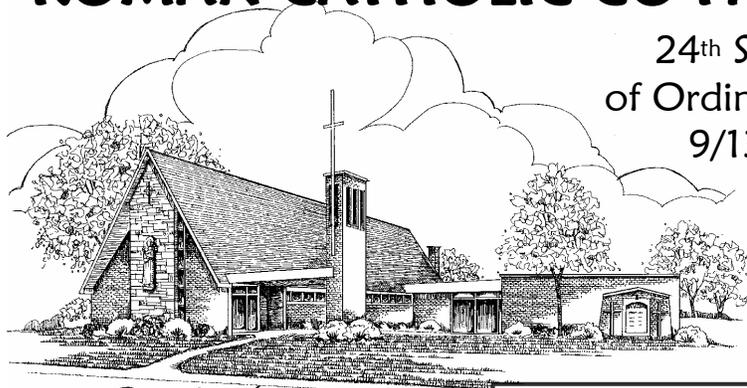


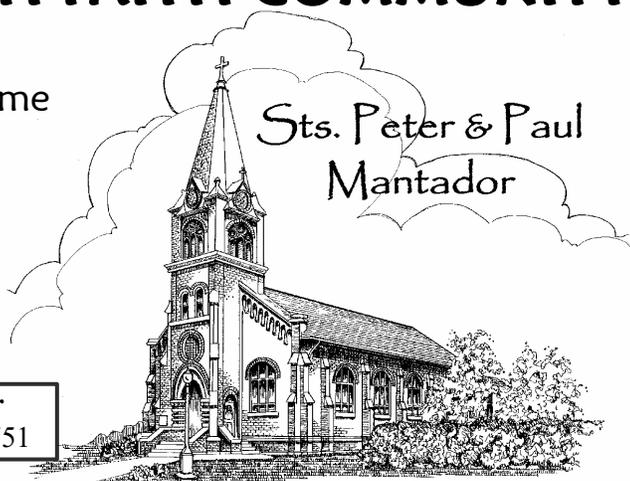
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
9/13/20



St. Anthony  
Mooreton

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



Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

**St Anthony 9/19 4:00 pm**

**Lector** Yvonne Ward

**Usher** Joe Erbes

**Servers**

**Sts Peter & Paul 9/20 8:30 am**

**Lector** Jo Mertes

**Usher** Joel Lingen

**Servers**

**St Anthony 9/20 10:30 am**

**Lector**

**Usher** Dori Palmer

**Servers** Onchucks

**Forgiveness & Mercy**

What is Mercy? Love acting toward

"the Other." Concern and forgiveness to others. Not punishing or harming another when it is in my power/right to do so. As in all things, it begins with God's mercy to me and each person who comes to him through Jesus Christ. Do I actively receive this offer of God's mercy? Do I recognize that I am a sinner in need of salvation, confessing my sins to God in the Sacrament he established, and confessing directly to those I have hurt? Do I receive the gift or do I pridefully consider myself 'good enough' and not in need of the mercy that triumphs over judgment (James 2:13b)? The connection of pride holding me back from God's mercy and forgiveness is a temptation that is often present.

Often we think about and see the world through a malformed lens, distorted by the painful circumstances of our life, our sins, and/or our pride (see the back page about conscience guiding our decisions). That misshapen lens clouds our ability to hear the truth, to see beauty and goodness, and it clouds our judgment of what is right and wrong (like Adam & Eve in the garden). This lens then colors our reactions in other situations and it spreads further.

To heal this ever-widening harm to self and others, God pours his mercy on all who will receive it in humility so that we can extend it by sharing it with others through our decisions and actions. When we act merciful, God works in us and through us to bring healing to our broken and darkened world. We become what we have received - mercy (love incarnate). We become mercy when we receive and share this gift. Jesus said, "If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." (Matthew 6:14-15)

Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I know that some are afraid to speak their sins to God through His priests. Others are uncomfortable because it has been so long. Both have pride at the root. Do not be deceived but find here the fullness of freedom that God entrusted to His Church.

I also recommend the Chaplet to the left, to meditate on God's mercy using Jesus' own words along with our prayer to the Father. Find this and more prayers at [mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/](http://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/)

**Mass Intentions - Changes in Bold**

- Mon, 14 No Mass - (F) Exaltation of Holy Cross
- Tue, 15 StsPP 8:30 am Christian Mothers - (M) Our Lady of Sorrows
- Wed, 16 StA 5:45 pm Leo Althoff (†) - (M) Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
- Thu, 17 StsPP 8:30 am Kenneth & Lorraine Jentz (†) - (m) St Robert Bellarmine
- Fri, 18 StA 9:30 am Ken Klosterman (†)
- Sat, 19 StA 5:00 pm John Jeffrey - (m) St Januarius
- Sun, 20 StsPP 8:30 am James Lingen (†)
- Sun, 20 StA 10:30 am All parishioners [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.

**Chaplet for the Mercy to Forgive Others**

*Start with one Our Father, one Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed.*

*On the large bead of each decade, pray*

**"Lord, do not hold this sin against them," for You are full of mercy and compassion for all. Please give me the grace to forgive so as to imitate Your perfect love...**

*Then, on the ten small beads of each decade, pray:*

**"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."**

*Conclude all five decades by saying three times:*

**Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.**

**Upcoming Events**

Wed, 16 - Religious Education / Faith Formation is at home. 6-12 grade also has an online option.

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### Question of the Week

How can I keep a consistent forgiving attitude that assuages my anger? What leads me to forgive one who hurt me?

**Verse of the Week:** "You are righteous, Lord, and all your deeds are just; All your ways are mercy and fidelity; you are judge of the world. And now, Lord, be mindful of me and look with favor upon me. Do not punish me for my sins, or for my inadvertent offenses, or for those of my ancestors." (*Tobit 3:2-3*)

**Assignment: Extend & Receive Forgiveness to someone in your life.** Ask God to bring you to the person you need to ask for forgiveness. Forgive someone toward whom you harbor hard feelings, whom you talk badly about (even if it is true) or someone you do not wish God's blessings upon. Tell God that you ask Him to forgive that person, even if you can't fully. Ask God to bless them with His love and mercy and to draw them closer to Himself. *Also pray the Chaplet on the front of the bulletin.*

**Wednesday nights** - Please make the living of your faith a priority in your home. Parents need to watch or listen to the two meetings we had. The video & audio files are under the Faith tab - [www.mooretonmantadorcatholic.org/faith](http://www.mooretonmantadorcatholic.org/faith)

**Stewardship Moment:** "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

### Area News/Events

**Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry** needs volunteers for these shifts: Mon, 4:00-5:45 pm, Thu, 5:30-7:15 pm and Fri, 1:00-2:45 pm. Friday, we need someone on the computer and as a grocery guide. Please consider helping if you can. Call Food Pantry at 701-642-1921 or email Ruth Johnson at [ruthie3433@gmail.com](mailto:ruthie3433@gmail.com) Thank You.

**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)

**Your Faith/Your Vote** - check out many easy to understand resources at [www.yourfaithyourvote.org](http://www.yourfaithyourvote.org) to build a well-formed conscience following God's ways, not poorly-formed human thoughts.

**Faith:** As people of faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life. Faith helps us see more clearly the requirements of a good society, namely respect for the dignity of all human life and a commitment to the common good.

**Conscience:** A well-formed conscience equips us to address political questions. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1778). We have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

**Issues:** The questions listed on this website can help Catholics make moral and prudential decisions about candidates and public policies. Please use this when contacting candidates. Some issues are more important than others. Some concern policies, like attacks on human life, that a Catholic can never support. Catholics can legitimately disagree about how to address some other issues. All the issues, however, deserve our attention.

**Candidates:** Find out the candidates' positions on each of the issues. Look beyond party politics, analyze campaign rhetoric critically, consider the character and integrity of the candidate, and examine political leaders according to the principles of your faith. To find out who is running for office in your area and where to vote, contact the Secretary of State (800-352-0867).

**Choices:** When all candidates hold a position that promotes an intrinsically evil act, the voter may take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate or, after careful deliberation, vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods.

**Vote:** Catholics have an obligation to participate in the democratic process. Remember to vote and, no matter what the outcome, become involved in the legislative process. One way to get involved is by joining the Legislative Action Network (link is on the website).



### 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: Braxton Pauly, Taylor Mauch, Ezra Pausch, Carol Simdorn, Adam Mauch, Jason & Jennifer Kjar.

*Happy Anniversary.*