

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. December 8, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
 († Walt Pasicznyk)
 Sun., December 9, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
 (Parishioners)
 Sun., December 9, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
 († Pamela Schmitt)
 Tues., December 11, 12:00 p.m. St. Mark's
 († Clarence & Rosemarie Cote)
 Wed., December 12, 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's
 († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
 Thurs. December 13, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
 (Orville, Barbara, & Ronald Halvorson)
 Fri., December 14, 11:00a.m. Good Sam
 († Pamela Schmitt)
 Sat. December 15, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's
 († Marion Honer)
 Sun., December 16, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's
 († Walt Pasicznyk)
 Sun., December 16, 11:00 a.m. St. Mark's
 (Parishioners)

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's
Dec 18: Parish Council meeting 7:00p.m.
Dec 23: Christmas Program after 11:00am Mass

St. Mark's
Dec 11: Parish Council meeting 5:30p.m.
Dec 12: Holy Communion service at SAHC Chapel 11:30a.m.
Dec 12: Quilters will meet 1:00—Quilting Room
Dec 13: RCIA, 7:00p.m. rectory basement
Dec 13: Lefse-making in the kitchen 9:00a.m.
Dec 23: Mass at 9:00am

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.

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.



PrayerLine **PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES,** Mary Longtin, Darlene Sedivy, Eden Larson, Jim Nero, Debra Bollinger & family, Lyle Brandt, Dan Johnson, Charlotte St. Michel, Haylee Jo Jundt, Audrey Phillips, Kathy Sletton, Jim Mootz, Joel Medallo, Judy Baumann, Ronald Carlson, Jeff Thorsgaard, Marion Lynnes, 2 year-old Hayden, Carol Raymond, Harriet Hall, Janet Kraft, Loretta Schmaltz, Bridger Pulver, Noah Signalness, Rosa Maria Santos, Rick Hummel, Sandy Janzen, Karlee McCloud, Laurie Steinhaus, 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



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: "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value" (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)
 Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those who are in need.

Report for December 1-2

St. Andrew's:		St Mark's	
Adult env.	\$ 928.00	Adult env.	\$ 3026.00
Plate	\$ 161.00	Plate	\$ 188.00
Children	\$ 32.00	Children	\$ 9.00
		Building Improvement Fund:	\$ 3034.00



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

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St. Mark's Mission: Led by the Gospel and fed by the Sacraments, the community of St. Mark's Church follows Jesus and makes Him known by the love we share.



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



Faith



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8-9, Second Sunday of Advent

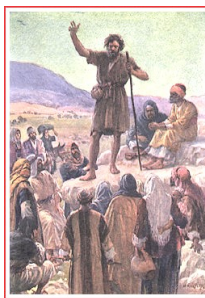
From the Pastor's Pen



NIGHT LIGHT. This week and next, St Luke introduces us to the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus. John brings to a close the great tradition of the prophets of Israel. He prepares the way for the Dawn of salvation by dunking people in the Jordan as they admit they're sinners.

The evangelist Luke, author of his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has a keen sense of history. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, we see John the Baptist bridging that moment when God's work emerged from darkness to enter the light.

John's preaching of Lord's Coming is key to Advent, when we renew in faith a farewell to Darkness. Yet, the Earth continues to turn in its critical cycle of Day and Night. Night remains, but it has a new meaning, one well worth celebrating.



BLESSING THE NIGHT. During the month of December, daylight dwindles. The night calls early and stays late. Darkness has its own beauty. It invites us into mystery. It opens up a field of stars. It moves us to hang our lovely Christmas lights.

Watching and waiting anew for the Christ-Light during Advent, Darkness becomes a powerful setting for prayer. Is this a taste of John the Baptist's prayer?

When the sky is clear and the wind is still can we imagine a gathering of family and friends outdoors? Wouldn't it be appropriate, under the black canopy to Bless the Night?

A Prayer of Blessing, adapted from the Catholic Rural Life Prayer book.

LORD OF PEACEFUL NIGHT, in your creative wisdom you created Light to rule the day and Darkness to rule the night. The darkness of night draws out our need for the virtues of hope and trust. It remind us to appreciate the comfort of rest and solitude. Let the night encircle us and instruct us to seek more deeply your Wisdom and Peace.

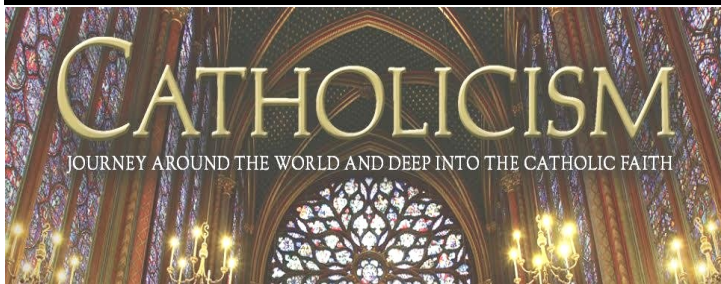


In the Scriptures we read:

*Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, shining stars!
Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded and they were made (Ps 148).*

God of wonder, thank you for never abandoning us. You who govern the night, give us the heart of John the Baptist and breathe again into us the faith of our ancestors.

Bless this night. May it increase our longing for the fullness of your Kingdom, magnificent beyond the countless stars. As vigilant pilgrims, make us ready to walk the straight path of humility and grasp your hand when it is time for you to call us



We are following the CATHOLICISM SERIES by Bishop Robert Barron. The next class is Thurs, Dec 21, 7 pm in the rectory basement. All are welcome. In Lesson 3 we will be learning about the Mystery of who God is and the big question of evil.



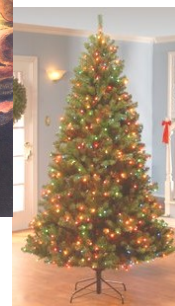
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. This weekend, we will have the election. Voting closes Fri, Dec14th. Please vote!



Are looking for 7-12 graders to be part of NLA.
Dec. 12: Bake Cookies to decorate at Good Sam 6:30

Dec. 19: Decorate cookies at Good Sam
Jan 16: Bible Study - Bible Timeline 7:00pm

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR TIME & TALENT SURVEYS TO THE PARISH OFFICE AFTER YOU FILL IT OUT!!!!



THERE IS AN ANGEL TREE SET UP in the Social Hall. We are asking for new or slightly used mittens, gloves, scarves, caps, and coats to be placed on or under the tree. These will be given to the school to be distributed to those in need of these items. Thank you.



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 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.



Advent Reflections: for anyone interested, Warren Emmer, chaplain at SAHC, is hosting Advent reflections on Dec 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 Jan 26-27. Thanks!

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered to years for little to no pay. Your gift to today's 2nd collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



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;
- Mon, Dec 24, 7:30pm - St. Mark's, Bottineau
- Tues, Dec 25, 11:00am - St. Mark's., Bottineau
- Holy Day of Obligation-Mary, the Mother of God:**
- Tues, Jan 1, 9:00am - St. Andrew's, Westhope
- Tues, Jan 1, 11:00am - St. Mark's, Bottineau



St. Andrew's Ministries for December 16th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Paul & Teralyn	Bella Radzwill	Bryans Family	Saul & Will	Mark Radzwill & Lenny Artz	Mark & Tom

St. Mark's Ministries for December 16th-17th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	Comm. Leader	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vickie Gangl Bobbi Aus/ Carla E.	Mary Gorder	Pat & Rita Lauer	Matt Brandjord/ Brad Trebas	Larry & Bobbi Baumann	Talor & Tyler Christenson		
Sun.	Bread: Jen Nero MaryAnn Saville/ Megan Rogers	Vicki Boehnke	Steve & Diane Lorenz	Bryan Schweitzer/ Evan St. Michel	Tim & Tiffani Fedje Family	Riley Biberdorf/ Lauren Tagestad	Vicki Boehnke	Marie Meloni-Beach/ Addie Berg