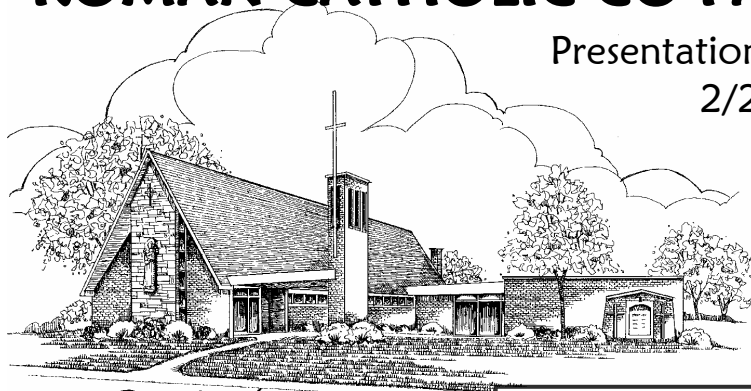


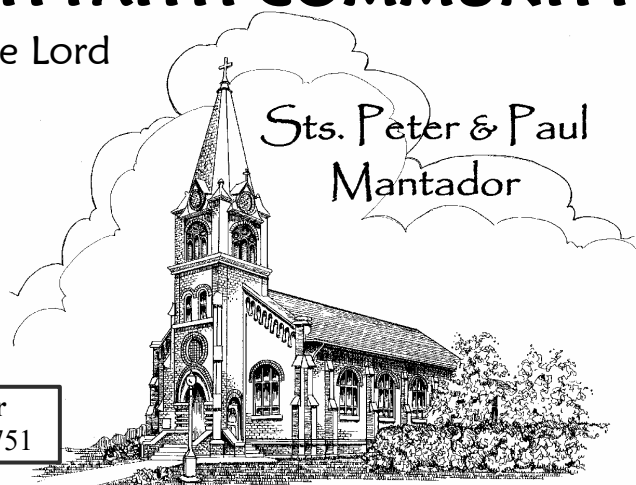
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

Presentation of the Lord

2/2/20



St. Anthony  
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

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

**St Anthony 2/8 5:00 pm**

**Lector** sub needed  
**EMHC** Yvonne Ward, Brenda Klosterman  
**Usher** sub needed  
**Servers** B Onchuck

**St Anthony 2/9 8:30 am**

**Lector** Dean Onchuck  
**EMHC** Dori Palmer, Brian Boyle  
**Usher** Arnel Onchuck  
**Servers** Fobbs

**Gifts** Brian & Laura Boyle

**Sts Peter & Paul 2/9 10:30 am**

**Lector** Mike Jentz  
**EMHC** Kathy Mauch, Craig Pausch  
**Usher** Joel Lingen  
**Servers** Mauchs

**Mass Intentions Changes in Bold**

Mon, 3 No Mass - (m) St Blaise, St Ansgar  
Tue, 4 StsPP 8:30 am Paul Krump (†)  
Wed, 5 St A 5:45 pm Vernon Althoff (†) - (M) St Agatha  
Thu, 6 Sts PP 5:30 pm Ann (Lugert) Marschke - (M) St Paul Miki & Companions  
Fri, 7 St A 9:30 am John Isaac & Alice Gauthier-Jeffrey (†)  
Sat, 8 St A 5:00 pm Bill Ward (†) - (m) St Jerome Emiliani, Josephine Bakhita  
Sun, 9 St A 8:30 am Emma Althoff (†)  
Sun, 9 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, Diane 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.

**God is True (Truth)**

Jesus Christ is the Word of God. Scripture and the Church are united with Jesus.

Jesus came to testify to the Truth, he said his word is true, for God is true. The

Church and Scripture are also ‘true.’ Yet, Pilate said to Jesus and many people in our relativistic society say today, “What is truth?” It often isn’t a question but a proclamation that they do not believe in absolute truth, they do not believe in God as we Christians know him.

Relativism is actually non-sensical. I would be saying to you, “You believe what you want; I’ll believe what I want; it’s all o.k. ...Unless we contradict and you claim there are absolute truths, moral rights and wrongs, good and evil actions, virtues and vices. Because if you disagree with my belief, you are either wrong, bigoted, or hate people like me because I’m more accepting and open-minded.”

What is truth? What is true? There are different kinds of truth, different ways of looking at things. There are absolute truths from God. There are personal truths that I live by. There are scientific ‘truths’ until a new theory proves them wrong. Did you read a month ago that they found a black hole that was larger than the equations allowed to exist in that location; so they have to create a new theory to explain it.

We do not always recognize between some facts and truth. 1) Who is really calling you? The person listed on caller ID or a telemarketer or scam? 2) What does the video really show? Do we know what happened before the video clip we see? Remember Nick from last year’s March for Life. Based on a couple minutes of video, a few reporters concluded these “truths.” Nick and his friends harassed a First Nation elder, got in his face and in his way, smirking at him, wearing MAGA hats, and trying to cause trouble. From these claimed “truths,” some said he should be kicked out of school, barred from college, and his family and school deserved the harassment being stirred up. The reactions of anger related to his hat and his presence at the March for Life was directed at this young man, his family, and school. Did you hear the rest of the story, the other “truth”? Nick was victim, not instigator. The full video shows the elder, who has sought confrontations numerous times before, placed himself in front of Nick. Recently, the courts declared a settlement against CNN in Nick’s favor that he was targeted by their skewed information. God’s truth is not man’s truth and the ‘world’ even calls good, evil and evil, good. Our faith reveals God, who is True, Good, Love, and Beauty. There is no darkness nor deceit in him. We receive truth that is eternal, vital and unchanging.

**News of the Week:**

Sun, 2 StA 6:30pm Financial Peace Univ.  
Sat-Sun, Feb 8-9 Fr. Gunwall at Retrouvaille  
Sun, Feb 9, StA 9:30am Sunday Social  
StA 1-3pm Skating Rink fun&treats  
StA 6:30pm Financial Peace Univ.

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### Questions of the Week

Who do I ignore without even considering that they may be speaking the truth? How can I be more open and attentive to God's and other people's voices?

**Verse of the Week:** "Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31-32)

**Assignment: Keep reading God's Word every day for five minutes.** Take a copy of the Word Among Us from the back of the

Church to use the readings of the day or ask me for a Reading the Bible in a Year guide.

**Super Bowl Social** canceled due to flooring work delayed.

**Congratulations Chester David Glynn as you are Baptized** at Sts. Peter & Paul into the family of God; and to **Kaitlyn & Kennedi Wagner and Ellie, Mason & Hannah Storbakken Confirmed** in the power of the Holy Spirit at St. Anthony this weekend.

**Christmas letter & Prayer cards** - I have not received many of the prayer cards I sent. If you lost yours, please get a new prayer card from the back of the church and send to me. How do you need to grow with God?

**"Bible Basics for Catholics"** books are in the back of the church. Dig into God's Word and deepen our faith. Pick up your copy and sign up for a Bible/book study. So far, Tuesdays will have a good crowd. Thursdays is not confirmed yet. Sign up this weekend.

**Parish Elders luncheon/dinner** - We have scheduled a luncheon for the Retired Circle and parish elders at St Anthony for Monday, Feb 10. We need someone to help me plan a dinner/luncheon for our elders at Sts Peter & Paul for spring or summer?

**St Mary Magdalen Court 117** of the National Catholic Society of Foresters will complete the **"Soup"er Bowl Fund Raiser** at Sts Peter & Paul for the Food Pantry this weekend. Funds up to \$1,500 will be matched by the High Court of the NCSof-Life Insurance, Annuities, Fraternal Benefits. Cash donations accepted.

**Parish tasks:** 1) Carpet needed (remnant is fine just to cover the concrete for now) for St Anthony rectory basement (after the water damage this fall). Ask me for actual dimensions (L shaped space about 27'x33') 2) We will be working on the sanctuary lights at Sts Peter & Paul Sat., Feb 22, at 9:00 am. Additional scaffolding will help reach the peak. Will you lend a hand or scaffolding?

**Stewardship Moment:** "...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?



### Community Announcements

**Fun at the Rink (Mooreton Park Board & St Anthony Hall) Sun., Feb 9, 1:00-3:00 pm** - Hot chocolate and treats will be provided. Bring skates or come in your boots for fun on the ice rink east of the church.

**Vitalant Community Blood Drive Mon., March 30, 5:00-8:00 pm in St Anthony Parish Hall** - We need two people to work together with Fr. Gunwall to help spread the word and welcome the donors. Would you help with this?

**St Francis Community Choir - Easter Cantata** - Performances Sat, April 4 & Sun, April 5. The 45-minute Easter musical "You Thought of Us." Practices held weekly at 6:30 pm Thursdays at St John's Catholic Church in Wahpeton. Linda Klindt will conduct. Contact Mary Jacklitch at 643-0405 or come and join in practice.

**Do you want to know God, our Faith, and important topics better?** Spend three Sunday afternoons at **Catholic Collage** doing that! You can choose from six short workshops beginning at 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 & Fr Gunwall are leading a workshop on Catholic History in the US. Fr. Sautner on the Our Father.**

The Catechism (CCC) helps us read Scripture with the mind of Christ.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday -Ordinary Time - Paragraph #s (not pages)**

**782:** People of God to be salt and light

**2044-2046:** moral life and missionary witness

**2443-2449:** light on works of mercy, love for the poor

**1243:** the baptized (neophytes) are to be light of the world

**272:** Christ crucified is the wisdom of God

### Quote of the Week

"It is easy to find truth, though it is hard to face it, and harder still to follow it."

"The truth is the truth even if no one believes it, and a lie is a lie even if everyone believes it."

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

### Prayer when reading God's (True) Word

As I read the Scriptures, I usually offer this prayer:

Open my mind to know  
Your truth, my heart to  
love and serve You.  
May your Holy Spirit  
guide my thoughts that I  
may be ever faithful to  
You and Your Church.

**Feb Cleaners: Sts PP:** \*Sue Mauch, Tammi Althoff, Jeanne Lugert, Liane Mauch, Barb Severson / **St A:** \*Cindy Spellerberg, Audrey Anandel, Sue Berg, Diana Brandt, Caryn Klosterman



This week's celebrations: Joe Mertes, David Severson, Bentlee Erbes.

Dick & Kathy Mauch.

*Happy Anniversary*