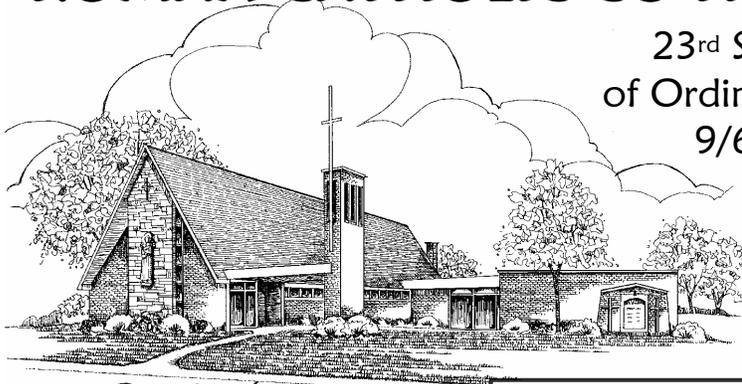
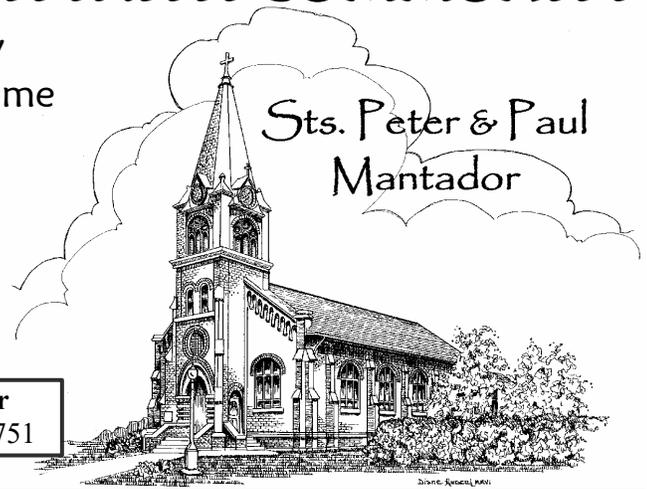


# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
9/6/20



St. Anthony  
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

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

**St Anthony 9/12 4:00 pm**

**Lector** Joe Braun

**Usher** Jane Althoff

**Servers** Paulys

**Sts Peter & Paul 9/13 8:30 am**

**Lector** Laura Boyle

**Usher** Kevin Lingen

**Servers** Boyles

**St Anthony 9/13 10:30 am**

**Lector** Yoney Fobb

**Usher** Dale Althoff

**Servers** Fobbs

**Mass Intentions - Changes in Bold**

**Mon, 7 StA 8:30 am** John Rathore (Labor Day)

Tue, 8 StsPP 8:30 am Ashley Blotsky

**Wed, 9 StA 7:00 pm** Leo Althoff (†) [livestream on YouTube]

Thu, 10 StsPP 8:30 am Sandra Day O'Connor - (M) St Gregory the Great

Fri, 11 StA 9:30 am Damon Hage

Sat, 12 StA 5:00 pm Ken Klosterman (†)

Sun, 13 StsPP 8:30 am All parishioners

Sun, 13 StA 10:30 am Special Intention [livestream on YouTube]

**Pray for the Sick/Elderly:** Loretta Althoff, Arnie Foertsch, Bill Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Larry Goerger, Nargis Golwalla, Tony Heitkamp, John Hutchison, 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.

**The Responsibility of Love**

Last weekend I shared about joys and sufferings. Today, I want to share how those gifts and the corresponding responsibilities are another gift from God. Each of us is responsible for my brother and sister, parents and neighbors, even those who persecute or oppress me. God has given us freedom. Freedom to do good - not whatever I want, not evil. Choosing to disobey God in sin is a choice to be a slave to sin.

Human wisdom, of this sort is foolishness before God. Riots, oppression, hate, killing the helpless and innocent, selfishness, accepting others decisions to do whatever they want, is not love, but fear or a disregard for the dignity and value of every human being made in the image and likeness of God! As I've shared before, I struggle with speaking up in order to call people to the good and commands of God in order to protect them from choices of sin. Even if we can't stop them from choosing wrongly, do we speak the Truth of God with God's love, desiring their good? Not to win an argument or condemn them in their error. Are we willing to be embarrassed, rejected, or ridiculed? Ready to love them and suffer with them in their pain, confusion or anger?

I shared online a quote that puts into words, how I want to live - even though I get caught up in what is wrong in the world and our nation. I want to share it here with you as an inspiration and reminder of how we can/should live.

Fr. Patrick Peyton responds, "When people ask, 'Father, I know what you stand for but what are you against?' I say that I'm not against anything. I'm so busy being for things, that I don't have time to let the things I'm against encroach on my schedule.

I'm for God, for prayer, for peace, for justice, mercy, truth, love. I'm for racial harmony and a better sharing of the material riches God has disposed for us on this green planet. I'm for everything that ennoble man, and exalts women, and enshrines children.

The things I'm for crowd out the things I'm against. But first of all, I'm for prayer, family prayer. The world hasn't got a prayer without yours."

I also share the poem to the right. It has been a favorite of mine for about 30 years. It expresses God's Law (my responsibility) to be Loved, to live in Love, and to truly love in return. **May we embrace this gift of responsibility.**

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**Law of Love**

There is one law by which we live,  
"Love loves to give and give and give!"  
And on this "royal law" so named,  
The universe itself is framed.  
No lasting joy is anywhere  
Save in the hearts of those who share.  
Life yields a thousandfold and more  
To those who practice love's great law.

That love is far too weak and small  
Which will love some but not love all.  
If love to one it will decline,  
'Tis human love and not divine.  
Love cannot be content to rest  
Till the beloved is fully blest.  
Love leaps to succor all who fall,  
And finds his joy in giving all.

**Upcoming Events**

Mon, 7 - Labor Day

Wed, 9 - StA 7pm Opening RE Mass -Livestream

**Question of the Week**  
What can I do to reconcile with someone whom I or others have excluded?

**Verse of the Week:** “Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.” (1 Timothy 4:14-15)

**Assignment:** Continue week to pause for 3 minutes each day to view and mediate on a crucifix, the sign of God's love. If you didn't write your joys and crosses last week, get the old bulletin and do that.

**Wednesday nights** - if you didn't receive an email/text from me with information for Wednesdays, call me ASAP.

**Stewardship Moment:** “You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” (Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

**Holy Land Collection** - Pope Francis has asked for all Christians to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The pandemic, wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!** Your support helps the church minister through these programs:

**Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places**

Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.

**Social & Charitable Activities**

In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

**Educational & Scientific Activities**

The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for young men to answer the call to become Franciscan priests and brothers. Additionally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places.

**Pastoral Activities**

The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering worship, Christian formation, and necessary youth and family programs, especially in regions affected by war.

**Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs**

The Christian Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize liturgical celebrations for local Christians and pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing ecumenical cooperation.

*We Holy Land Franciscans are counting on your financial help to assist us in providing presence, care and service.* For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit

[www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday)

**Area News/Events**

St John the Evangelist parish in Wahpeton will host a **mini-retreat for men and women** on Sunday, Sep 27, from 1-3 pm. Fr.

Gunwall will present a conference entitled, “The Mystery of the Mass. Delving Into the Prayer for Greater Understanding and Love.” There will also be a Holy Hour with confessions available from area priests.

**Retrouvaille:** Help for Hurting Marriages, Oct 2-4, in Fargo - Retrouvaille is a 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).



Praised be Jesus and Mary!  
Dear faithful friends

How can we thank you enough for all you have done to make the Pilgrimage so inspiring: preparing the food for the picnic, setting up the tents, benches and all, for the beautiful cantoring and piano accompaniment for Holy Mass -- and for your presence to honor Our Lady! We are so very deeply grateful for we could not have done this without you.

Father Gunwall in his conference brought out a powerful way of praying, using Lectio Divina. Holy Scripture can also be used -- your favorite passages or phrases repeated in your hearts. “The short prayer pierces the heavens” -- the good God's tenderness for each one of you. Heaven is not far away! We know this will bring trusting refreshment to you in your needs.

Be sure of our continued grateful prayers (our many “Lectio Divinas”) to Mary for your sacrifices you make for our community. May her delighted Heart fulfill all your needs and desires, and of course bring you even closer to the Heart of Jesus!

In Jesus and Mary, your most grateful Sisters in Carmel,

**A thank you from the Carmelite nuns.**

**Keeping the House of God beautiful!**  
**Sep - Sts PP:** \*Marietta Pellman, Pam Foertsch, Denise Hejtmanek, Bev Waxweiler / **St A:** \*Caryn Klosterman, Claire Jo Althoff, Audrey Andel, Sue Berg, Cindy Spellerberg, Dawn Storbakken, Kristi Wagner.

**HAPPY Birthday!** This week's celebrations: Daryl Foertsch, Jaida Fobb, Don & Donna Thiel, Dean & Anita Onchuck. *Happy Anniversary.*