

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 14, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Duane Sebelius)
Sunday, September 15, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sunday, September 15, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† Fred & Eva Selensky)
Tuesday, September 17, 2:00p.m. SAHC Chapel
(† Marion Honer)
Wednesday, September 18, 7:30a.m. St. Mark's
(† Everett Lahr)
Thursday, September 19, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Tom & his brothers)
Friday, September 20, 11:00a.m. Good Sam
(† Sandy Janzen)
Saturday, September 21, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Sunday, September 22, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Improved health for a friend)
Sunday, September 22, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)

Home Communion

Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Anne Bergeron (228-2750) by Monday evening to be put on the list. To add or remove a name for St. Andrew's, please contact Deb Wyman at 245-6538 or the parish office at 228-3164.

PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES,

PrayerLine
Mike Klein, Linda Ysulan, Rosemary LaCroix, Cool Baumann, Leona Hosmer, John DePlazes, Alice Christenson, Lyle Brandt, Amy Artz, Bev Boucher, Sherry Severson, Flora Carlson, Vilma Moncera, Marlys Richard, Thomas Kersten, Heidi, Delphine, Kim, Delores Cranston, Carol Raymond, Duane Schaan, Baby Nola, Carter Siverson, Pam Gunderson, Monte Mikkelsen, Susan Brandjord, Francis Kritzberger, Marie Vargo, Mary Longtin, Tanya Buzzerd, Sara Saville, Howard Beyer, Diane & Mike Lee, Charlotte St. Michel, Joel Medallo, Janet Kraft, Noah Signalness, Karlee McCloud, Mary Holen, Harvey Soland, Russ & Jan Picard, and any special private intentions.

St. Andrew's Health Center: Barney Honer

Good Sam: Regan Benning, Pete Anderson, Shirley Pasicznyk, Judy Baumann

The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's

Sept 24: Parish Council meeting 7:00pm in the rectory

St. Mark's

Sept. 17: Parish Council meeting 5:30pm in the Social Hall

Sept. 18: Religious Ed for grades 1-6 starts at 5:00pm

Sept 19: SAHC Communion Service at 11:30am, Adoration at SAHC Chapel until 12:45pm.

Sept. 25: NET Retreat for grades 7-12 from 6-8:30pm with a meal. St. Andrew's kids are welcome to come too!

Sept. 29: St. Mark's Fall Supper 4-7pm

Fall Dinner: St. Joseph of Devils Lake—September 15, 10:30-1:30pm. serving Swiss Steak. See poster for more info.

Fall Supper: St. Michael the Archangel of Dunseith—Sept.26-29, see poster for more info.

Fall Supper: Little Flower of Rugby—October 6, 4-7pm serving turkey and all the trimmings.

To St. Mark's Parishioners who attend Mass on Saturday night: Due to the shortage of Eucharistic Ministers who are willing serve on Saturday night, we may have to switch to just 2 EM who distribute the Precious Blood and Fr. Michael will distribute the Precious Body by himself which will extend Mass time by several minutes. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 228-3164 or Vickie at 871-8576.

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From _____

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

Stewardship Moment: "Everything I have is yours." - LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Report for September 7-8, 2019

St. Andrew's:

Adult env. \$ 1033.00
Plate \$ 131.00
Children \$ 20.00

St. Mark's

Adult env. \$ 2469.00
Plate \$ 194.00
Children \$ 8.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 270.00



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

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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

And Lake Chapel 8:00pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, Westhope

And 11:00 am, Bottineau

CONFESSIONS

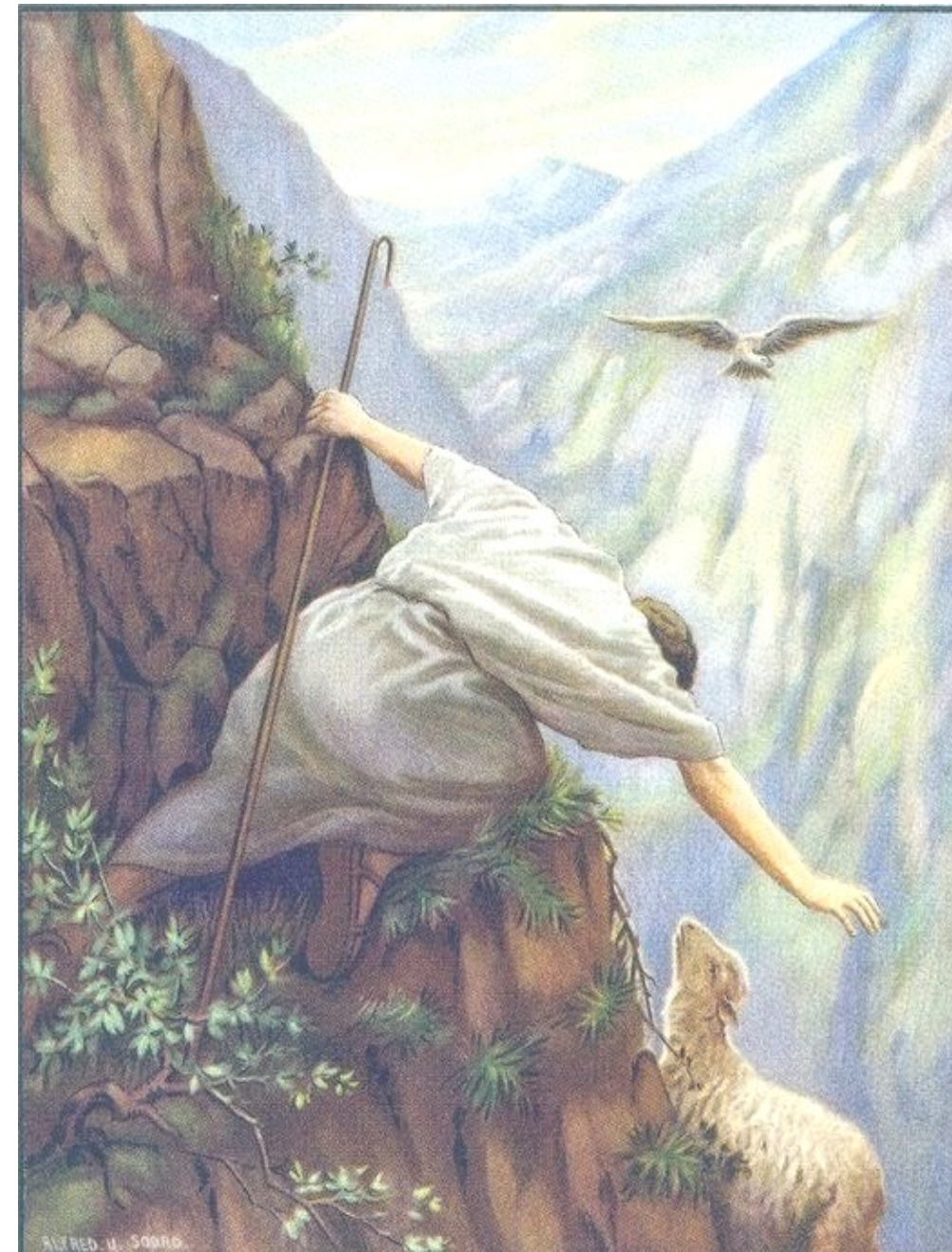
Saturday, 4:30 pm, Bottineau

Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope

Or by Appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm



"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.

Luke 15:4-5

September 14-15, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen

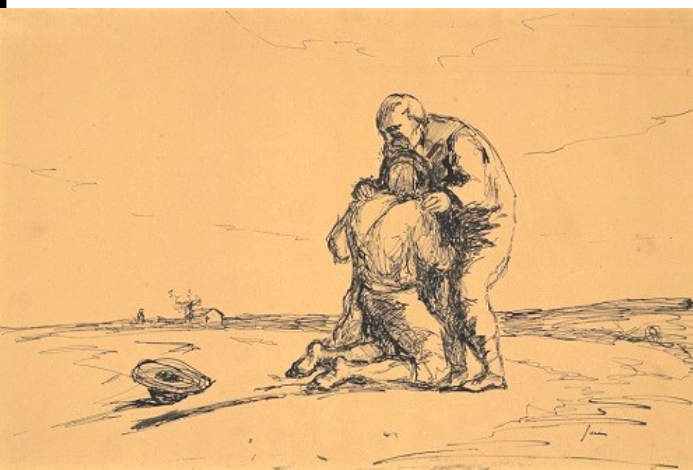


How will we answer: This weekend's readings remind us of the boundlessness of God's mercy. In our flawed humanity, we continually stray from the path we know leads to eternal life. But God's compassion and forgiveness are much stronger than God's justifiable anger. God never gives up on us.



The first reading speaks of the Israelites turning from God to worship a golden calf, a difficult image to relate to. Yet, we are bombarded daily with call urging us to acquire more superficial possessions. New cars, bigger homes, clothing, jewels, gadgets—each one is a contemporary "golden calf."

How easy it is to succumb to the media's temptations! Yet, God call us, in the silence of our hearts, to forsake these false gods and return to God. God's tenderness and mercy are always ours for the asking.



Luke's gospel focuses on the pain of loss and the rejoicing that follows its reversal. The most powerful element in this passage is the story of the prodigal son. As we hear it, perhaps we recognize ourselves in the son who abandoned home and family in favor of reckless living. Perhaps we identify with the elder son's discontent and envy when his father warmly welcomes his brother home. Perhaps we relate to both.

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to answer the call to share in your love, mercy, and forgiveness. Amen.

We would never
worship a
golden calf,
would we?



FOOD PANTRY: SEPT. 18TH IS ST. MARK'S TURN TO HELP AT THE FOOD PANTRY. THEY NEED PEOPLE WHO CAN LIFT AND CARRY HEAVY BOXES. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP, CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 228-3164. THANK YOU. YOUTH - DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS? YOU CAN EARN THEM CARRYING BOXES AND HELPING AT THE FOOD PANTRY!



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS. After our summer recess, it's time again to put our heads and hearts together to help our communities follow the path the Lord has marked out for us. We will keep to the below meeting times unless a significant number of Parish Council Members are unable to attend. Please let us know if you cannot meet:

ST. MARK'S Tues, Sept 17, 7 pm. Open to all.

ST. ANDREW'S Tues, Sept 24, 7 pm. Open to all.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ST. MARK starts September 18.

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God

"The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life" (*National Directory for Catechesis* [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 17).

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

In 1935, the Vatican published *On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education*, a document that asks every

country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. For the first few years after Catechetical Sunday was established, national catechetical congresses were held in conjunction with the celebration. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB's Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. When the Committee on Catechesis, now named the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis, was named by the Conference as a standing Committee, it continued to publish Catechetical Sunday materials each year. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Let us all pray for our catechists who will be instructing our young people in the ways of our faith:

Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

On another note, we would like to thank Fr. Michael Slovak of Dunseith for coming to say Daily Mass for us in Fr. Michael's absence. He was here for Wednesday and Friday Masses at St. Mark's and Good Sam.

Fr. Kyle Metzger held the weekend Masses and gave a most enlightening homily on vocations. We thank him for his gracious willingness to share with us his vocation.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawls:

We offer at St. Andrews Hospital, to patients that are struggling emotionally or are near death, the opportunity to be the focus of a "prayer shawl service". Here is a definition that generally describes the prayer shawl:

"Purpose: Prayer shawls are created to be a comfort for those suffering from

mental, physical or emotional difficulties. Those who create these prayer shawls -- through crochet, knit, weave or tying -- give their time and service as an act of prayer for the ones who will use their shawls. They pray for healing, peace and knowledge of God's loving presence."

We have about 30-35 services each year. That means that we need 30-35 prayer shawls per year as well. Would you ensure that we have enough prayer shawls by making some for us this year? They need to be 20"x 50". Thanks...Warren.



40 Days for Life (fasting and prayer) starts Sept. 25- Nov. 3. The Bottineau County Right to Life will hold a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the "Unborn Child" monument located at the St. Mark's Cemetery next to the mausoleum. The prayer, "For the Helpless Unborn" and a decade of the Rosary will be recited.

St. Andrew's Ministries for September 22nd, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Roberta & Lenny	Trudy Artz	Bryans Family	Isaac & Will	Linda Ellingson & Tom Henry	Rose & Tom

St. Mark's Ministries for September 21st & 22nd, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vickie G. Susan H./ Darlene O.	Vickie Gangl	Rod & Joyce Bursinger	Merle Allard/ Don Arends	Joyce Bursinger/ Ann Swanson	Tylor/ Talor	
Sun.	Bread: Vicki B. A.Lorraine W./Warren E	Jessica Tagestad	Chris & Shelly Wilmot Family	Jeff Beyer/ Chuck Neubauer	Chris & Shelly Wilmot Family	Riley	Carla E./ Marie M.-B.