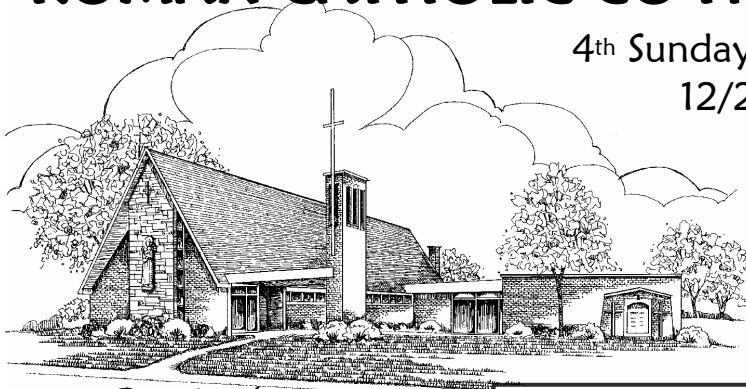


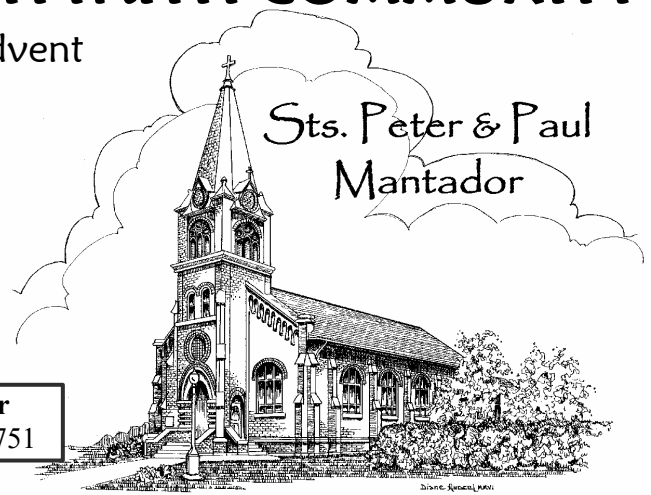
ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

4th Sunday of Advent
12/22/19



St. Anthony
Mooreton

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor
701-274-8259 or 701-540-8751



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 12/28 5:00 pm

Lector Yvonne Ward
EMHC Yvonne Ward, Jane Althoff
Usher Dick Mauch
Servers Wolfs

St Anthony 12/29 8:30 am

Lector Dean Onchuck
EMHC Dean & Anita Onchuck
Usher Don Klosterman
Servers Kriers
Gifts Don & Diana Klosterman

Sts Peter & Paul 12/29 10:30 am

Lector Bill Mauch
EMHC Don Thiel, Barb Severson
Usher Wayne Mauch
Servers Kathes

Mass Intentions Changes in Bold

Mon, 23 StA 8:30 am Arlin Schultz (†) - (m) St John of Kanty - O Emmanuel
Tue, 24 StA 4:00 pm Fr. Kreidermacher (†) - (S) Christmas Eve
Tue, 24 StsPP 8:30 pm All Parishioners - (S) Christmas Night
Wed, 25 StA 10:00 am Bill Ward (†) - (S) Christmas Day
Thu, 26 No Mass - (F) St Stephen
Fri, 27 No Mass - (F) St John
Sat, 28 St A 5:00 pm Ida & Markus Franck (†) - (F) the Holy Innocents
Sun, 29 St A 8:30 am All parishioners
Sun, 29 Sts PP 10:30 am Joe Vogel (†)

Pray for the Sick/Elderly: Leo 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, Anita Onchuck, Kassie Pauly, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Patrick Sawyer, Greg Stephens, Tim Sundby, Wayne Ward, Frances Zajac, Carol Zietz. - Send prayer requests to Fr Gunwall

Christmas - Jesus is the Reason for the Season

A Christmas Carol, Its a Wonderful Life, The Nativity, The Star and many uplifting Christmas movies remind us of reasons to celebrate the love and power of God that can transform our souls. I am not one who recommends adding screen time to our lives but if you are going to turn on the screen, choose something uplifting and Christ centered.

On another Christmas note, I wrote a letter and with the help of a few parishioners, we have it ready for you this weekend at the Church. If you are away this weekend and missed it, we are mailing them Monday. It is my Christmas letter for you and a card that I hope you will all fill in and return to me (mail, collection basket, stop by the rectory, or invite me over for that long overdue visit). :) My prayers for you are my gift and my responsibility as your pastor. It's like a parent telling your kids that you love them - it is your responsibility as a parent but it is a love that grows as you love. You don't have to tell them you love them but it means more when they hear it. So, I do pray for **all of you** but I want to pray for **each of you** personally and these cards will help me do that.

Finally, I will be away Dec 26-30 for Christmas time with my family in Illinois. It was a difficult decision because I don't want to miss the weekend after Christmas because it is often an opportunity to meet more of your families that stick around to visit a little longer. Nevertheless I will enjoy my time with my family too. :) I will also be going on a vacation with my parents Jan 9-21 and do look forward to some warmth, sunshine, hiking, and other outdoor activities in the beauty of Hawaii. This will be my first big "vacation" in 15 years. I will post the contact info for the area priests as we get a little closer.

I pray that you enjoy the time with family, friends, and with God in the celebration of the Eucharist and Reconciliation during these Advent and Christmas days.

God is with us as the Holy Spirit dwells within us. God the Son, Jesus, is also with us Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity in the Eucharist. So I want to repeat my invitation from last week. **I invite you to rest quietly adoring Jesus as He remains with us in the Eucharist.** Our times for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (of Jesus) are Mon 7:30 am, Tue 3:00 pm, and Wed 9:00 am, - **the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available too.**

Advent Reconciliation Services:
Dec 22 - 7:00 pm - St Boniface - Lidgerwood

email: mooretonmantadorcatholic@gmail.com / web: mooretonmantadorcatholic.org

News of the Week:

Sun, 22 StA 11:30am Youth Christmas program & dinner
Tue, 24 StA 4pm Christmas Eve
Tue, 24 StsPP 8:30pm Christmas Night
Wed, 25 StA 10am Christmas Day
Carols before each Mass Dec 24 & 25
Dec 26-30 Fr. Gunwall gone
Dec 28-29 Fr Tiu celebrating Mass

Questions of the Week

What is my mission? What is God calling me to do? How can I fulfill my mission?

Verse of the Week: "And the angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.'" (Luke 1:35)

Assignment: Celebrate Jesus the Christ all Octave (eight days) - Jesus

came to earth to save us from our sins. Yes, God loves you as you are, but He loves you too much to leave you this way. He created us to be Saints.

Poinsettias in memory of...

Charles Nord (†)
James & Madelyn Haberman (†)
George & Agnes Erbes (†)
Madelyn Agnes Erbes (†)
Polycarp & Norma Mousloff (†)
Adolph & Bridget Haberman (†)
Gerald & Edna Onchuck (†)
Herb & Lillian Reiland (†)
Bert & Al Lingen (†)
Herb & Mary Goerger (†)
Neal Goerger (†)
Harold Althoff (†)
Ludvik & Martha Tuna (†)
Thomas & Anna Althoff (†)
Bill Ward (†)
John Griffith (†)
Gerald Simdorn (†)
Douglas Simdorn (†)
Tom & Mildred Haus (†)
Leo & Clara Mauch (†)
Clarence & Mildred Berg (†)
Jentz family deceased members
Kutter family deceased members
National Order of Catholic Foresters living and deceased members

Parish Decorating: Sts Peter & Paul - Please stay after Mass this weekend to setup trees and manger scene. Next weekend stay again to finish the other decorations. Treats and snacks may be available. :) / St Anthony - After the Christmas program, stay for a dinner provided by Circle #2. We can use your help to finish decorations after the program or the meal too.

Secret Prayer Partners - Remember to send a card or note after Christmas to your secret prayer partner.

Parish Donations must be received by Jan 30 for a deposit on Dec 31 or the government will not credit it toward 2019. We cannot change this so be sure to bring any end of year donations by Sunday December 29.

Stewardship Moment: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



Community Announcements

Priests v. Seminarians basketball at Shanley High School, Fargo, on Fri, Dec 27, at 7 pm. Families are encouraged to attend together or the teens can join the carpool. As a parish, we will offer pizza at 6:15 pm in Fargo for those who can make it and then enjoy the game and half-time activities.

Socks & mittens for homeless - Please bring donations of socks & mittens for adults or youth and hang them on the tree in the entrance of the church at St

Anthony. We will collect these items until New Years Day and then take them to the Safe Home in Wahpeton or a homeless shelter in Fargo to be distributed this winter. You can donate a single pair or packages. Contact Dori Palmer for more info at 701-204-2687.

Holy Land Crafts - thank you to each of you who supported our Christian brothers and sisters who live in the Holy Land. Maher was grateful for the generosity our parishes showed. To order, go to our website for their link.

A Prayer for Advent - Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.



Quote of the Week

"You don't need to use many or high-sounding words. Just repeat often, 'Lord, show me your mercy as you know best.' Or, 'God, come to my assistance.'" - St Marcarus of Alexandria

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

4th Sunday of Advent - Paragraph #s (not pages)

496-507, 495: Mary's virginal motherhood
437, 456, 484-486, 721-726: Mary the Mother of Christ by the Holy Spirit
1846: Jesus as Savior revealed to Joseph
445, 648, 695: Christ the Son of God in his Resurrection
143-149, 494, 2087: the "obedience of faith"

Solemnity of Christmas

456-460, 466: "Why did the Word become flesh?"
461-463, 470-478: Mary the Mother of Christ by the Holy Spirit
437, 525-526: the Christmas mystery
439, 496, 559, 2616: Jesus is the Son of David
65, 102: God has said everything in his Word
333: the incarnate Christ worshipped by the angels
1159-1162, 2131, 2502: the Incarnation and images of Christ



This week's celebrations:
Michael Pellman, Tyler Kath,
Orin Pausch.