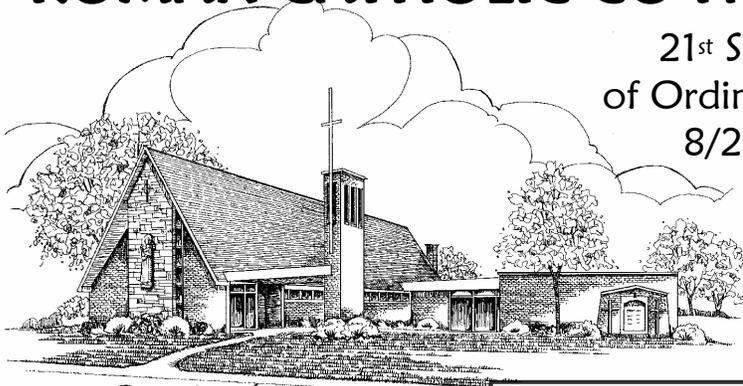


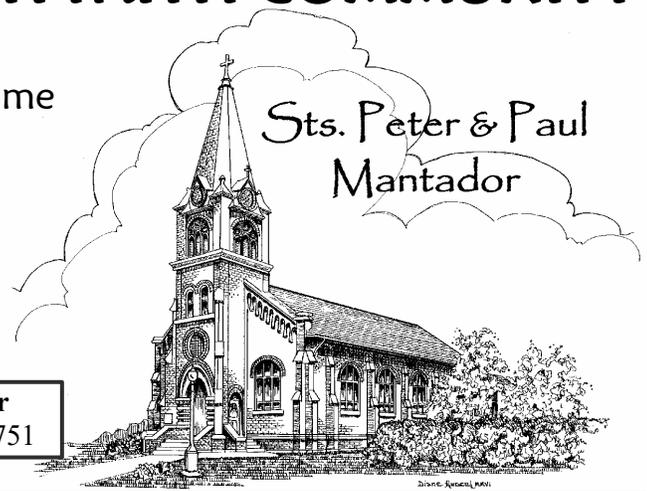
ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

21st Sunday
of Ordinary Time
8/23/20



St. Anthony
Mooreton

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



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 8/29 5:00 pm

Lector Joe Braun

Usher Dick Mauch

Servers

Sts Peter & Paul 8/30 8:30 am

Lector Kenny Mauch

Usher Ron Pellman

Servers

St Anthony 8/30 10:30 am

Lector Anita Onchuck

Usher Rich Spellerberg

Servers Fobbs

Mass Intentions - Changes in Bold

Mon, 24 No Mass - (F) St Bartholomew

Tue, 25 StsPP 8:30 am Students & Schools - (m) St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz

Wed, 26 StA 5:45 pm Robert Heuer (†)

Thu, 27 StsPP 8:30 am Special Intention - (M) St Monica

Fri, 28 StA 9:30 am Leo Althoff (†) - (M) St Augustine

Sat, 29 StA 5:00 pm Faith, Hope & Charity - (M) Passion of St John the Baptist

Sun, 30 StsPP 8:30 am All parishioners

Sun, 30 StA 10:30 am Unity in God [livestream on YouTube]

Pray for the Sick/Elderly: Loretta Althoff, Arnie Foertsch, Bill Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Larry Goerger, Nargis Golwalla, Tony Heitkamp, John Hutchison, Marlys Krump, Erwin Lugert, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, John Mertes, Jim Mitchell, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Frances Zajac, Carol Zietz.

Send the names of loved ones in need of prayers to Fr Gunwall.

Plans

So often, we make plans - for ourselves, for family, for today, for the future. Sometimes we give them to God, sometimes we hold onto them.

There is a saying that has a grain of truth, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." As we have experienced the last five months, our plans can be canceled or rewritten by things outside our control. No matter how hard we work to regain control, it never truly was ours to control. We do not like to see our sins and weaknesses but like our first parents, Adam & Eve, the first sin was pride - doing what they determined was good (according to the serpent). If we put our will before God's will and commands, we follow the path that leads from God. Other times we do not disobey God and we try to do what seems best or right, but the outcome is not what we hoped because it was complicated, misunderstood by others, or simply failed to turn out the way we planned.

I want to share a particular example related to our parish life. Preparing for this fall, I read the Diocese requirements for Religious Education, asked about the local school plans, and spoke with a few people about how we can make our Wednesday nights fit with the local school and community conditions. We planned a calendar similar to last year. We made a couple adjustments to our hall spacing and classes. I intended to contact all parents in early August about these plans, but that did not happen. I apologize for failing to communicate in a timely manner. That failure to follow all pieces of my plan seems to have caused further stress for some parents, teachers, and myself. A few people spoke to me and as we hear from everyone, we can adapt our parishes' plans to fit the needs of our families. We need to hear from everyone with kids in grades 1-12. Let us know if your family may make other plans that work best for your situation. At this time, I will strive to invite, guide, and listen in my role as pastor - as God called me to be. I ask that each family help our parishes by responding to Anita or me as we reach out through calls, emails, or texts.

Let us place our plans in God's hands, abandoning ourselves to His will. He will guide us as he guided the Church the last 2000 years. He knows all, sees all, and is all-powerful, but he will not take away our free will. Let us strive to know His plan and to choose it. We will fail and make mistakes but even then, we trust God to bring good out of every situation. God be with us and may we grow united in God and his love with the peace of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. **Praised be God - Father, Son & Holy Spirit - now and forever.**

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LIFE IS WHAT
HAPPENS
WHEN
YOU'RE BUSY
MAKING
OTHER
PLANS.

-John Lennon-



Wildflowers and Tumbleweeds

Upcoming Events

Finance-Pastoral Council meetings:

Mon, 24 - StA 6:30 pm

Tue, 25 - StsPP 5:30 pm

Wed, 26 - StA 7 pm - Religious Education meeting for teachers & parents - live or Zoom

Questions of the Week

How do I answer the question Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

Verse of the Week: "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority..." (John 14:10)

Assignment: *Set a time each morning to talk with Jesus to know and love him more deeply.* If we love someone, we want to spend time with them. Take the step from just believing in God to trusting, loving, giving yourself to Him who has given everything to us!

Stewardship Moment: "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

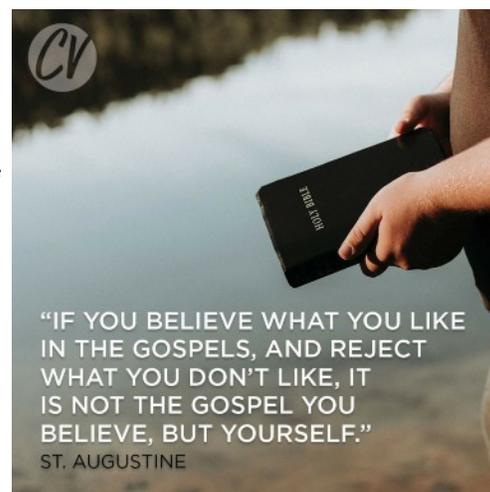
Please read the 2nd set of articles on Catholic Cemeteries. Remember to schedule a visit with Fr. Gunwall for funeral and other planning.

Catholic Cemetery Tradition

{Part 3} **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS** - The **Catholic funeral and cemetery tradition** flows logically from fundamental tenets of the Catholic faith such as: * **The dignity of each human person** * **The importance of Baptism** * **The reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ** * **Jesus' promise that we will share eternal life** * **The value and need to pray for the dead** * **Eucharist as the great act of memory and thanksgiving for redemption.** Death is typically experienced within a parish community, the place of Baptism and Eucharist, the place where the bereaved must find comfort in the believing community. Our faith teaches that death and burial are experiences that must be celebrated and the church provides the **Order of Christian Funerals** with three distinct elements to observe the death of a Catholic. The **Vigil** is observed as a wake in the funeral home with the body present. The **Mass of Christian Burial** is best celebrated at the church in the company of family, friends, and the parish community. The **Committal Rite and Farewell** brings our beloved deceased to the place of rest to await reunion with family and the Risen Lord. It is proper that the deceased be interred among the Catholic believing community in a Catholic diocesan or parish cemetery.

{Part 4} **CREMATION IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION** - The **1983 Code of Canon Law** articulates the cremation position for Catholics: "**The church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burial be retained; but it does not forbid cremation, unless this is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.**" Cremation may be chosen for good reason. This might include hygienic, economic reasons, transfer of the remains to a distant place, ethnic tradition/custom, or a severe fear of earth burial. **The selection of cremation should be the specific choice of the individual before death. The wishes and concerns of family members must be considered if possible,** the **Order of Christian Funerals** should be celebrated, including **Vigil, Funeral Mass** with the body present, and **Committal Service** at the Catholic cemetery. If the **Order of Christian Funerals** cannot be celebrated in total, the **Funeral Mass** and **Committal Service** are given first priority. The **Funeral Mass** may be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains.

Pre-planning is critical for a number of reasons, including: * **The opportunity to collaborate with other family members.** * **The need to plan for the celebration of the Order of Christian Funerals.** * **The need to fully understand selections and attending obligations.** If giving serious consideration to cremation, what are the appropriate steps? The following recommendations are appropriate: **1.** Understand the teachings and traditions of our faith community. **2.** Discuss cremation with those closest to you; make sure they can accept cremation should you pre-decease them. **3.** Consult with experienced professionals about advance arrangements. Such selections would include: religious celebrations, choice of cemetery, decision about in-ground or above-ground inurnment, selection of an appropriate urn, and possible payment in advance for items that can be secured in this fashion. The Catholic church rejects scattering, division, and use of cremated remains to fashion jewelry or pottery and earnestly commends burial or inurnment and memorialization of cremated remains as a mark of respect for the human body which was a temple of the Holy Spirit.



Keeping the House of God beautiful!

Aug - Sts PP: *Sue Mauch, Tammi Althoff, Jeanne Lugert, Liane Mauch, Barb Severson / **St A:** *Brenda Klosterman, Shirley Breuer, Michelle Johnson, Diana Klosterman, Theresa Link, Carmen Marohl, Ashton Mauch

HAPPY *Birthday*

This week's celebrations: Clinton Juare, Ronna Althoff, Theresa Link, Luke Mauch, Cindy Reiland, Allen Lingen, Amanda Lingen, Cindy Spellerberg.

Steve & Lisa Mauch, Clinton & Louise Juare. *Happy Anniversary.*