

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Sat. December 1, 5:30 p.m. († Gary Wall) | St. Mark's |
| Sun., December 2, 9:00 a.m. (Parishioners) | St. Andrew's |
| Sun., December 2, 11:00 a.m. († Marion Honer) | St. Mark's |
| Tues., December 4, 12:00 p.m. († Jim Woodford) | St. Mark's |
| Wed., December 5, 7:30 a.m. († Clarence & Rosemarie Cote) | St. Mark's |
| Thurs. December 6, 9:00a.m. († John Gangl) | St. Andrew's |
| 1st Friday Adoration Fri., December 7, 8:00a.m. († Del Haberman) | St. Mark's |
| Sat. December 8, 5:30 p.m. († Walt Pasicznyk) | St. Mark's |
| Sun., December 9, 9:00 a.m. (Parishioners) | St. Andrew's |
| Sun., December 9, 11:00 a.m. († Pamela Schmitt) | St. Mark's |

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's
St. Mark's
Dec 5: Holy Communion service at SAHC Chapel 11:30a.m.
Dec 5: Quilters will meet 1:00—Quilting Room
Dec 5: Bible study – Bible Timeline 7:00p.m. Social Hall
Dec 6: RCIA, 7:00p.m. rectory basement
Dec 6: Social Gathering - Widow/Widowers Meeting Rectory Basement from 3-5pm; we plan on an exchange of Holiday goodies; please bring 1 dozen for exchange and 1/2 dozen for our groups afternoon snack. All are welcome; even without goodies! We love the Fellowship; come one come all!
Dec 7: 1st Friday Adoration until 12:00p.m.
Dec 7: Lefse-making in the kitchen 9:00a.m.
Dec 7: Card Party 6:30p.m.-9:00p.m. Social Hall
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 IN THE CHOIR FOR EITHER SATURDAY NIGHT OR SUNDAY TO CONTACT LEANNA EMMER @ 220-4595 OR THE PARISH OFFICE @ 228-3164.

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

To purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please complete this form. Place it in the collection basket or drop it at the Office during the Christmas season with your donation of \$10.00
Memorial names will be appear in the bulletin At Christmas Time.

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

Stewardship Moment: "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Report for November 24-25

| St. Andrew's: | | St Mark's | |
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| Adult env. | \$ 2693.00 | Adult env. | \$ 1911.00 |
| Plate | \$ 66.00 | Plate | \$ 102.00 |
| Children | \$ 12.00 | Children | \$ 12.00 |

Building Improvement Fund: \$

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.



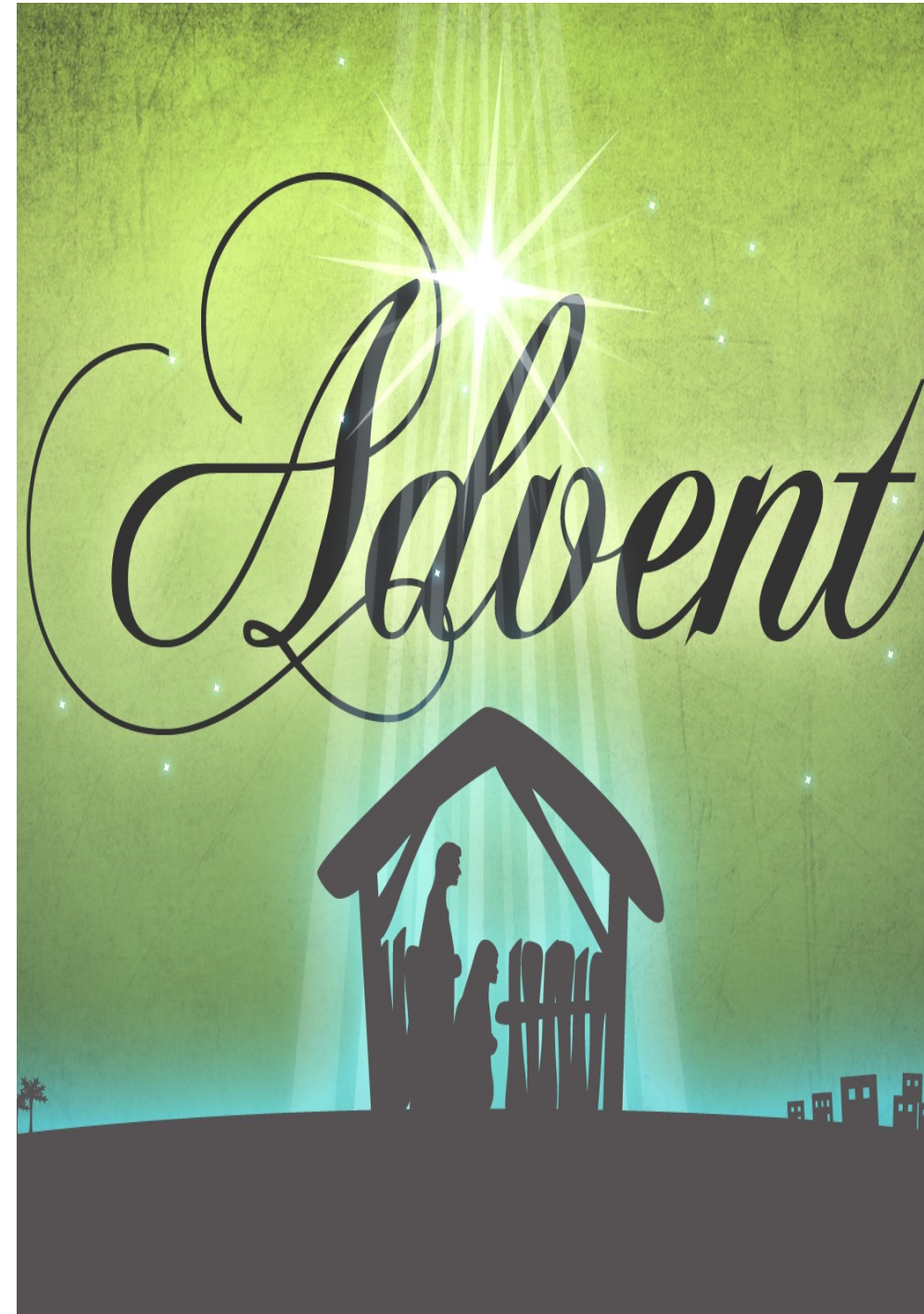
PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES, Mary Longtin, Eden Larson, Jim Nero, Debra Bollinger & family,

Lyle Brandt, Dan Johnson, Bryan & Veronica Beaver's premature infant daughter, Charlotte St. Michel, Haylee Jo Jundt, Audrey Phillips, Kathy Sletton, the family of Darlene Johnson, the family of Kasper Binstock, the family of Walt Pasicznyk, the family of Devon Main, Jim Mootz, the family of 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, 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 Steinhous, Brenda Marquardt, Judy Roedukr, Doris Hart, Mary Holen, Francis Kritzberger, Harvey Soland, Erika Hamilton, Russ & Jan Picard, and any special private intentions.

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



Rosary @ St Mark's: 5p.m., Saturday



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The First Sunday of Advent

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor
Vickie Gangl, Secretary
Cathy Miller, Custodian - St. A's
Patty Graber, Custodian - St. M's

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Valerie Heth, DRE at
St. Andrew's Parish
Mary Gorder &
Jessica Tagestad, co-DREs at
St. Mark's Parish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm, Bottineau
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

December 1-2, First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor's Pen



ADVENT—THE KING'S COMING. 'Advent' is a Latin word that means 'Coming'. Christmas has a firm date, but the Lord's coming—for each of us at death or for all of us on the Last Day—does not. We have to be vigilant.

Continuing a theme from 2 weeks ago, Jesus warns that the heavens and the Earth will be shaken, a calamity so great that "people will die of fright" (Lk 21:26).

And yet, even if it is true that people can literally die of fright (*Psychology Today*, Apr 7, 2010); "No question about it" (*Live Science*, Oct 26, 2015), we should not be afraid.

Jesus assures his followers that this'll be a time "to stand erect and raise your heads," because He's coming.

Christmas preparations are in fact our annual dress rehearsal. We celebrate his first coming as a Babe to ready us to welcome his second coming as King and Judge. To be Christian is to be ready for anything.

Stay sharp. Don't fret. Keep on guard. Don't doze off. This is the Advent spirit.

THE ADVENT WREATH symbolizes eternity. The softly burning candles signal this period of waiting and of darkness. It is for us northerners the darkest time of the year. The need for light is itself a symbol of our need for Christ.

Lighting the Advent Wreath is a way to mark our anticipation for the Coming of Christ, Light of the World. The gift Christ comes bringing is a Life that never ends. Families are encouraged to have their own Advent Wreath. Prayers accompany the lighting of the candles. They only take a minute. They help us rededicate ourselves to Christ during this season of preparation.



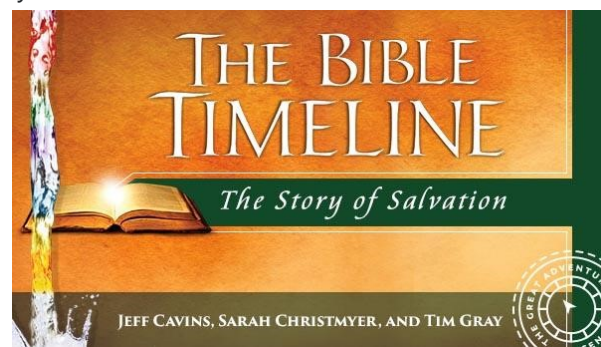
GET FAMILIAR WITH THE BIBLE WITH THE BIBLE TIMELINE, beginning this Weds evening, 7 pm, we will be opening a Bible Study that may take us two years to complete.



The Great Adventure Bible Timeline takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the story the Holy Spirit has woven together. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they connect to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

Participants may wish to purchase the color-coded timeline chart of Bible history. It divides the entire timeline into 12 color-coded periods that focus on the 14 books telling the story in chronological order. This learning aide helps imprint upon the imagination how every book of the Bible fits into the overall narrative.

We will be discussing the timeline chart and other resources at our initial meeting. You may also visit the Ascension Press webpage to view this and other Bible Study resources.



SAHC renovated Chapel Blessing, Dec 18th with Bishop John Folda officiating. 2:00p.m. in the chapel with overflow in the Day Room. Live feed on TV in the Day Room. All are welcome!

Advent Communal Penance Services 2018

- Sunday, December 2, **Bottineau, 7:00p.m.**
- Sunday, December 9, **Rolla, 2:00p.m.**
- Sunday, December 9, **Rolette, 7:00p.m.**
- Monday, December 10, **Dunseith, 7:00p.m.**
- Monday, December 10, **Towner, 7:00p.m.**
- Wednesday, December 12, **Rugby, 3:00p.m.**
- Wednesday, December 12, **Rugby, 7:00p.m.**
- Wednesday, December 12, **Belcourt, 6:00p.m.**



This is the current schedule as of now, it may be changed at some point in the future.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE. An important way to mark our vigilance for the Lord's Coming is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St Mark's will host 3 guest priests for our Advent Penance Service on Sun, Dec 2nd at 7pm. In case that date is blocked for you, Communal Penance Services will also be held in area parishes as listed in the bulletin.



Advent Reflections: for anyone interested, Warren Emmer, chaplain at SAHC, is hosting Advent reflections on Dec 5, 12, 19 in the SAHC Chapel at 11:45a.m. All are welcome.

St. Mark's Quilters are holding a silent auction to raise funds for their quilting supplies. The items up for bid are displayed in the Social Hall. You can bid until Dec 18. Stop by and check out the beautiful items up for bid.



Bottineau County Right to Life is collecting change for Dakota Hope Clinic. This clinic helps with unplanned pregnancies. Please take home a baby bottle to collect change for the babies and bring back Jan26-27. Thanks!

NEXT WKEND, DEC 8-9, WE'RE TAKING UP A special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection. There are envelopes in the pews for this.

On Sunday, Dec 23rd, the Mass times will be switched to allow St. Andrew's time for their Christmas program. So Mass at St. Mark's will be at 9:00am and St. Andrew's at 11:00am.



Christmas Mass times:

Mon, Dec 24, 5:00pm - St. Andrew's, Westhope; 7:30pm - St. Mark's, Tues, Dec 25, 11:00am - St. Mark's., Bottineau

Tues, Jan 1, 9:00am - St. Andrew's, Westhope

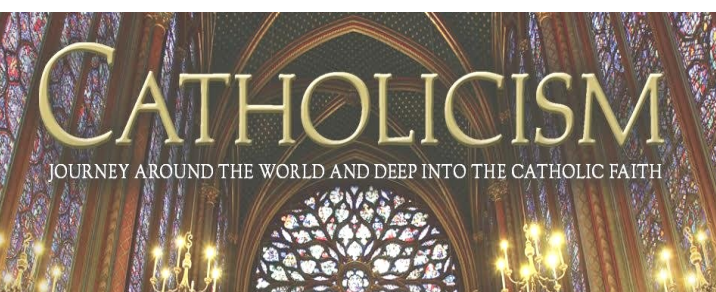
11:00am - St. Mark's, Bottineau

SATURDAY, DEC 8, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is a Holy Day of obligation.

Masses: Fri, Dec 7, St Andrew's, Westhope, 7 pm; Saturday, 11 am, Dec 8, St Mark's, Bottineau.

This is the Patronal Feast of the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. Our national shrine is the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Our **Yes** to God needs fresh energy, like our brains, our hearts, our cars, our homes. In the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate the power behind Mary's **Yes**: God's choice & God's grace. This is the spiritual fuel without which we cannot continue long in our **Yes** to God. We celebrate in Mary what God's is equally offering us. Mary is the ultimate model of the Church. To celebrate God's work in her is to celebrate what God continues to do through His Church.



We are following the **CATHOLICISM SERIES** by Bishop Robert Barron. The next class is Thursday, Dec 6, 7 pm in the rectory basement.

All are welcome. Invite others. If we need more room, we can move to the social hall.

After confronting the startling identity of Jesus Christ as God and Man, this next meeting we will consider the essence of his teaching.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. Outgoing Parish Council members at St. Mark's are: Bryan Schweitzer and Mike Nero.

At St. Andrew's: Vince Nygaard and Kelly Thorenson. We thank these members for their services.

This weekend, we will take a brief moment during Mass to nominate parishioners to fill these places. Next weekend, we will have the election.



Are looking for 7-12 graders to be part of **NLA**.

Dec. 5: Bible Study
NLA are looking for 2 KING flat sheets to be used for living stations. Bring them to the office.

St. Andrew's Ministries for December 9th

| DATE | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | READER | GIFT BEARERS | ALTAR SERVERS | USHERS | COUNTERS |
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| Sun. | Tom & Roberta | Paulette Martin | Beckedahl Family | Jude & Isaac | Mark Radzwill & Lenny Artz | Howard & Roger |

St. Mark's Ministries for December 8th-9th

| DATE | EUCCHARISTIC MIN. | READER | GIFT BEARERS | USHERS | GREETERS | ALTAR SERVERS | Comm. Leader | COUNTERS |
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| Sat. | Bread: Carla E. Susan Haberman/ Julie Hoffman | Barb Waagen | Dennis & Cindy Lagasse | Matt Brandjord/ Brad Trebas | Pat & Rita Lauer | | | |
| Sun. | Bread: Vicki Boehnke Warren Emmer/ Tyler Rogers | Jerry Migler | Jessica Taggestad Family | Bryan Schweitzer/ Evan St. Michel | Wayne & Janell Barbot | Logan Biberdorf/ Gabe Nero | | Helen Christenson/ Addie Berg |