

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Andrew's

Jan. 15: Parish Council meeting 7:00pm in the rectory.

St. Mark's

Jan. 7: KC meeting - 6:00pm meal with meeting following.
Jan 8: Quilting at 1:00pm in the Quilting Room
Jan 8: Adult Ed 7:00pm in the Social Hall
Jan 9: SAHC Communion Service at 11:30am, Adoration at SAHC Chapel until 12:45pm.
Jan 9: Altar Society meeting 5:30pm Social Hall
Jan. 14: Parish Council meeting 6:00pm Social Hall



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.**

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

A Mass intention is requested for :

From _____

Suggested offering \$10.00 per Mass intention.

Stewardship Moment : "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." *MATTHEW 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Report for December 28-29, 2019



St. Andrew's

Adult env. \$ 2,499.00
Plate \$ 117.00
Children \$ 26.00

St. Mark's

Adult env. \$ 2,008.00
Plate \$ 93.00
Children \$ 28.00

Building Improvement Fund: \$ 1,245.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

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)
Tuesday, January 7, 12:00p.m. St. Mark's
(† James Alberta)
Wed., January 8, 7:30a.m. St. Mark's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Thursday, January 9, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Poor Souls in Purgatory)
Friday, January 10, 11:00a.m. Good Sam
(† LaVonne Janzen)
Saturday, January 11, 5:30p.m. St. Mark's
(† Arvid Anderson)
Sunday, January 12, 9:00a.m. St. Andrew's
(† Tom & Priscilla Fischer)
Sunday, January 12, 11:00a.m. St. Mark's
(Parishioners)

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 Ysul-an, 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



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

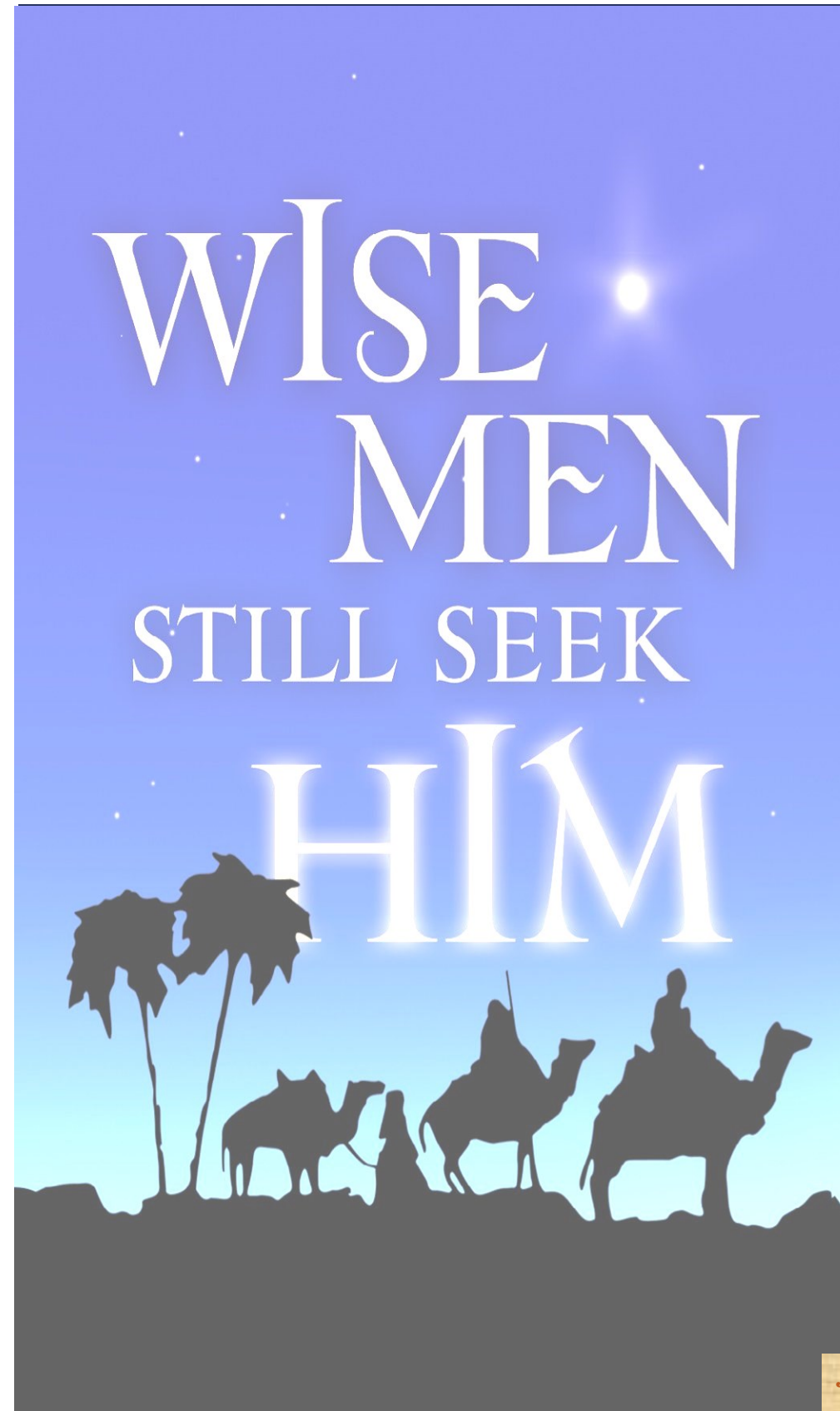
Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope

Or by Appointment

OFFICE HOURS

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

January 4-5, 2020, The Epiphany



From the Pastor's Pen



RIPPLES OF LIGHT. The Magi show Christ's mission to the rest of the world.

In the 2nd reading, St. Paul speaks of the revelation of a mystery: that all nations are to share in the inheritance of Israel and become parts of the Body of Christ.

Isaiah, 1st reading, shares with us a vision of Jerusalem's magnetic attraction. He sees lines of camels, and kings with their peoples streaming toward Jerusalem. As the citizens behold the mounting influx of humanity they glow, their radiance intensifies and their hearts throb with joy.

This startling, beautiful image condenses the whole history of the Church into a single event.

Perhaps you've seen crowds descending upon the Fargo Dome or some big stadium. I recall the *March for Life* in Wash D.C., and especially the opening of the Holy Door in Rome on Xmas Eve, 1999.

Baby Jesus begins a global procession. Funny how quietly it began. The Magi follow a star to a humble abode where they find Mother & Child wrapped in silence. They prostrate themselves, offering gifts. From there a ripple effect gradually spreads over the entire world.

Let's bring it home. How open (or closed) are your relationships to outside enrichment?

Are newcomers impressed by the spirit of welcome they encounter in our community?

Is my circle of friends within a picket fence others can peer through, observe the love, and draw close to the gate that easily swings open?

As a parish, our identity is Christ. We are his Body. We are to become what we eat. We are Christ to one another. We are Christ to strangers, to newcomers, even to enemies.

In our own humble and quiet ways we all have something to receive from one another. How else will the global procession continue its forward march toward the Kingdom of God?

To belong to this "caravan", mentioned by Isaiah, is to belong to a vast movement that is far from done wrapping our world. Like a symphony or a pilgrimage, it unfolds. It is the unfolding of Love. The Good Shepherd is conducting this concert, leading this march.

Such a Love is a Star worth following. It is the glow of Christmas that shines year round, weaving a radiance that shines with the fibers of your choices and your life in Christ. This is an ongoing *Epiphany*.



THE BETHLEHEM STAR. Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, the director of the Vatican Observatory, addresses the question "Can science explain the mystery of the Star of Bethlehem?" in an article at *Evening Standard*. He highlights several theories before concluding:

Actually, to me the most astonishing part of the story of the Magi is not that they would predict the birth of a king from the positions of the planets; any fortune teller could have done that kind of calculation. Nor is it that they'd pull up roots and travel afar to find out if they were right; we astronomers do that all the time. Instead,

it's that they would be able and willing to recognize the king they were seeking in the child they found in a manger.

Are we able and willing to recognize the Child in the manger?

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord."

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth (John 1:1-3.14).

Using the blessed chalk, write on the lintel of one or more of your household doorways (each number/letter could be written by a different member of the family): The first half of the current year: + 20, Then the three letters: C + M + B, Lastly, write the other half of the year: 20 +. It should look something like this: + 20 C + M + B 20 +

The initials stand for **Christus mansionem benedicat**, which means: "May Christ bless this house". They also recall the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar.

Final prayer:

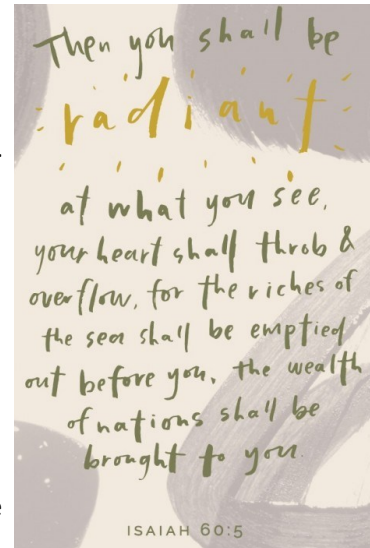
Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your beloved Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who dwell here.

May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law.

Fill us with the light of Christ so our love for each other can go out to all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

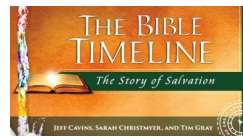
Cost: free will offering. Pre-registration appreciated by Jan 7. Register at raxtman@gondtc.com or call 701-324-2706 or the parish office at 324-2144, stcecilia@gondtc.com.

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.**

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? A system of fertility awareness that is 100% natural and can be used to help with all the above issues will be presented by Jen Lagein. She is trained to teach



the Creighton Model, a scientific method proven to be as effective as any hormonal birth control in avoiding pregnancy and three times more effective than IVF in achieving pregnancy. **Introductory Session at St. Joachim's Religious Education Center in Rolla from 7pm-9pm on January 14th. To register, call Jen at 701-367-6386. No fee for Introductory Session.**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES NORTH DAKOTA is offering January and February presentations to support our farming families and rural communities. For more information see <https://www.catholiccharitiesnd.org/stress-management-in-rural-farm-communities/>.

Scheduled Workshops include:

Wahpeton at St. John's Catholic Church at 4pm on January 14th, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Erin Rocheleau, MA, LPCC

Langdon at the NDSU Research Center at 7pm on January 14, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Barb Boesl, MED, LPC

Grand Forks at Holy Family Church at 4pm on January 19th, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Melissa Lee-Eckes, MSW, LCSW

Valley City at St. Catherine's Parish Hall at 7pm on January 23, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Jennifer Eberle, MS, LPCC

Rugby at Rugby High School Auditorium at 7pm on February 22, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Erin Rocheleau, MA, LPCC

Cassellton/Fargo TBD in January or February of 2020 with Clinical Therapist Kim Fritel MS, LPCC

These free informational presentations are open to everyone interested in supporting our communities being impacted by rural stress. Follow up events may also be offered. If you are interested in bringing a presentation closer to your community please reach out to our Director of Counseling, Melissa Lee-Eckes, MSW, LCSW, at (701) 235-4457 or you can also email or call me to learn more as well. Sincerely, Chad Prosocki

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St. Andrew's Ministries for January 12th, 2020

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Roberta & Teralyn	Nancy Erickson	Terry & Jan Baumann	Eli & Isaac	Lenny Artz/volunteer	Mike & Howard

St. Mark's Ministries for January 11th & 12th, 2020

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Vickie G. Bobbi A./Susan H.	Susan Haberman	Pat & Rita Lauer	Mike Haberman/ Joe Berg	Pat & Rita Lauer	Talor	
Sun.	Bread: Kathy M. Wayne B./ Priscilla S.	Deb Stewart	Flora Carlson & Lois Raymo	Jeff Beyer/ Wayne Barbot	Flora Carlson & Lois Raymo	Riley	Priscilla S./ Marie M.-B.