

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Mass Intentions for the Week

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)  
Tuesday, December 17, 2:00p.m. SAHC Chapel  
(† Leo & Rose Wald)  
Wednesday, December 18, 7:30a.m. St. Mark's  
(† Julia Helms & Dollard Family)  
Thursday, December 19, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)  
Friday, December 20, 11:00a.m. Good Sam  
(† Leo Wald)  
Saturday, December 21, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's  
(† Del Haberman)  
Sunday, December 22, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's  
(† Raymond Davis)  
Sunday, December 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,** Drue Eliot, Mary Longtin, Audrey Phillips, Alice Christenson, Dawn Buzzerd, Linda Abel, Darrell Van Der Busch, Katie Torgerson, 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 Buzzerd, Sara Saville, Howard Bey-er, 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, Judy Baumann

**Mapleview:** Shirley Pasicznyk

**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

**Dec. 24:** 10 minute Christmas program before 5:00pm Mass

### St. Mark's

**Dec. 18:** Quilting at 1:00pm in the Quilting Room

**Dec 19:** NO SAHC Communion Service at 11:30am, NO Adoration at SAHC Chapel until 12:45pm. Warren will be gone.

**Dec. 14-15:** Bo. Co. Right to Life will be selling lefse.

**Dec 15:** Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner after Mass

**Save the date** **DECEMBER 17-18,**  
**2019 2:00-8:40PM.**

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pointment or call the Parish Office at 228-3164.

**MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**  
To purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please complete this form. Place it in the collection basket or drop it at the Office during the Christmas season with your donation of \$10.00  
Memorial names will be appear in the bulletin at Christmas Time.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*Stewardship Moment* : "You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Report for December 7-8, 2019

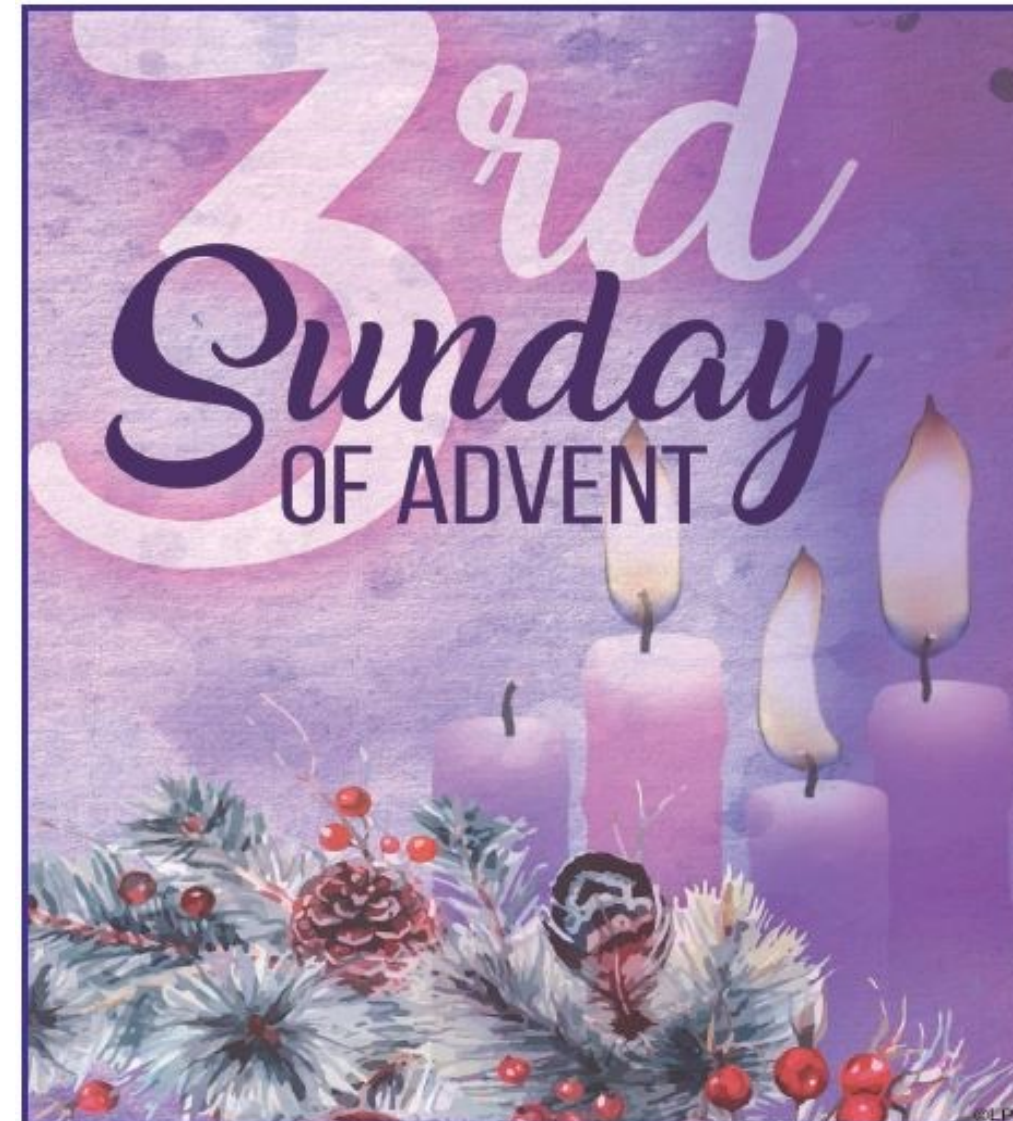
St. Andrew's:	St. Mark's
Adult env. \$ 555.00	Adult env. \$ 2,874.00
Plate \$ 101.00	Plate \$ 195.00
Children \$ 24.75	Children \$ 23.30
Building Improvement Fund: \$ 220.00	



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

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**THE BLIND REGAIN THEIR SIGHT**  
**THE LAME WALK**  
**LEPERS ARE CLEANSED**  
**THE DEAF HEAR**  
**THE DEAD ARE RAISED**  
**AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOOD NEWS**  
**PROCLAIMED TO THEM**

Matthew 11:5

### 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

December 14-15, 3rd Sunday of Advent



# From the Pastor's Pen



**THE DESERT WILL BLOOM WITH FLOWERS.** Traditionally, this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of Advent, marked by the color 'rose', emphasizes Joy.

In our readings, that Joy takes a special form.

Isaiah describes the desert like a world awaiting God's Living Waters.

John the Baptist went into that 'desert' preaching a repentance that would prepare the people for God's coming.

John ends up in prison. Jesus then sends him a message through a group of John's disciples. The report is this: the 'desert' is in bloom—just like Isaiah had foretold: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the mute speak, and the poor hear the Good News!

These are supposed to be 'our times'. Do you feel that we're living in such days? Some do.

A few years ago, I read a most beautiful obituary.

*"Becky J. Wald, 56, of Maddock, ND, died in her home on November 29 after a seven-month battle with cancer....*

*After having her first child, she dedicated her life to her seven children, becoming a stay-at-home mother. Her love of children extended beyond her own, and she was often seen bringing dozens of freshly baked cookies to the school for students involved in after-school activities. During the summer months, she was most likely to be found in one of her many flower gardens. She actively participated in St. William's Catholic Parish, where she founded the Women of Grace prayer group.*

*Becky's Catholic faith was unwavering and continues to be a witness to her family, friends and all those she has come into contact with. She had a particular devotion to Mother Mary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, which she prayed frequently during her cancer journey."*

I never met Becky. But from what I heard—like John the Baptist, from a distance—it's clear enough that God allowed the desert to bloom in the person of Becky Wald.

Several weeks after her death, I happened to run into her husband, who was sweeping floors in the Maddock gym after a basketball tournament. He was still reeling from all the people who claimed to have been touched by Becky's life. He of course missed her terribly, but there was a sparkle in his eye. His tone of voice was that of someone who'd seen the desert bloom.

What's your desert? It could be a negative place, like godlessness in the workplace, the absence of affection, seemingly inescapable addiction, grudges that keep family and friends at a distance, an illness, loneliness, being stressed out, etc.

It could also be a positive place, like wide open spaces on the prairie, simple solitude, a bench in the work shed away from distractions, an armchair for knitting or reading or prayer, or maybe the desert refers to a new chapter in life, the desire for a clean slate or new beginning.

The Advent Season holds out a hope for a painted desert, a desert "blooming with abundant flowers" (Is 35:1-2). In this season of gratefulness, one thing we can do is acknowledge the burdens that other people carry—that perhaps the person right beside me is in a desert situation.

During Advent, 3 area churches have gotten together with Happy Hearts—Bottineau's Depression and Anxiety Support Group—for a traveling Burden Tree. This time of year burdens feel heavier to carry for many people.

If you have a burden, please consider writing it on a paper ornament and placing it on the tree provided. The wish is that you are NOT alone in your struggle/s. We are all here to share the burden/s together.

*Carry one another's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ (Gal 6:2).* Isn't this one way to bring some of that deeper Joy to the Christmas Season and let the desert bloom?



Carry each other's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.  
**Galatians 6:2**



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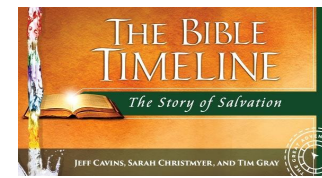
**St. Mark Quilters are sponsoring a Silent Auction in the Parish Hall Nov. 29-Dec.19. Do check out the assortment of hand-made items that make great Christmas gifts.**

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the normal path for those interested in joining the Church. We will meet Tues evening, Dec 17th, 7 pm in St. Mark's rectory basement.



**During the Advent season, three parishes got together with Happy Hearts, Bottineau's Depression and Anxiety Support Group, for a traveling Burden Tree.** This is the season for gratefulness; however, we would like to acknowledge that people carry burdens as well. During the Advent season, these burdens may

be heavier to carry. If you have a burden you would like to place on the tree, write your burden or burdens on a paper ornament and place it on the tree. Our wish is that you are NOT alone in your struggles. We are ALL here to share the burdens together!



**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.**

**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 gift is greatly appreciated.



**Life in the Spirit Retreat at St. Cecilia's**

Deepen your relationship with the third person of the Blessed Trinity and awaken the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life. **January 10-12, 2020** (registration begins at 6pm, seminar begins at 7pm on Friday and finishes at 3pm on Sunday)

**Weekend includes:** Mass; Praise & Worship; Talks & Testimonies; Small Group Discussion; Eucharistic Adoration; Healing of Hurtful Memories

**Cost:** free will offering. Pre-registration appreciated by Jan 7.

Register at [raxtman@gondtc.com](mailto:raxtman@gondtc.com) or call 701-324-2706 or the parish office at 324-2144, [stcecilia@gondtc.com](mailto:stcecilia@gondtc.com).

**Housing:** Cobblestone Inn: 701-635-2222 R & R Motel: 701-324-2271

Artos Motel: 701-324-4602

*There is a block of rooms set aside at the Cobblestone with a rate of 89.99. Please mention group name of Life in the Spirit.*

*Cut-off date is Jan. 4.*

No cost housing available in St. Cecilia's Social Center or in private homes. Please contact Rosalie prior to the weekend for arrangements using the email or phone numbers listed above.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, December 24th, 5:00p.m. St. Andrew's**

**Tuesday, December 24th, 7:30p.m. St. Mark's**

**Wednesday, December 25th, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's**

## Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Wednesday, January 1st, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's**

**Wednesday, January 1st, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's**



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

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

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

## St. Andrew's Ministries for December 22nd, 2019

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Teralyn & Nancy	Tom Henry	Hilary Huss & Heth Family	Calma & Eli	Mike & Terri Thompson	Mike & Tom

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

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	<b>Bread:</b> Vickie G. Bobbi A./ Anne B.	Barb Waagen	Denise Aide & Cynthia Kihle	Matt Brandjord & Brad Trebas	Denise Aide & Cynthia Kihle	Talor	
Sun.	<b>Bread:</b> Vicki B. Morris H. Jr./Priscilla S.	Vicki Boehnke	Wayne & Janell Barbot	Bryan Schweitzer/ Evan St. Michel	Wayne & Janell Barbot	Matthew & Alice	Priscilla S./ Addie B.