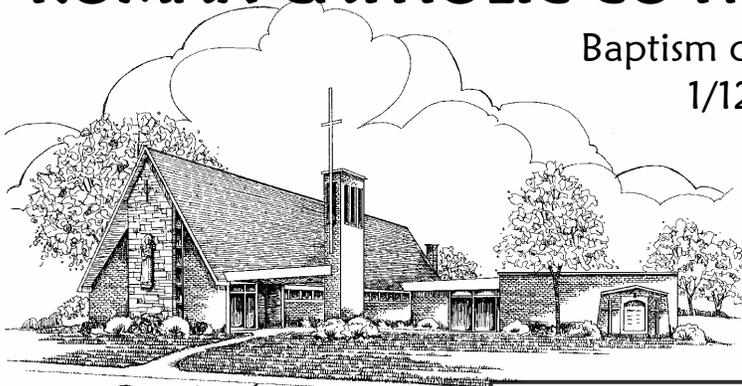


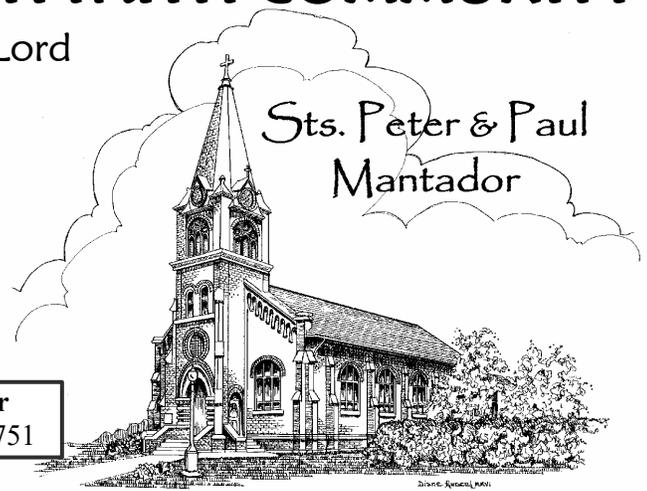
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

Baptism of the Lord  
1/12/20



St. Anthony  
Mooreton

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



Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

## St Anthony 1/18 5:00 pm

**Lector** Joe Braun  
**EMHC** Alyson Krier, Dori Palmer  
**Usher** Jim Griffith  
**Servers** Kriers

## St Anthony 1/19 8:30 am

**Lector** Renata Fobb  
**EMHC** Dean Onchuck, Chance Pausch  
**Usher** Curt Berg  
**Servers** A&D Onchuck

## Gifts Adam & Jennifer Mauch Sts Peter & Paul 1/19 10:30 am

**Lector** Terry Goerger  
**EMHC** JoAnne Jentz, Bill Mauch  
**Usher** Nick Foertsch  
**Servers** Foertschs

## Mass Intentions *Changes in Bold*

**Mon, 13** No Mass - (m) St Hilary  
**Tue, 14** No Mass  
**Wed, 15** No Mass Bill Ward (†)  
**Thu, 16** No Mass  
**Fri, 17** No Mass - (m) St Anthony  
Sat, 18 St A 5:00 pm Emma Althoff (†)  
Sun, 19 St A 8:30 am Bill Ward (†)  
Sun, 19 Sts PP 10:30 am All parishioners

**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, Kassie Pauly, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Patrick Sawyer, Greg Stephens, Tim Sundby, Wayne Ward, Frances Zajac, Carol Zietz. - Send prayer requests to Fr Gunwall

## Birth (Ordinary Life) & Baptism (Supernatural Life)

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord - Jesus baptized by John in the Jordan river. What is the importance of baptism for you and me?

Let's begin at your beginning. You are a human being, conceived, created in love by God, with the dignity, rights and responsibilities that come from God and those that come from our nation or local community. Your parents conceived you, born from your mother, and raised by your family in school, home, and community activities, education, and events. Those moments make up your natural life. And they are connected to a supernatural life. This essential and encompassing part of your life began with your baptism into the Family of God (the One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church). In that moment, God adopted you; Original and personal sins were forgiven, and you received sanctifying (saving) grace in the presence of the Holy Spirit. This grace was strengthened and stirred up at your Confirmation, at every Eucharist in which you participate worthily, in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing, as well as your Marriage or my Ordination.

God created every person for this supernatural life. To quote the Baltimore Catechism, "We are created to know, love, and serve God in this world, so as to be with Him in the next." The ordinary/natural life is the complement to the supernatural life with God. How we live this life both reflects and shapes how we will live eternally - heaven (with God if we strive to be like God) or hell (without God if we live primarily for ourselves).

So your baptism day is one to be celebrated - at least on par with your birthday. *(Do the assignment on the backside.)*

*In regard to a sad trend, "I don't want (don't care) to baptize my child; I want them to choose for themselves." A young man whose mom chose this said, it simply showed me that she didn't really believe the faith or she would have shared it with us in practice.*

You are created to be greater than a superhero or a superstar. You are a son/daughter of God - Creator of everything. You are created to be a Saint, with a capital S, in this life and to live in the joy and love of God for eternity. You have the power to forgive the sins that others commit against you - to free them (for your part) from the punishment of hell.

You have the power to bring God's light, peace, hope, joy and grace to others when you let God live in you and shine through your words and actions. You can be an instrument of God, or an obstacle. **How are you living your life - just ordinary? Or supernaturally?**

**Contacts while I am on vacation:** Fr Simonson (Wyndmere) 701-566-0405; Fr Sautner (Hankinson) 701-640-6525; Fr Anderl (Lidgerwood) 701-640-6050; Fr Tiu (Carmelites) 701-403-6561; Frs Lagodinski & Welle (Wahpeton) 701-899-3278 & 321-507-8101. Then please inform me.

## News of the Week:

Sun, 12 StA 6:30pm Financial Peace University - intro session  
Jan 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Fr. Gunwall is on vacation until Jan 21 with limited email and phone. No weekday Masses.

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### Questions of the Week

Am I open to seeing the Holy Spirit acting through unexpected people or guiding me in unexpected ways?

**Verse of the Week:** "And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" (*Matthew 3:16-17*)

**Assignment:** *Find the baptism dates* for your family and put them on your calendar. **Send a card** of faith or give a call - like a birthday. Pray for your godparents and send them a card - thank them if they have been a good witness to a life of faith or offer prayers if they are struggling in life or faith.

**Do you want Financial Peace?** - Do you feel burdened by debt or uncertainty in paying bills each month? Are you lacking a vision or plan for making and reaching financial goals? Take part in this video and workbook series with Dave Ramsey and his team (heard nationally on many radio stations). Find support from others who will take these steps with you. Chance & Jeri Pausch will facilitate the series at St Anthony Parish Hall, 200 Mooreton Ave N, Mooreton, on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm. **Come to a preview night with Q&A time** this Sunday with no commitment. Write to [jp81311@live.com](mailto:jp81311@live.com) with questions. You can keep up with the videos online even if you miss an evening. Jesus truly gives peace of heart. Don't let finances disturb that peace.

**St Mary Magdalen Court 117** of the National Catholic Society of Foresters will hold a **"Soup"er Bowl Fund Raiser** at Sts Peter & Paul for the Food Pantry, Feb 2, 2020. Drop off cans or other non-perishable food in the back of the church. Funds up to \$1,500 will be matched by the High Court of the NCSof-Life Insurance, Annuities, Fraternal Benefits. Donations accepted all month.

**Stewardship Moment:** *"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:17)*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

### Community Announcements

#### Stress Management for Farmers, Ranchers and Rural Communities -

**Catholic Charities North Dakota** is pleased to announce that our Counseling Services team will be offering this presentation in Wahpeton at St. John's Catholic Church at 4:00 pm on Jan 14 with Clinical Therapist Erin Rocheleau, MA, LPCC. This free, informational presentation is open to everyone interested in attending to discuss resources and ways to support our communities being affected by rural stress. Follow up events may also be offered if requested. See the posters in the back of the church.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages, Feb 7-9, in Fargo** - Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org).

**Catholic Collage** - Spend your Sunday afternoons learning more about your Catholic Faith! 1:00 or 2:30 on Feb 9, 16, & 23 in Fargo at Shanley High School. For more information, visit [www.catholiccollage.com](http://www.catholiccollage.com) or contact Joan Schaefer at [jschaefer@ideaone.net](mailto:jschaefer@ideaone.net) or 701-364-0444. Pre-registration required.

**Bishop Folda and I will lead a workshop on Catholic History in the US. Fr. Sautner will lead one on the Our Father.**

**Exodus 90 - Start your Lent early** - Check out this resource to help you on your journey of purity! Starting Jan 13 thru Easter, for 90 days, we'll walk as brothers on this path to freedom, leading us closer to Christ, and becoming MORE like the men the Church needs today! Go to <https://exodus90.com/> for more info.

**Jan Cleaners: Sts PP:** \*Donna Thiel, Barb Lingen, Jackie Lingen, Cindy Reiland / **St A:** \*Michelle Johnson, Shirley Breuer, Brenda Klosterman, Diana Klosterman, Theresa Link



the Catechism (CCC) helps us read Scripture with the mind of Christ.  
**{Look ahead} 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday -Ordinary Time - Paragraph #s (not pages)**  
**604-609:** Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away sins of all  
**689-690:** mission of Son and Holy Spirit



This week's celebrations: Taylor Allmendinger, Anita Onchuck, Ashley Nelson, Danette Onchuck.