

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. December 22, 5:30 p.m. St. Mark's  
(The Nero Family)

### NOTE MASS TIME 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)

Wed. December 26, 7:30a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Gary Wall)

Thurs., December 27, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Clarence & Rosemarie Cote)

Fri., December 28, 11:00 a.m. Good Sam  
(† Loren & Margaret Swanson)

Sat., December 29, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's  
(Orville, Barbara, & Ronald Halvorson)

Sun., December 30, 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's  
(Parishioners)

Sun., December 30, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Pam Schmitt)

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tues., January 1, 2019 St. Andrew's  
(Special Intention)

Tues., January 1, 2019 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.



**PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES,** Mary Longtin, Diane & Mike Lee, John Wilcox, 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### St. Andrew's

Dec 23: Christmas Program after 11:00am Mass

### St. Mark's

Dec 23: Mass at 9:00am

Jan 10: Widow/Widower meeting 3:00 - Rectory basement

Jan 10: Card party 6:30p.m. - Social Hall

Jan 16: Bible Timeline, 7 pm - all are welcome!

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!!**

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



## Good Shepherd Prayer

**O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (mention names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows through the heart of your holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Mark and St. Andrew and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.**

**O Good Shepherd, you loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.**

*Stewardship Moment: "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

## Report for December 15-16

### St. Andrew's:

Adult env. \$ 508.00  
Plate \$ 123.00  
Children \$ 24.50

### St Mark's

Adult env. \$ 3872.00  
Plate \$ 166.00  
Children \$ 22.35

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 100.00



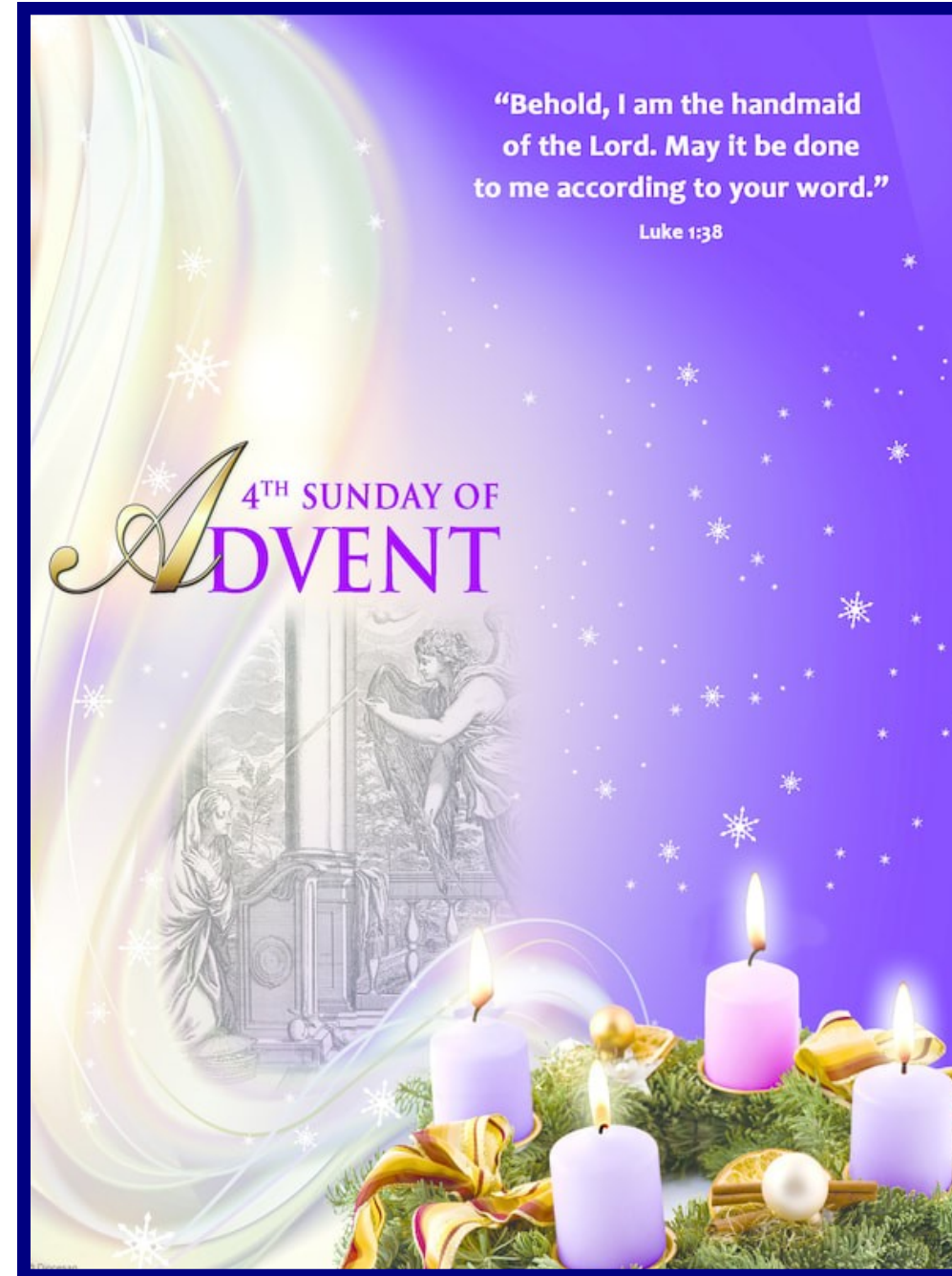
# ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU & ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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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



# Peace



December 22-23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

# From the Pastor's Pen



**FATHER'S WILL.** In the Creed each Sunday we profess, "For us men and for our salvation, he came down from Heaven." What a journey! Do we ever think about what Christmas meant for Christ?

The Christmas Angel declares, "I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11). Great news for us, but what did it cost that Baby?

Eternal Son of God, *Light from Light, True God from True God*, he traveled in obedience to the Father into a world dark with strife, a dwelling place of those who do not know the Father, who struggle to accept the possibility of a God of Pure Love.

Behind the Babe, like a boat's disappearing wake, lies his Father's omnipotence and freedom; before him awaits the powerlessness of an infant, the restrictions of a physical universe, and obedience to mere mortals. Behind him, he leaves the comfort of Divine Glory; before him looms the prospect of shouldering the sin of the world, death, the tomb.

But just because the Son left a lot behind, doesn't mean he came empty handed.

Let's consider on the other hand what Jesus brought with him "from Heaven." In the Letter to the Hebrews, we heard, "Behold, I come to do your will." Jesus brings to mere Earthlings the amazing power to do the will of the Eternal Father "on earth as it is in heaven."

Christ also brings joy. He rejoices that the Father has hidden these things from worldly, self-satisfied folk who want to call their own shots. Jesus rejoices to reveal a hidden passageway to the childlike, those who, like John the Baptist, leap in the womb of Mother Church for joy that a Door has opened allowing Light from On High to visit our present darkness.

God has set out on this journey toward us.

Who will step out in faith to welcome the coming Christ Child?

**HOME COMING.** In our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Micah, in a prophecy about a new king born in David's little hometown of Bethlehem, foresees that "the rest of his kindred will return."

Jesus is a rallying force. We must fight the temptation to see Christmas in purely social terms as a time to exchange gifts and visit relatives. This 'family time' is a divine gift. It is the Holy Spirit kneading us in the name of Jesus. As the Spirit pushed Mary over the hill country to visit Elizabeth, so the Spirit urges families to gather around the ever-unfolding mystery of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

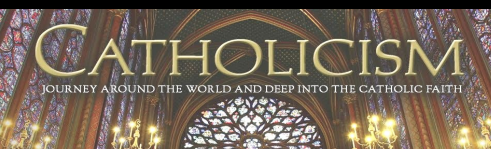
Christmas is a choice time to invite friends and family to join you in worship. Some of that is automatic; it's expected. Sometimes, such a simple invite is a big challenge.

At our diocesan Convocation, beginning on Nov 30, Feast of St. Andrew, each participant received the Good Shepherd Prayer, included on the back page of today's bulletin. Please consider praying it for someone special in your life. Know too that it is being prayed weekly for both our parishes.

In the Orthodox tradition, Andrew is called the *Protokletus*, the First-Called (Jn 1:40). After meeting Jesus, he went and got his brother Simon (Peter). Christmas is a time of year when many of us are called to carry on the hidden work of Saint Andrew.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has remembered their pastor during this holy season. The greetings, gifts & goodies do gladden his heart. If he cannot possibly pay you back in kind, please know that he is encouraged to dedicate himself all the more to his priestly service.

The spirit of Christmas definitely builds the bonds of family. This includes the larger families we belong to, like the Parish. Thank you Jesus! for a Birthday celebration capable of uniting families more than any other power we know on Earth. May our bonds of mutual love and service flowing from the Lord's Altar only grow stronger through the New Year of Grace, 2019. It is, indeed, a work of *grace*.



We are following Bishop Barron's CATHOLICISM SERIES.

Next class, Thurs, Jan 3, 7 pm, rectory basement. All are welcome. In Lesson 4 we will be learning about Jesus' first and best disciple, Mary. The Mother of Christ is an on-going presence and actor in the life of the Church. She is our model.



Jan 16: Bible Study - Bible Timeline 7:00pm

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

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL NEEDS COLLECTION. YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**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!

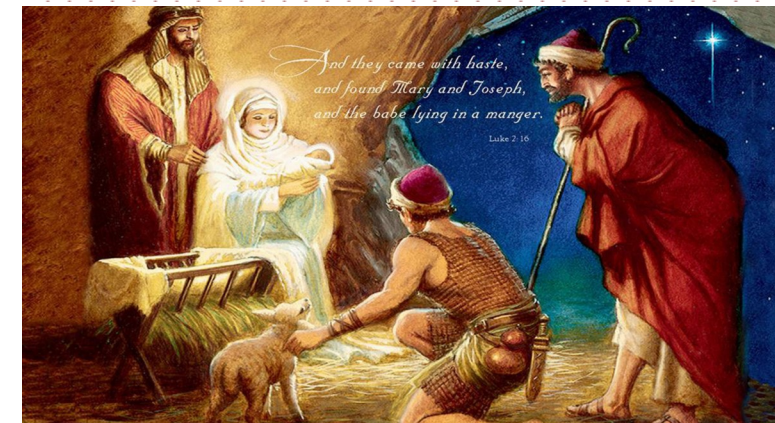
## MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS:

- Theresa Awalt for : Lloyd Awalt & Penny Bacon Awalt
- Denise & Mark Aide for: Kasper & Irene Binstock
- Rita Haberman for: Delmer Haberman
- Colleen & Jr. Holen for: Steve & Lorraine Haberman
- Anderson Family for: Romeo & Mary Ann Cote
- Ann Swanson for: Leonard & Violet Brandt
- Pete & Gigi Artz Family: Morris Holen Sr. Jayne Albrecht Arvid Anderson
- A. Lorraine Wilcox: Loren & Margaret Swanson
- Ron & Diane Johnson: Ray & Rita Davis Harold & Jean Artz
- Bill & Cool Baumann: John Wilcox Sr. & daughter Gina Matthew Laverdure
- Pat & Rita Lauer: Pam Schmitt
- Jeff & Vicki Boehnke: all our deceased loved ones Richard & Lottie Pitzer Bob & Mary Lou Boehnke
- Curt & Marlene Getzlaff: Alex Lutes, John & Josephine Rognlien, Darwin Getzlaff
- Keith & Bev Jensen & Family: Fred & Eva Selensky Meldred & Deloras Jensen Stratton
- Vickie Gangl,
- Sheila & Cody Monson: Ralph & Lila Gangl, John Gangl, Christy Opstedal
- Rachel & Ryan Thompson: John Simerson
- Lynn, TJ & Ryker Evenson: Mary Ann & Leo Weber



## Christmas Mass times:

- Mon, Dec 24, 5:00pm - St. Andrew's, Westhope; *Caroling 1/2 hour before each Mass-join in!!!*
- 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



### NEW PARISH COUNCIL Members.

**St. Andrew's: Teralyn Farden and Amanda Artz.**

**St. Mark's: Adam Beyer and Pete Artz.**

Congratulations and Thank You for agreeing to serve! Thank you as well to our parishioners for participating in the election process.

## St. Andrew's Ministries for December 30th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Paul & Nancy	Linda Ellingson	Erickson Family	Karen & Calma	Mark Radzwill & Lenny Artz	Roger & Mark

## St. Mark's Ministries for December 24th & 25th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERV.
Mon.	Vickie Gangl, Susan H./ ??????	Barb Waagen	Matt & Susan Brandjord	Matt Brandjord/ Brad Trebas	Pat & Rita Lauer	Talor & Tyler C.
Tues.	Morris Holen Jr., Wayne B./ Kathy M.	Pete Artz	Bryan & Heidi S. Family	Bryan S./ Evan St. M.	Colleen & Morris Holen Jr.	Riley & Logan B.

## St. Mark's Ministries for December 29th-30th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	Comm. Leader	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vickie Gangl Anne B./Bobbi Aus	Susan Haberman	Barb & Alan Cote	Matt Brandjord/ Brad Trebas	Maxine Erdman/ Cynthia Kihle			
Sun.	Bread: Vicki Boehnke Warren Emmer/ Tyler Rogers	Deb Stewart	Bill & Cool Baumann	Bryan Schweitzer/ Evan St. Michel	Mike & Jen Nero Family	Lauren Tagestad	Deb Stewart	Marie Meloni-Beach/ Addie Berg