

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 30, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Sunday, December 1, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Wayne Keefner)
Sunday, December 1, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)
Tuesday, December 3, 12:00p.m. St. Mark's
(Tanner)
Wednesday, December 4, 7:30a.m. St. Mark's
(† John & Josephine)
Thursday, December 5, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Friday, December 6, 8:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† Del Haberman)
Saturday, December 7, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† LaVonne Janzen)
Sunday, December 8, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sunday, December 1, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)

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.

PrayerLine **PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES**, Mary Longtin, Audrey Phillips, Alice Christenson, Dawn Buzzard, Linda Abel, Darrell Van Der Busch, Katie Torgerson, Casey Benning, Marcie Dubrow, Linda Ysulan, Rosemary LaCroix, Bill & Cool Baumann, Lyle Brandt, Amy Artz, Flora Carlson, Marlys Richard, Thomas Kersten, Monte Mikkelsen, Susan Brandjord, Francis Kritzberger, Marie Vargo, Tanya Buzzard, Sara Saville, Howard Beyer, Diane & Mike Lee, Janet Kraft, Noah Signalness, Karlee McCloud, Mary Holen, and any special private intentions.

St. Andrew's Health Center: Barney Honer

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

The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey

Rosary @ St Mark's: 5:00p.m., Saturday



UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's

Dec. 22: Mass Time Switch, St. Andrew's is at 11:00am. Men will serve breakfast after Mass

St. Mark's

Dec. 3: KC meeting, meal at 6:00pm with meeting following.
Dec. 4: Quilting at 1:00pm in the Quilting Room
Dec 5: SAHC Communion Service at 11:30am, Adoration at SAHC Chapel until 12:45pm.
Dec. 5: Card & Game Party, 6:00pm in the Social Hall, with supper
Dec. 6: First Friday Mass 8:00am followed by Adoration until noon.
Dec. 7: Choir workshop - 8:45am registration, ends at noon with potluck lunch.
Dec. 12: Widow/Widowers Social Gathering at Marie's from 11:30 to 2:00pm
Dec. 13: Lefse making session starting at 9:00am. Will be selling on Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 21-22. Bo. Co. Right to Life.
Dec. 22: Mass time switch, St. Mark's is at 9:00am



Save the date

to be photographed for the new St Mark's Catholic Church directory

DECEMBER 17-18, 2019 2:00-8:40PM.

Go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yqlr8314/>

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MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From _____

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

Stewardship Moment : "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

Report for November 23-24, 2019

St. Andrew's:

Adult env. \$ 570.00
Plate \$ 146.00
Children \$ 11.00

St. Mark's

Adult env. \$ 1,337.00
Plate \$ 121.00
Children \$ 67.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 20.00



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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



BE READY

for the king

"You must also be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, The Son of Man will come."

(Matthew 24:44)

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor

Vickie Gangl, Secretary

Cathy Miller, Custodian - St. A's

Patty Graber, Custodian - St. M's

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Amanda Artz &

Keari Beaudrie, co-DREs 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

November 30– December 1, 1st Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor's Pen



ADVENT—THE KING'S COMING. Last week, we celebrated Jesus as King of the Universe. This week, we ponder his coming Return. Life is not an endless treadmill. Everything is on a journey, and the journey is heading toward Jesus.

He came to claim the center. He is the Center of Everything. Through the Church and in the hearts of honest seekers, Jesus is shepherding our race and writing our story. In the End, we will see this.

A merely secular hope lacks certainty; it is wishful thinking.

Christian hope is not like this. It is anchored in the faith that Jesus is Emmanuel, *God with us*.

Christmas has a firm, annual date, but the Lord's Coming—for each of us at death or for all of us on the Last Day—does not. We have to be vigilant.

This is the call—Watch!

Have you ever pulled your car over to watch a stunning sunset? Isn't that moment of watchfulness very close to prayer? Maybe it is perfect prayer. Why? Watching does something to us.

Jesus tells his disciples that his Return will catch people off guard. Christmas is kind of a dress rehearsal. Celebrating his first coming as a Babe readies us to welcome his second coming as Judge. Christmas 'trains' us the way a sunrise or sunset does.

Stay sharp. This is the spirit of Advent. It is characterized by anticipation, alertness, longing, preparations, and beauty.

"Christ will give the rewards of his love more abundantly to those who have longed for him more fervently" St Cyprian (Office of Readings, Fri of the 34th week).

Suggestion. There's a particular skill in the prayerlife called *awareness*. Advent is the perfect time to exercise it.



John Cassian, an early Christian author, recommended reciting *Maranatha* as "the ideal Christian mantra." It's an Aramaic phrase meaning "Come Lord" that appears twice in the Scriptures. John says to repeat it quietly, even silently, as four equally stressed syllables *Ma-ra-na-tha*. One of the most ancient Christian prayers, it's also in the language Jesus spoke. Enter its soothing, harmonic quality.

Maranatha is powerful for bringing the mind to silence. It's an ideal Advent prayer in both what it means and in its practice.

Two Advent traditions: the Advent Wreath and the Sacrament of Penance.

THE ADVENT WREATH symbolizes eternity. The softly burning candles remind us of the waiting that illumines the darkness. We anticipate the Coming of Christ, the Light of the World. Jesus comes to bring the gift of Eternal Life. Some have a Wreath in their own homes. It's a way to keep before our eyes an attitude of expectation.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE. An important way to mark our vigilance for the Lord's Coming is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St Mark's will host 3-4 guest priests for our Advent Penance Service this Sunday, Dec 1st at 7 p.m.

In case that date is blocked for you, please see the list of Communal Penance Services held in the area.



If you had your picture taken at our last session and if you chose to have your complimentary 8x10 picture sent to the church, they are here at the parish office for you to pick up.



Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Give in Thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for

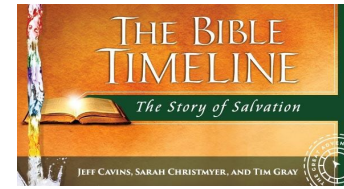
my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

Thanks to the following who delivered Meals-On-Wheels the past 5 1/2 weeks: Kathleen & Ken Grosz, Ann Parill, Donna Porter, Julie Hoffman, Bobbi & Danny Aus, Claudia Trebas, Judy Allard, Darci Fix, Deanna Bohl, Anne Bergeron, Helen Christenson, Margaret Sebelius, Gladys Vandal, Diane Myhr, Bill Baumann, Mary Grosgebauer, and Sue Roeder.

FirstLink

2-1-1 is a simple, easy to remember, free number that connects callers to information about health and

human services. 2-1-1 callers in North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota will be connected to FirstLink 2-1-1 Helpline, which provides confidential listening and support in addition to information and referral. Call specialists are also trained in crisis intervention, including suicide intervention.



JEFF CAVINS BIBLE TIME-LINE. Session 7—Maccabean Revolt and Messianic Fulfillment, Part I. Learn how the Story of the Bible is fulfilled in the Coming of Jesus.

This 8-part study unlocks the Mystery of the Bible so you can uncover the story woven throughout Scripture.

We will meet **Wed, Dec. 4th, 7:00pm, St. Mark's Social Hall.** We have 1 workbook available for anyone who would like to join.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the normal path for those interested in joining the Church. We will meet Tuesday evening, Dec 10, 7 pm in St. Mark's rectory basement for an introduction and overview of our journey toward Easter. Open to all, anyone interested in the Catholic Faith.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1: 7P.M., BOTTINEAU

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: 7P.M., ROLETTE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9: 7P.M., DUNSEITH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11: 6P.M., BELCOURT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: 7P.M., ROLLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18: 3P.M. & 7P.M., RUGBY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19: 7P.M., HARVEY

ST. ANDREW'S MEMBERS: Just a reminder that fall donations to the Altar Society/Christian Mothers are due now. Please get your donations in as soon as possible.



Dec 1st, Christmas trees will be at St. Andrews and St. Marks to collect gift cards for the St. Gianna Maternity Home, Warsaw, ND. Envelopes will be hung by ribbons to be placed in the collection basket with an enclosed gift card (Visa, Master Card, Discovery or American Express). The St. Gianna Maternity Home is for women facing crisis pregnancies. The gift card allow them to purchase personal, hygiene and baby items. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated.

You Are Invited! Saturday, December 7, 2019, St Mark's is

hosting a Music Workshop. Angela and Jeremy Schmaltz are coming from UND to help us enhance and grow in our music ministry. Angela specializes in vocal techniques and singing artfully at Mass. Jeremy will speak on music and the Mass.



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS WORKSHOP. No charge. Registration starts at 8:40 AM in the Social Hall. Workshop runs from 9 AM to 12:00 Lunch to follow. Please contact Leanna at (701)220-4595 if you have any questions.

Gift of Hope and Cheer: Cheerbox Christmas Tree: From Nov 30 through Dec 10th a Christmas tree with tags for "Senior" Angels, will be placed in the Social Hall of our parish. Please consider taking a tag identifying a "Senior", by number, from within Bottineau County for whom a need has been identified by this program. To extent possible gifting details may be provided; be creative if none are provided; e.g. items bringing warmth; (Slippers/sweaters/gloves/hats); Christmas items (ornaments/candies) paper products – writing materials/greeting cards; books or puzzles; etc. It is suggested the gift be a "new" gift; and approximately \$15-25 in value. Please sign your name by the tag # when taken OUT and RETURNED on sheet provided; and **Return your wrapped gift no later than Dec 12th.**



St. Mark Quilters are sponsoring a Silent Auction in the Parish Hall Nov. 29-Dec.19. Do check out the assortment of hand-made items that make great Christmas gifts.

St. Andrew's Ministries for December 8th, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Paul & Tom	Paulette Martin	Henry Family	Eli & Isaac	Mike & Terri Thompson	Mike & Howard

St. Mark's Ministries for December 7th & 8th, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Carla E. Susan H./ Bev J.	Vickie Gangl	Rod & Joyce Bursinger	Matt Brandjord & Brad Trebas	Rod & Joyce Bursinger	Tianna	
Sun.	Bread: Kathy M. A. Lorraine W./ Warren E.	Pete Artz	Chris & Shelly Wilmot Family	Bryan Schweitzer/ Evan St. Michel	Chris & Shelly Wilmot Family	Mylee	Addie B./ Jody R.