day events: Fri-Sun, Oct 26-28 at Westhope and Sun-Tues, Oct 28-30 at Bottineau.

To prepare the way, please pray the prayer that was in the bulletin a few weeks ago, and be open to ask folks to join us. Business cards are available to pass out as invitations to those you feel prompted to ask. Be bold! Won't hurt.

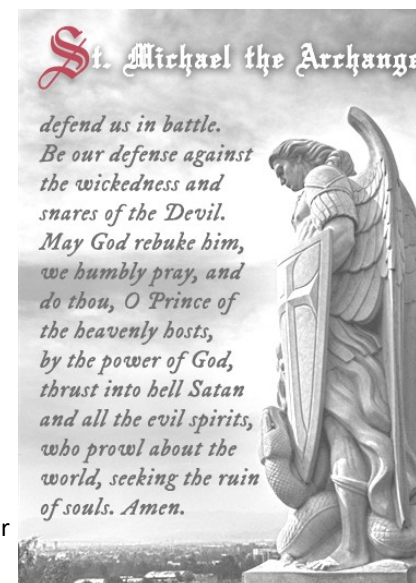
The business cards have the place and times of the Conferences.

You may also make a brief visit to the church to pray for this intention.

Glen promises to mix music and humor to a vital message about the Holy Spirit. Glen is Catholic, but has a message for everyone. Please invite any—and every-one.

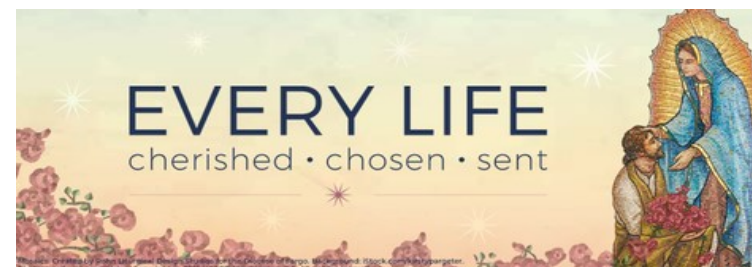
WORLDWIDE REQUEST. On Sept 29, Feast of the Archangels, Pope Francis invited all the faithful, of all the world, to pray each day the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and the Holy Rosary during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

The St. Michael Prayer is on the back cover our Breaking Bread hymnal and here in this bulletin.



We offer our condolences to the families of Devon Main whose funeral was on Tuesday, and Walt Pasicznyk, who passed away on Thursday morning and whose funeral was Saturday afternoon. May God's love be your strength and comfort.

The Bottineau County Right to Life extend a heartfelt thank you to Wayne Miller for his many years of dedication and service as a member and treasurer. Wayne's continued service and help with the lefsa project is greatly appreciated. Thank you for a job well done!!



OCTOBER, RESPECT LIFE MONTH. You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent"! Learn more at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

We will have a brunch after Mass on October 28th at St. Mark's before the start of the Mission Blueprint retreat. Egg bakes, coffee, and orange juice will be provided. We are asking parishioners to bring muffins, rolls or fruit to share. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this, please call the Parish Office at 228-3164. Monday and Tuesday evenings after the retreat, we will have coffee and bars. You can volunteer for that too!

Attention: Anyone with rosaries that you don't want. We have been contacted by a group called Beads of Peace from Riverton, Wyoming about holding a rosary drive to collect these rosaries to send overseas. Bring them to the Parish Office by November 15, 2018. For more info, call the office at 228-3164.



St. Andrew's Ministries for October 21st

| DATE | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | READER | GIFT BEARERS | ALTAR SERVERS | USHERS | COUNTERS |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Sun. | Tom & Trudy | Paulette Martin | Henry Family | Karen & Kimberly | Hilary Huss & Rose Klassen | Mark & Roger |

St. Mark's Ministries for October 20th-21st

| DAT E | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. | READER | GIFT BEARERS | USHERS | GREETERS | ALTAR SERVERS | Comm. Leader | COUNTERS |
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| Sat. | Bread: Carla E. Vickie Gangl/ Karen Sollin | Jim Nero | Dennis & Cindy Lagasse | Mike Haberman Bruce Miller | Larry & Bobbi Baumann | Talor & Tyler Christenson | | |
| Sun. | Bread: Morris Holen Jr. Megan Rogers/ Wayne Barbot | Deb Stewart | Jessica Tagstad Family | Chris Wilmot/ Wayne Barbot | Addie Berg/ Lois Raymo | Logan B. / Lauren T. | Deb Stewart | TBD |



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN BOTTINEAU LUTEFISK AN MEATBALL DINNER is on Sunday, October 14th from 4-7p.m. \$16/person. Jr. high, high school & college - \$10; grade school - \$5, kids under 6 - free

VALLE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ROLETTE FALL SUPPER is on Sunday, October 28, from 4-7p.m. Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, green beans & dessert. Adults - \$12; 5-12 - \$5, preschool - free. \$13—take-outs.



KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? All are welcome. Invite someone to consider going deeper in their relationship with God. Call the office and inquire. Classes begin in November.

Only God can turn a MESS into a message, a TEST into a testimony, a TRIAL into a triumph, a VICTIM into a victory.