

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 28, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Margaret Swanson)
Sunday, December 29, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sunday, December 29, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† James Alberta)
Tuesday, December 31, 12:00p.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Wed., January 1, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
Wed., January 1, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† LaVonne Janzen)
Thursday, January 2, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Everett Lahr)
Friday, January 3, 8:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† Sheila Reagan & Reagan Family)
Saturday, January 4, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Maynard Sandberg)
Sunday, January 5, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(Parishioners)
Sunday, January 5, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(† LaVonne Janzen)

Home Communion

Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Anne Bergeron (228-2750) by **Sunday** 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, 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, 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, Judy Baumann
Mapleview: Shirley Pasicznyk
The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey
Jenkins Living Center: Carol Carbonneau
Watertown, SD

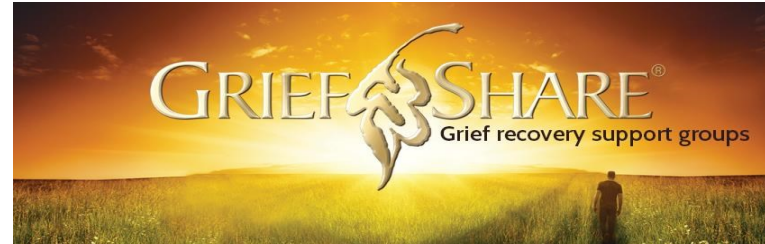
Rosary @ St Mark's: 5:00p.m., Saturday



UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's
St. Mark's

Jan 1: NO Quilting at 1:00pm in the Quilting Room
Jan 2: NO SAHC Communion Service at 11:30am, NO Adoration at SAHC Chapel until 12:45pm. Warren will be gone.
Jan 3: **First Friday Mass at 8:00am, followed by Adoration until 12:00pm.**
Jan. 7: KC meeting - 6:00pm meal with meeting following.



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. **JOIN US Bring a friend. Sundays 3:00pm -5:00pm, January 12-April 05, Grace Lutheran, Bottineau. Contact Warren Emmer at boundarylake@gmail.com or 701-220-5042.**
JOIN US Bring a friend

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From _____

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

Stewardship Moment : "Wives, be subordinate to your husbands... Husbands, love your wives... Children, obey your parents in everything... Fathers, do not provoke your children..." **COLOSSIANS 3:18-21**

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

Report for December 21-22, 2019



St. Andrew's	Christmas	St. Mark's	Christmas
Adult env. \$ 2,499.00	\$110.00	Adult env. \$ 9,535.00	\$ 2,814.00
Plate \$ 117.00	\$368.00	Plate \$ 187.00	\$ 288.00
Children \$ 26.00	\$ 44.00	Children \$ 25.00	\$ 74.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 1,020.00



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

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 28-29, The Holy Fam-

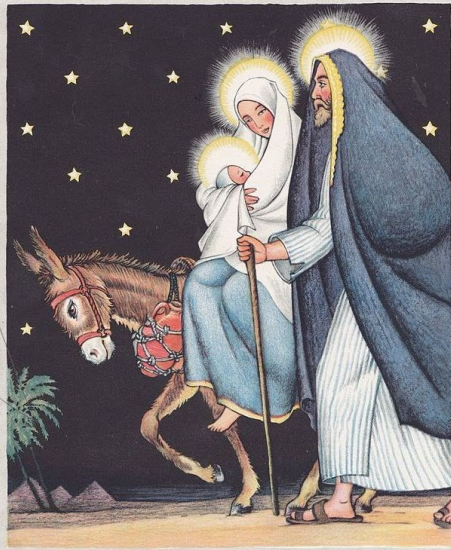


The Holy Family -
Joseph, Mary and Jesus

Joseph rose and
took the child and his mother
by night and departed for Egypt.

(Matthew 2:14)

From the Pastor's Pen



FLIGHT INTO EGYPT. As we hear in today's Gospel, the Holy Family fled by night from Bethlehem, and returned when Joseph had again been assured in a dream that it'd be safe to take the Savior back to the land of His nativity. It would have taken the fugitives at least three days to reach Egypt to get beyond Herod's jurisdiction.

In later generations, other accounts added information. These ancient legends relate that they remained absent two years from Palestine and lived a few miles north-east of Cairo.

They had covered approximately 1250 miles. Their means of transport was a beast of burden and an occasional sailboat on the Nile. But for much of the way, they must've trudged on foot, enduring fierce heat and biting cold. We can easily imagine pangs of hunger and thirst. The journey demanded much of the Holy Family.

But what really makes a family holy? It's not just the sufferings they endure, but the adventure they're on. Pope Francis answered this question in a 2013 homily.

1. First: the family prays. I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I'm sure. Many people say: But how can we? Besides, prayer is something personal, and there's never a good time, a moment of peace... Yes, all that is true, but it's also a matter of humility—realizing that we need God. We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family. Praying the *Our Father* together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy.

2. Next, the family keeps the faith. How do we keep our faith as a family? Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often 'racing' from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this 'racing' could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families.

3. And finally: the family experiences joy. I would like to ask a question. You can regard it as a kind of 'homework'. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family?

True joy in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects. True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. The basis of this feeling is the presence of God, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. Above all, God is patient and he teaches us how to be patient with each other and with ourselves. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centredness prevails and joy fades. The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

May each family know God's blessing on this Feast of the Holy Family.

NEW YEARS 2020. Weds, Jan 1, a **Holy Day of Obligation**, celebrate the Octave of Christmas, World Day of Peace, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and New Year's Day all in one fell swoop! See facing page for times and place.

"Called in the Gospels 'the Mother of Jesus,' Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as 'the mother of my Lord.' In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 495).



**GRATEFUL
THANKFUL
BLESSED**

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION. Thank You to all those who sent goodies, gifts and cards to the parish for the holidays. May the Good Lord reward your kindness. May He give me energy through the New Year of Grace, 2020, to be the good shepherd you so rightly deserve. In the Name of Jesus, let's continue to be gifts to one another.



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

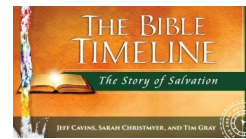
Cost: free will offering. Pre-registration appreciated by Jan 7. Register at raxtman@gondtc.com or call 701-324-2706 or the parish office at 324-2144, stcecilia@gondtc.com.

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.



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.**



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

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

MORE PONSETTIA MEMORIALS

Mark & Denise Aide.....Irene & Kasper Binstock
Jeff & Vicki Boehnke.....Bob & MaryLou Boehnke
.....Richard & Lottie Pitzer
Margie Mehlhoff.....Daniel Mehlhoff
.....Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Volk



May you all have a safe,
joyous and Blessed New
Year!!!!

St. Mark's Ministries for January 1st, 2020

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERV-ERS	COUNTERS
Wed.	Bread: Vicki B. Wayne B./ Kathy M.	Jerry Migler	Steve & Diane Lorenz	Mike Haberman & Jeff Beyer	Steve & Diane Lorenz	Mylee	TBD

St. Andrew's Ministries for January 5th, 2020

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Paul & Tom	Paulette Martin	Lenny Artz Family	Will & Calma	Lenny & Mike Artz	Mark & Tom

St. Mark's Ministries for January 4th & 5th, 2020

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERV-	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Bobbi A. Julie H./ Vickie G.	Anne Bergeron	Mike Haberman Family	Mike Haberman/ Joe Berg	Mike Haberman Family	Alice & Matthew	
Sun.	Bread: Jen Nero Bev. J./ Morris H. Jr.	Vicki Boehnke	Evan & Janaye St. Michel Family	Jeff Beyer/ Wayne Barbot	Evan & Janaye St. Michel Family	Graysen	Carla E./ Addie B.