

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 7, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
 († LaVonne Janzen)
 Sunday, December 8, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
 (Parishioners)
 Sunday, December 8, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
 († Fr. Gerald McCarthy)
Monday, December 9, 12:00p.m. St. Mark's
(† Beatrice Johnson) Immaculate Conception
 Tuesday, December 10, 12:00p.m. St. Mark's
 († Duane Sebelius)
 Wednesday, December 11, 7:30a.m. St. Mark's
 († Ralph Gangl)
 Thursday, December 12, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
 (Tyler Hetland)
 Friday, December 13, 8:00a.m. St. Mark's
 († John & Josephine)
 Saturday, December 14, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
 († Larry Baumann)
 Sunday, December 15, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
 (Parishioners)
 Sunday, December 15, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
 († Pam Schmit)

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, Mary Longtin, Audrey Phillips, Alice Christenson, Dawn Buzard, 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

The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey

Jenkins Living Center: Carol Carbonneau
Watertown, SD

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's
 St. Mark's

Dec. 11: Quilting at 1:00pm in the Quilting Room
Dec 12: SAHC Communion Service at 11:30am, Adoration at SAHC Chapel until 12:45pm.
Dec. 12: Widow/Widowers Social Gathering at Marie's from 11:30 to 2:00pm
Dec. 12: Altar Society meeting 5:30pm in the Social Hall.
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 15: Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner after Mass



Christmas Cantata at 2:00p.m. at Good Sam on December 10, 2019

Please sign up **As Soon As Possible** to have your picture taken for the church pictorial directory!!!

Save the date **DECEMBER 17-18, 2019**
 to be photographed for the new St Mark's Catholic Church directory

Go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yqlr8314/> [booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com] to make your appointment or call the Parish Office at 228-3164.

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From _____

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

Stewardship Moment : "Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Report for November 30– December 1, 2019

	St. Andrew's	St. Mark's
Adult env.	\$ 1151.00	Adult env. \$ 1,927.00
Plate	\$ 27.00	Plate \$ 226.00
Children	\$ 0.00	Children \$ 7.00
Building Improvement Fund:		\$ 411.00



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

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Second Sunday of Advent

PREPARE THE WAY

MATTHEW 3:1-12

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 &
 Keri 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

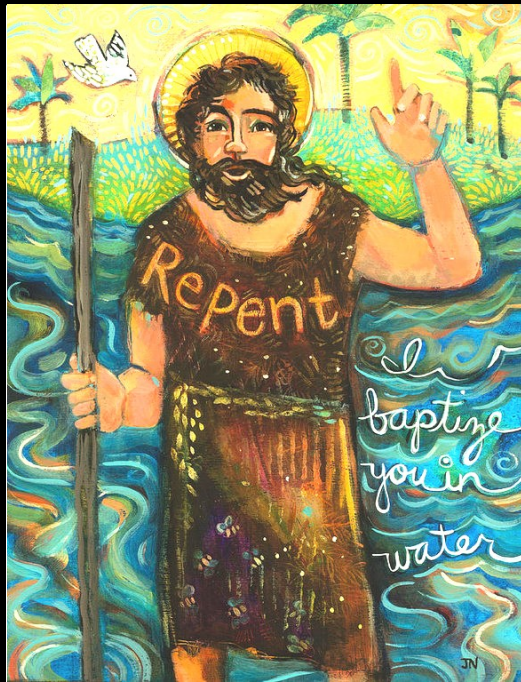
Saturday, 4:30 pm, Bottineau
 Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope
 Or by Appointment

OFFICE HOURS

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

December 7-8, 2nd Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor's Pen



A MODEL CHRISTIAN. Both this week and next, Advent will feed on the figure of John the Baptist.

John is a fascinating figure. He stuck out like a sore thumb. While he was in the desert, he could stick out and nobody noticed. Then came his mission to the people. He came among them remaining in his desert garb. He came with a radical message: "Repent!"

John was so different from Jesus. Jesus didn't stand out for most of his life. He was tucked away in the hidden life of Nazareth, Mary and Joseph's stay-at-home son.

Yet Jesus loved John very much. John's ministry was totally at the service of Christ, "He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30).

Christians, baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire, echo Jesus' love for John by loving John's message of repentance. We're still preparing the way of the Lord.

John's baptism anticipates Christian baptism. John even alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire" (Mt 3:11).

The coming of the Lord is the key to Advent. Like John, our lives announce the coming of the Lord.

Model planes and cars, etc. were popular Christmas gifts when I was a kid. They came with instructions. You wanted to cheat, take short-cuts, but usually learned it worked best to follow the enclosed diagram.

Because the diagram was so helpful, and showed what the model would be, why not just hang up the instructions? Why do we prefer the finished product?

John's job was to tell the people that Jesus was coming. He was like the diagram. He was important. He instructed the people how to prepare for Jesus' coming. But he wasn't nearly as important as Jesus was.

So, shouldn't this make us wonder, how am I a different person for being baptized in the Holy Spirit and Fire?

If we're not done working with the Holy Spirit in building our Christian identity, we probably shouldn't throw out the instructions. Repentance still has a purpose in our lives, unless of course we already consider ourselves to be a 'model' Christian.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE. John's call to repentance is met in an important way by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you missed ours at St. Mark's last Sunday, there are several more in our local area over the next few weeks.

POINSETTIAS. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please contact the office at 228-3164.

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. If you haven't, PLEASE make an appointment as soon as possible at 228-3164.



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.



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

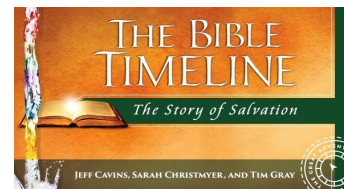


Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious

order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It helps ensure younger members can continue the good work of their elders. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews.

Monday, December 9, 2019 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Usually a Holy Day of Obligation but is not in 2019. The USCCB explains, "Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer." **There will be Mass at St. Mark's at 12:00pm**



JEFF CAVINS BIBLE TIMELINE. Session 8—Messianic Fulfillment, Part 2, the Church, and Continuing the Journey. 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, Jan. 8th, 7:00pm, St. Mark's Social Hall.

RCLIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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RCLIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the normal path for those interested in joining the Church. We will meet Tues evening, Dec 10, 7 pm in St. Mark's rectory basement.



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.

St. Andrew's Ministries for December 15th, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Roberta & Lenny	Nancy Erickson	Klokstad Family	Saul & Will	Mike & Terri Thompson	Roger & Mark

St. Mark's Ministries for December 14th & 15th, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERV-	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Julie H. Susan H./ Peg N.	Susan Haberman	Dennis & Cindy Lagasse	Matt Brandjord & Brad Trebas	Dennis & Cindy Lagasse	Shaela	
Sun.	Bread: Jen N. Wayne B./ Leanna E.	Deb Stewart	Pete & Gigi Artz	Bryan Schweitzer/ Evan St. Michel	Pete & Gigi Artz	Gabe	Helen C./Marie M-B.



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, MasterCard, 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 gift is greatly appreciated.

Gift of Hope and Cheer: Cheerbox Christmas Tree:

Until Dec 10th a Christmas tree with tags for "Senior" Angels, is in the Social Hall. Please consider taking a tag identifying a "Senior", by number, from within Bottineau County for whom a need has been identified. To the 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 13th.**



The Cheer Boxes

will be delivered on Sat., Dec. 14th. Names are provided by Social Services; the Bottineau Study Club and many volunteers and businesses in the community organize this. The money comes from the community by way of donations. Facebook will be hosting their annual fundraiser to raise money for the Cheer Boxes. The boxes go to families in the entire county and your support is most appreciated. To help, please send your contribution to: Cheer Boxes, % First National Bank, 424 Main St., Bottineau, ND 58318. Any questions, call Vicki at 263-4832. Thank you so much.

Discover What Every Woman has the Right to Know. Do you or do you know someone who struggles with painful periods, irregular cycles, miscarriages, infertility or want to avoid a pregnancy? Are you ready to use a system of fertility awareness that is 100% natural and can be used to help with all the issues listed above? Jen Lagein, FCPI offers an instructional course in the Creighton Model System of FertilityCare, scientifically proven to be as effective as any hormonal birth control in avoiding pregnancy and three times more effective than IVF in achieving pregnancy. An Introductory Session is scheduled at St. Joachim's Religious Education Center (210 2nd St. NE) in Rolla from 7pm - 9pm on December 10th. To register, call Jen at 701-367-6386.

