

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Mass Intentions for the Week

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)  
**Tues., December 18, 2:30 p.m. SAHC Chapel**  
**(† Bud & Ethel Emmer) Chapel Blessing-**  
**with Bishop Folda officiating**  
Wed., December 19, 7:30 a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Leo Wald)  
Thurs. December 20, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's  
(Emily, Sophie, & Tanner Kempf)  
Fri., December 21, 11:00a.m. Good Sam  
(† Marion Honer)  
Sat. December 22, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(The Nero Family)  
**NOTE MASSTIME CHANGE:**  
**Sun., December 23, 9:00 a.m. St. Mark's**  
**(Parishioners)**  
**Sun., December 23, 11:00 a.m. St. Andrew's**  
**(† Marion Honer)**  
**CHRISTMAS MASS Schedule**  
**Mon., December 24, 5:00p.m. St. Andrew's**  
**(Special Intention)**  
**Mon., December 24, 7:30p.m. St. Mark's**  
**(† Duane Sebelius)**  
**Tues., December 25, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's**  
**(† Loren Saville)**

## 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, 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, Judy Baumann  
**The Wellington:** Ray and Donna Sharkey

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Andrew's**  
**Dec 23: Christmas Program**  
**after 11:00am Mass**



**St. Mark's**  
**Dec 18: Chapel Blessing Mass**  
**2:30p.m. Bishop Folda officiating**  
**Dec 19: Holy Communion service at SAHC Chapel 11:30a.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!

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**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.**  
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**No Quilting Until the New Year! Merry Christmas!!**

**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:** "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

## Report for December 8-9

St. Andrew's:		St Mark's	
Adult env.	\$ 1173.00	Adult env.	\$ 2100.00
Plate	\$ 64.00	Plate	\$ 159.00
Children	\$ 16.00	Children	\$ 29.20
Building Improvement Fund:		\$	170.00



# 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.



John answered, saying to all, I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit & fire.

## 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



Joy

The Third Sunday of Advent



December 15-16, Third Sunday of Advent

# From the Pastor's Pen



**PRACTICING JOY.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, Latin for "rejoice." This word is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Paul's Letter to the Philippians. We mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle on the Advent wreath, reminding us that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Sticking with John the Baptist, the crowds ask him what evidence is needed to show true repentance. John names concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. This concern for justice is something St. Luke highlights throughout his Gospel. The evangelist is setting up an important theme: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions.



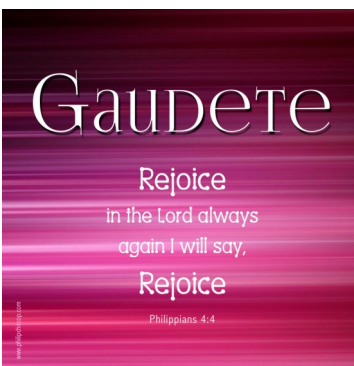
When the crowd wonders if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. He knows his role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John lets people know that each person has a role to play in God's salvation.

Isn't it the mystery of our salvation that God rejoices to have humans cooperate in bringing his divine Plan home?

Here is an excellent way to put this joy into practice....

**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.** Please see our bulletin insert. Over 100 Bottineau County residents were helped last year. If we don't reach \$2,000 by Dec, we will miss out on our matching funds.

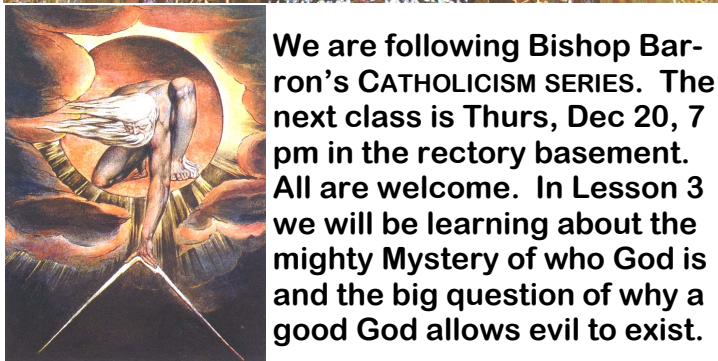
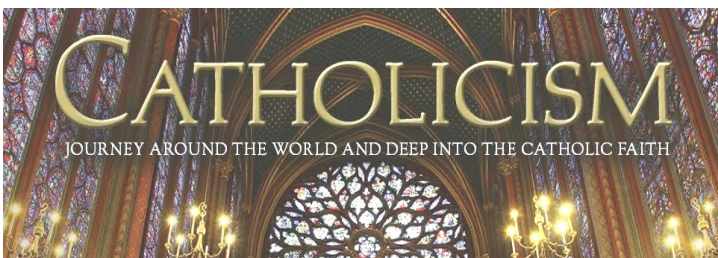
You can mail in your donations or drop a check in the parish collection made out to "St. Joseph's Community Twice Blessed", placing in the memo line – "Bottineau Community Caring". This is a wonderful, quiet community service rendered by your local ministerial association.



**SPECIAL THANKS** to those helping to decorate our churches—another way of bring Joy to people. We welcome Shelly and the Wilmot Family who are putting their mark on St. Mark's, and the Griffith's who are working on St. Andrew's with the help of others.

Our *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us beauty honors truth "when it is a matter of evoking what is beyond words: the depths of the human heart, the exaltations of the soul, the mystery of God" (par. 2500).

Isn't that what decorating our churches is all about? **THANKS** again for making our places of worship lovely, meaningful places to be.



We are following Bishop Barron's CATHOLICISM SERIES. The next class is Thurs, Dec 20, 7 pm in the rectory basement. All are welcome. In Lesson 3 we will be learning about the mighty Mystery of who God is and the big question of why a good God allows evil to exist.



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

**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 Reflections:** for anyone interested, Warren Emmer, chaplain at SAHC, is hosting Advent reflections on Dec 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!

**BO. CO. CHRISTMAS CHEERBOX .** Raise money for groceries and clothing for needy kids in every town in the county; delivered Dec. 15. Mail contributions: First National Bank, PO Box 297, Bottineau, ND 58318.

**PARISH COUNCIL Elections.** We were still receiving and counting ballots at the time of printing the bulletin. Those elected will be listed in next week's bulletin. Thank you for participating in this process. Ballots will be retained in the church office if anyone has any questions.



**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 23rd

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Lenny & Jesse	Paulette Martin	Ellsworth Family	Maria & Hannah	Mark Radzwill & Lenny Artz	Mike & Howard

## St. Mark's Ministries for December 22nd-23rd

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	Comm. Leader	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vickie Gangl Susan H./ Julie H.	Vickie Gangl	Marlys Richard & Ann Swanson	Matt Brandjord/ Brad Trebas	Bev Boucher/ Joyce Bursinger	Emma Haberman		
Sun.	Bread: Marlys Vad Bev Jensen/ Leanna Emmer	Jessica Tagestad	Chris & Shelly Wilmot Family	Bryan Schweitzer/ Evan St. Michel	Pete & Gigi Artz	Logan Biberdorf/ Jonas Parisien		Marie Meloni-Beach/ Addie Berg