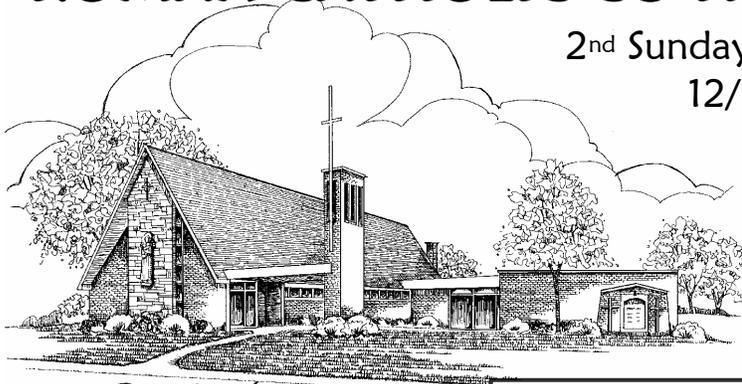


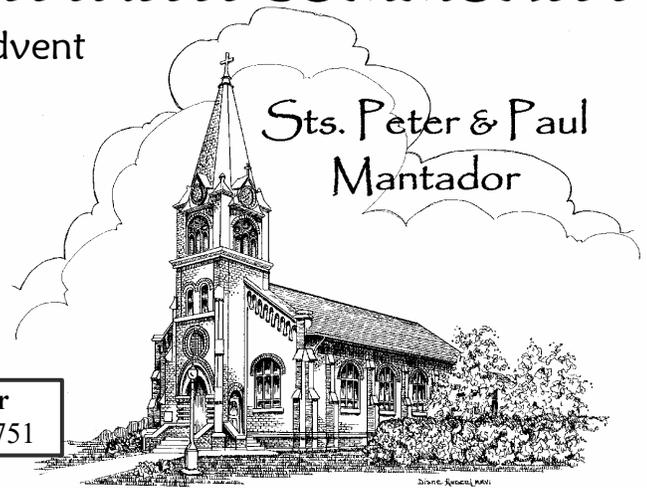
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

2nd Sunday of Advent  
12/8/19



St. Anthony  
Mooreton

**Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor**  
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Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

## St Anthony 12/14 5:00 pm

**Lector** Diane Birchem,  
**EMHC** Justin Onchuck, Alyson Krier  
**Usher** Joe Erbes  
**Servers** Kriers

## St Anthony 12/15 8:30 am

**Lector** Arnel Onchuck  
**EMHC** Brian Boyle, Dori Palmer  
**Usher** Curt Berg  
**Servers** Boyles  
**Gifts** Jeremiah & Ashley Nelson

## Sts Peter & Paul 12/15 10:30 am

**Lector** Barb Severson  
**EMHC** Ron Pellman, Marietta Pellman  
**Usher** Jeff Mauch  
**Servers** Foertschs

## Mass Intentions *Changes in Bold*

**Mon, 9 StA 7:00 pm** Seth & Bridget Zilverberg - (S) Immaculate Conception  
**Tue, 10 StsPP 8:30 am** Bill Gutzman (†)  
**Wed, 11 StA 5:45 pm** Bill Ward (†) - (m) St Damasus 1  
**Thu, 12 StsPP 5:30 pm** Bill Gutzman (†) - (F) Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Fri, 13 StA 9:30 am** Fr. Gerald McCarthy (†) - (M) St Lucy  
**Sat, 14 St A 5:00 pm** Bill Ward (†) - (M) St John of the Cross  
**Sun, 15 St A 8:30 am** Trina Michels & family  
**Sun, 15 Sts PP 10:30 am** All parishioners

**Pray for the Sick/Elderly:** Leo Althoff, Vernon Althoff, Jerome Birchem, Kate Boll, Wayne Foertsch, Sr Ann Marie Friederichs, Jacinta Goerger, Dennis Iverson, Jim Krump, Erwin Lugert, Dennis Mauch, Kathy (Randy's) Mauch, Macy Mauch, Kassie Pauly, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Patrick Sawyer, Greg Stephens, Tim Sundby, Wayne Ward, Frances Zajac, Carol Zietz. - Send prayer requests to Fr Gunwall

## Inconceivable - Unbelievable

Do you remember Vizzini from "The Princess Bride" repeatedly saying "inconceivable" until Inigo Montoya says, "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means." I would like to compare "inconceivable" and "unbelievable" because we also may think or speak of them loosely or wrongly. If something is inconceivable to me, to my intellect, then it simply means that my mind cannot understand or grasp whatever has been presented to me. Like my conscience, I must allow God to form my mind so that I can at least somewhat conceive of who God is, his will, and the goodness of the world as he made it. If I truly cannot conceive of the good I should do, or participating in sin which I should avoid, I will be punished less severely (*Jesus - Luke 12:48*) Similarly, if I find something unbelievable, it means I refuse to believe what I do conceive - whether I conceive rightly or wrongly. So my unbelief comes from my free will. If I choose to disregard God's will as expressed in his commands, then like "that servant who knew his master's will, but did not make ready or act according to his will," O deserve and "shall receive a severe beating." (Luke 12:47)

As we hear in today's readings, there are things that seem inconceivable or unbelievable to our intellect and our will, either because they are so foreign to our experience and/or we do not know God's power, goodness and mercy. Many people do not really accept the truth of Christmas - God becoming man, or Easter - God dying and rising from the dead. The intellect may be under developed, or the will is somehow opposed to God's revelation. If you struggle in either way, pray asking God, "I believe, help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

*May God lead you to deeper faith, hope and charity this Advent! - Fr. Kurt Gunwall*

**P.S.** If you find a link to our website that doesn't work, please inform me right away so that we can fix it. I just found out that the Google business pages weren't working. I have fixed that now but I can't fix what I don't know. ;) Please take a look right now at our website listed directly below.

## Advent Reconciliation Services:

Dec 8 - 7:00 pm - Sts Peter & Paul - Mantador  
Dec 9 - 8:00 pm - St Anthony - Mooreton  
Dec 15 - 4:00 & 6:30 pm - St John - Wapheton  
Dec 15 - 7:00 pm - St John the Baptist - Wyndmere  
Dec 22 - 7:00 pm - St Boniface - Lidgerwood  
TBD - St Phillip - Hankinson

## News of the Week:

Sun, 8 StA 9:30am Parish Life mtg  
StA 4:30 pm Finance-Pastoral Council  
StsPP 7pm Advent Reconciliation  
StA 9pm National Night of Prayer for Life  
Mon, 9 StA 7pm Mass  
StA 8pm Advent Reconciliation  
Letter to a Suffering Church discussions  
Tue, 10 StA & Thu, 12 Sts PP - both 7pm  
Wed, 11 StA 6:15pm RE meal  
Fri, 13 StA 6am Men's group

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### Questions of the Week

What can I do to bring harmony to my family, my neighborhood, the world? What do I need to allow God to heal and transform in me?

**Verse of the Week:** "He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord." (Luke 1:14)

**Assignment: Look to the needs of others before my wants** - How can you grow in generosity this Advent and Christmas? Each time you think, "I want ...," ask God and yourself, "What similar things do others need? Can I do something about it?" Commit to one each week. Thank God that you can help another.

**Holy Land Crafts - The Alatrash family** are representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families and they will be with us on the weekend of Dec 14 & 15, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, these families face devastating economical strain, and the population has decreased to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourist. So we bring their artifacts to the USA to try to help support them. All the proceed from sales will be send back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them. Please browse their items and give a gift from the Holy Land.

**National Night of Prayer for Life** - this Sunday night. Prayer at both parishes.

**Finance & Pastoral Council** - Here are the parish representatives for 2020. St Anthony: Jamie Mauch, Dean Onchuck, Adam Mauch, Diane Birchem, Loran Palmer & Yvonne Ward. Sts Peter & Paul: Jeff Mauch, Donna Thiel, Wayne Mauch, JoAnne Jentz, Joel Lingen & Bev Waxweiler Thank you to Tim Kath, Jeanne Lugert, Loran Palmer & Christal Hutchison for serving the last three years. The meeting for St Anthony is this evening, Sun, Dec 8. Tell me or your representatives of any issues for us to discuss.

**Richland County Christmas Tags** - Due this Sunday, Dec 8. Drop off by 5 pm.

**Letter to a Suffering Church** will be discussed 7 pm, Tue, Dec 10, in Mooreton & Thu, Dec 12, in Mantador. Come either night.

**Retirement Fund for Religious** - This weekend we are distributing envelopes for a national collection for elderly religious. You can use the envelope to donate to this annual appeal or you can send a gift or a thank you card locally to the Franciscans or Carmelites for their work and prayer for our communities and Diocese. 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 for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank God and thank them as you are able.

**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?

### Quote of the Week

““At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.” - Mother Teresa

### A Prayer for Advent - Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

### Community Announcements

**Knights of Columbus Advent socials/dinners - Sun, Dec 8**, 4 pm social, 6 pm dinner at Geneseo Bar & Grill for Knights & wives for the **Lidgerwood Council**.

RSVP to Gerald Oster (538-7415). Also, **Sun, Dec 15**, social and dinner for Knights and wives at St John's for the **Wahpeton Council**. RSVP to Wayne Steiner.

**Dec. Cleaners: Sts PP:** \*Kari Foertsch, Trudy Glynn, JoAnne Jentz, Patty Lingen, Jo Mertes / **St A:** \*Kristin Erbes, Tiffany Carlson, Mary Erbes, Alison Krier, Anita Onchuck, Jeri Pausch



May women experiencing challenging pregnancies receive loving care as they prepare to welcome their children.

the Catechism (CCC) helps us read Scripture with the mind of Christ.

**2nd Sunday of Advent - Paragraph #s (not pages)**

**522, 711-716, 722:** the prophets and the expectation of the Messiah

**523, 717-720:** the mission of John the Baptists

**1427-1429:** conversion of the baptized



This week's celebrations: Larry Jagodinski, Barbara Severson, Arnold Foertsch, Rich Spellerberg, Joe Storbakken, Shirley Breuer, Kathy Mauch, Kassie Pauly, Ryley Flaa, Robert Foertsch, Madison Klosterman. Yvonne (& Bill †) Ward.

*Happy Anniversary*