

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 16, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Sunday, February 17, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sunday, February 17, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(Louis Ciraldo)

Fr. Michael is gone on retreat February 17-28. There will be No weekday Masses.

Saturday, February 23, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Elizabeth Streifel)
Sunday, February 24, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sunday, February 17, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† Loren & Margaret Swanson)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Andrew's
St. Mark's**

Feb 17-28: Fr. Michael will be gone on retreat.

In case of emergency, you can call Vickie at 871-8530 and she will call a priest for you.

Sunday, March 3: Benefit Breakfast for Rick Hummel at Bo. Co. Veterans Building, serving 9:00am-1:00pm. Put on by Bottineau Veterans. For more info, call Al Wondrasek at 228-8896.

NOTICE: St. Mark's is having a hard time scheduling Eucharistic Ministers for Saturday evening Mass. In order to keep having both the Body And Blood of Jesus available at these Masses, we need more people to serve. Please prayerfully consider this beautiful ministry. If you would be willing, please call the Parish Office at 228-3164 or fill out a Time & Talent sheet and indicate this. If no-one comes forward, we will have to stop having Holy Communion under both species.

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, Marie Vargo, Mary Longtin, Tanya Buzzerd, someone having hip replacement surgery, Mary Ann Saville's daughter Sara, Howard Beyer, Curt Beyer, Diane & Mike Lee, John Wilcox, Darlene Sedivy, Eden Larson, Debra Bollinger & family, Lyle Brandt, the family of Dan Johnson, Charlotte St. Michel, Haylee Jo Jundt, Audrey Phillips, Kathy Sletton, Jim Mootz, Joel Medallo, Marion Lynnes, Janet Kraft, Loretta Schmaltz, Noah Signalness, Rick Hummel, Sandy Janzen, Karlee McCloud, Judy Roedukr, Mary Holen, Harvey Soland, 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
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Rosary @ St Mark's: 5p.m., Sat



MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From _____

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

Stewardship Moment: "Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Report for February 9-10, 2019

	St. Andrew's:	St Mark's	
Adult env.	\$ 183.00	Adult env.	\$ 2233.00
Plate	\$ 156.00	Plate	\$ 89.30
Children	\$ 12.00	Children	\$ 4.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 500.00



*Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.*

(Luke 6:20)

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

February 16-17, 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen



CHAMPION OF THE UNCOMFORTABLE. Jesus is particularly good as turning human expectations upside down. He declares "blessed" groups of people who suffer: the poor, the hungry, those weeping and excluded and insulted. Then there is a list of woes for those who seem content and comfortable: the rich, the full, those who laugh and have a good reputation.

Why are the poor and suffering *blessed*, while those who have it good are dealt *woes*? Maybe it's a question of what people are leaning on, the Creator or the passing character of creatures.

It's a message with deep biblical roots. In every age, people are tempted to assume that wealth, happiness, and popularity are signs that a person is 'right' in the eyes of God. But we notice in the Bible how God showers special love and care on the vulnerable such as the widow, the orphan, the stranger. Throughout the Scriptures, poverty, hunger, grief, and exclusion are **NOT** signs of the absence of God's love.

When the Israelites are slaves in Egypt, God tells Moses he's heard their cry. He is moved to liberate them. The prophets rail against Israel's leaders who neglect and abuse the poor. The wisdom of Israel is full of tenderness toward the poor, "He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses" Proverbs 28:27. "The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern" Proverbs 29:7.

Over the centuries, the Church has gathered together these teachings from the Bible and the example of Jesus and the Saints. That body of doctrine has come to be referred to as Catholic Social Teaching. It embraces a specific world view, not the kind of teaching that lends itself easily to political slogans.

Specifically, Catholic Social Teaching covers a few basic principles required of human decency and life in common.

1.) **Human Dignity.** It begins with the sacred dignity of human life, made in the image of God; the human person is social, meaning that we find fulfillment in family and community.

2.) **Mutual Accountability.** We're accountable to one another; our personal freedoms are directly tied to social responsibilities. Among these, the needs of the poor and vulnerable hold priority.

3.) **Interconnectedness.** By *subsidiarity*, we do our best to handle things as close to home as possible; by *solidarity*, we consider all peoples as neighbors.

4.) **Stewardship.** As sharers in a common home, we exercise wise stewardship over our planet when we dignify labor with just pay and working conditions as we join in a united effort to tend the garden of God's creation.

Pope Francis calls Jesus "the human face of the Father's mercy." Our Savior was driven by love for the poor and those on the margins. A few Sundays ago Jesus read the words of Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."

As followers of Jesus, we can receive the Master's teaching and adjust our attitudes. The opportunities to practice and let his love move through us will come if we are attentive.

There is a huge need for listening now. In a society marked by suicides, addictions, and deep spiritual hunger, people need to know others care. We can find ourselves in an impersonal world full of anxiety and isolation. We need to bring to this world the 'blessedness' of peace and honest conversation, openness and forgiveness.

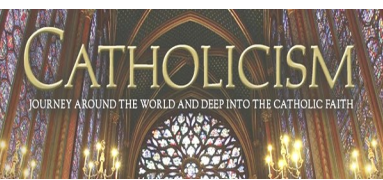
Peace is not dodging difficulty. Are you broken-hearted about a child, about someone who is 'poor' and doesn't even know it? Somewhere in the midst of these relationships, like gold in the mud, you can find peace and be peace.

Peace is a specific Christian 'beatitude' that knows God's love for you and for the poor of every kind. Give yourself that time to wrap the poor and hungry in your wealth of peace. Through a wee bit of prayer you can share Jesus' message of blessedness.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.

- Each person is **SACRED**, made in God's image, equal in dignity.
- Each person is **SOCIAL**, called to participate in family and community.
- All people have **RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES**. The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.
- We care for people who are **POOR and vulnerable**, before all else.
- Workers have rights. **WORK** has dignity. We are partners with God in creation.
- SOLIDARITY** is our call. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.
- We care for **CREATION**. We live in interdependence with all God has made.

I LOVE JESUS BECAUSE IN OUR CRAZY MESSY WORLD, HE IS MY PEACE.



CATHOLICISM SERIES. Thurs, March 7, 7 pm, rectory basement. All are welcome. In Lesson 8 Bishop Barron



Feb 20 - 6:30p.m.—Living Stations practice
Mar 6 - take part in Mass (lector, greeters, gift bearers)



Anyone who would like to learn to make rosaries, please call the Parish Office at 228-3164. Donna Porter would like some help with this special ministry.



discusses the Communion of Saints, showing how the examples of the saints display the creative potential of the Catholic Church.

Thank you to Mike Nero and Al Wondrasek who have offered to help shovel the sidewalks at St. Mark's.



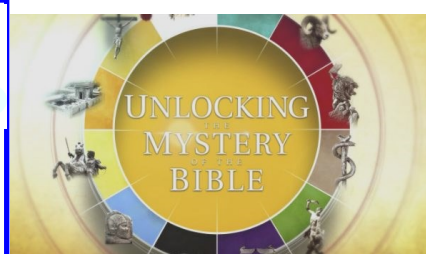
NEXT WKEND we welcome Fr. Bernie Pfau, retired priest coming to us from Devils Lake. Fr Michael will be away on retreat at a Camaldolese Monastery on the West Coast. While he is escaping some cold and snow, the area he is entering is in the midst of terrible rains and landslides. Mother Nature! Pray for him. He promises to pray for us.



Where: Grace Lutheran, Bottineau, ND (use south doors)
When: 6:15 to 8:00 P.M. (Tuesday, Feb. 19 and every Tuesday thereafter through April).

Greeting Card Ministry - if you know anyone in the parish to whom we could send a card for any reason, call: Marie Vargo (701)204-1654 and Marlys Vad 228-2049 for St. Mark's and Paulette Martin 245-6202 for St. Andrew's They will be happy to send them out. Thank you, ladies.
SAVE THE DATES! The KC's have announced the dates for the Fish Suppers. **March 22 & 29, and April 12.** Mark your calendars!

THANK YOU MANY, MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO : 1) sent in a membership to Bottineau Co. Right to Life to support our missions and the state. We cherish every one of you. God has made a unique plan for each one of us. Continue to pray for protection of life from conception to natural death. 2) Those who helped with making our lefsa and those who bought it. This is our fundraiser and we appreciate your support. 3) Each of you that saved your change for the babies and parents using Dakota Hope Clinic to choose life instead of abortion. Our collections came to just over \$1000.!! Please continue to save your change. Baby bottles can be found at the entries of both parishes . We will collect again on May 4-5. Anyone can join our little chapter at any time. We meet 2X a year and anyone can come to our meetings. We will meet again in March. Watch the bulletin.



Join us for Session 3, The Patriarchs, of this 8-part study to understand the Bible. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. This time we will be studying God's everlasting promise to Abraham. Get

the "big picture" of the Bible so it'll be easier to understand what it's all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's un-failing love for you—a love that you're bound to share with others. **Next meeting: Weds, Mar 13, 7 pm, St Mark's Social Hall**

BIBLE STUDY. Last week, we were able to raise some interesting questions on how to read ancient texts like Genesis 1-11. As we move ahead to the next section on the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob), we will take some time to address how the Church teaches us to read. At our very first mtg, Jeff Cavins held the Bible in one hand and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in the other. It'll be good to pause and review briefly what the *Catechism* has to say about the Bible.

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY. Did you happen to see Bishop Folda's column in the last *New Earth*? He discussed the Church's response to the crisis of pornography in our society. March 2-3 have been designated *Safe Haven Sunday*—a time to raise awareness and take practical steps to eliminate this moral pollution from our homes and lives. Stay tuned.



Thank you to Denise Aide for decorating the bulletin board at the front door. Great job! We greatly appreciate your expertise.

St. Andrew's Ministries for February 24th, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Lenny & Nancy	Tom Henry	Beckedahl Family	Ashley & Isaac	Linda Ellingson/ Hilary Huss	Roger & Howard

St. Mark's Ministries for February 23rd & 24th, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vickie G. Bobbi A./ Susan H.	Vickie Gangl	Dennis & Cindy Lagasse	Don Arends/ Bruce Miller	Larry & Roberta Baumann		
Sun.	Bread: Vicki Boehnke Wayne B./ Tyler R.	Jerry Migler	Tyler & Megan Rogers	Rob McGhan/ Mike Nero	Lois Raymo/Addie Berg	Lauren Tagestad	Helen Christenson/ Addie Berg