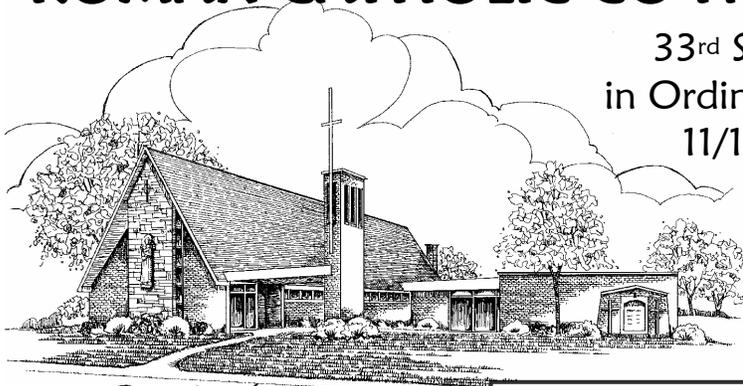
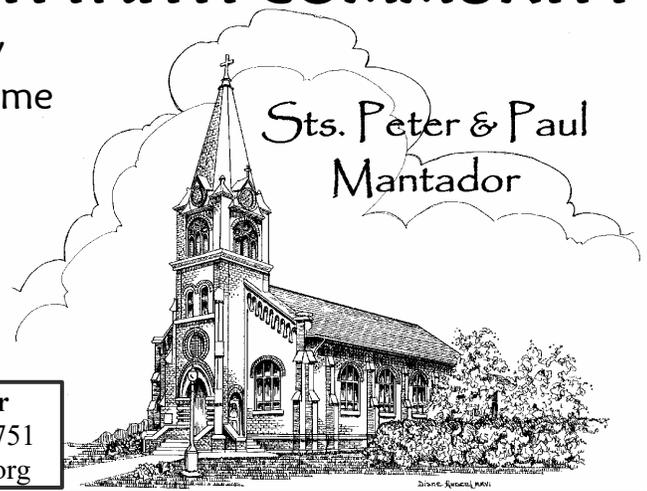


ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
11/15/20



St. Anthony
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor
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St Anthony 11/21 5:00 pm

Lector Yvonne Ward

Usher Joe Erbes

Servers Kriers

Sts Peter & Paul 11/22 8:30 am

Lector Kenny Mauch

Usher Jeff Mauch

Servers Boyles

St Anthony 11/22 10:30 am

Lector Anita Onchuck

Usher Rich Spellerberg

Servers Fobbs

Mass Intentions (Changes in Bold)

Mon, 16 No Mass - (m) St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude

Tue, 17 No Mass - (M) St Elizabeth of Hungary

Wed, 18 No Mass - (m) Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

Thu, 19 No Mass

Fri, 20 No Mass

Sat, 21 StA 5:00 pm All parishioners - (M) Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sun, 22 StsPP 8:30 am James Lingen (†)

Sun, 22 StA 10:30 am Msgrs Wald & Senger (†)

Pray for the Sick/Elderly: Parishioners, family & friends w/COVID, Loretta Althoff, Arnie Foertsch, Bill Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Larry Goerger, Nargis Golwalla, Tony Heitkamp, Christal Hutchison, Erwin Lugert, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Elizabeth Thom, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Frances Zajac. **Send the names of loved ones** in need of prayers to Fr Gunwall.

A Tense Unity - Religion and Government in the United States

(from The CARA Report, Vol 26,

No 2, Fall 2020, p.8. - full article by Dalia Fahmy, July 16, 2020, in Factank, News in the Numbers, on pewreseach.org)

A report by the Pew Research Center observes that "Americans have been debating where to draw the line between religion and government since the country's founding. And even as the percentage of religiously unaffiliated Americans rises, church and state remain intertwined in many ways." To help understand the church-state relationship, the report presents eight facts based on previously published Pew analyses.

1. While the U.S. Constitution does not mention God, every state constitution references either God or the divine. God also appears in the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance and on U.S. currency.
2. Congress has always been overwhelmingly Christian, and roughly nine-in-ten representatives (88%) in the current Congress identify as Christian. The number of Christians in Congress ticked down in the last election, but Christians are still overrepresented on Capitol Hill relative to their share of the U.S. population.
3. Almost all U.S. presidents, including Donald Trump, have been Christian, and many have identified as either Episcopalian or Presbyterian. But two of the most famous presidents, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, had no formal religious affiliation.
4. Roughly half of Americans feel it is either very (20%) or somewhat (32%) important for a president to have strong religious beliefs. But only around four-in-ten (39%) say it is important for a president to share their religious beliefs.
5. Americans are divided on the extent to which the country's laws should reflect Bible teachings. Roughly half of U.S. adults say the Bible should influence U.S. laws either a great deal (23%) or some (26%), and more than one-quarter (28%) say the Bible should prevail over the will of the people when the two are in conflict.
6. More than six-in-ten Americans (63%) say churches and other houses of worship should stay out of politics. An even higher share (76%) say these houses of worship should not endorse political candidates during elections.
7. Only about a third of Americans (32%) say government policies should support religious values. Two-thirds (65%) say religion should be kept out of government policies.
8. Even though the Supreme Court ruled in 1962 that it is unconstitutional for a teacher to lead a class in prayer at a public school, 8% of public school students ages 13 to 17 say they have ever experienced this. Prayer in schools is more common in the South (12%) than in the Northeast (2%).

Homework: Look up what the "separation of Church & State" says in our Constitution / Bill of Rights. How does it limit and/or protect the practice of religion? So what does "freedom of religion" mean or include? Text/email your thoughts to Fr. Gunwall.

Upcoming Events

Tue, 17 - Fri, 20 Fr Gunwall on vacation
Thanksgiving Masses:

Thu, 26 8am StsPP / 9:30am StA

Question of the Week

Do I have a gift that maybe I've kept to myself out of fear or apprehension that I could develop or share?

Verse of the Week: "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil." (Ephesians 4:27)

Assignment of the week: Be Thankful. Don't wait for Thanksgiving Day, give thanks each day both individually and as a family. After grace

as you begin to eat, give thanks for something of the day.



Finance-Pastoral Council - Minutes & financial reports will be available next weekend in the back of the church or contact Fr. Gunwall to request a copy by email.

You are invited (medical personnel and all interested people) to join Fr. Gunwall for a workshop on ethical standards and moral guidance in health care. We will examine the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. The Directives have two purposes: "first to reaffirm the ethical standards of behavior in health care that flow from the Church's teaching about the dignity of the human person; second, to provide authoritative guidance on certain moral issues that face Catholic health care today." The PDF link is mooretonmantadorcatholic.org/faith Download a copy to look over before we meet. We will meet in person in the St Anthony Hall with Zoom remote connection available. Share this info with others who might want to join us.

P.S. Are you familiar with the Catholic Medical Association website www.cathmed.org and their weekly radio program and podcast "Doctor, Doctor" Dr. Paul Carson specializing in infectious disease of NDSU & Sanford has been a guest numerous times these last eight months with level-headed information regarding COVID.

Hats, Gloves & Mittens Tree - We will collect these winter items for Someplace Safe in Breckenridge. Your generosity last year made a difference to many families. The tree is up at St Anthony and you can bring donations to hang on it.

Stewardship Moment: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." (Matthew 25:21)

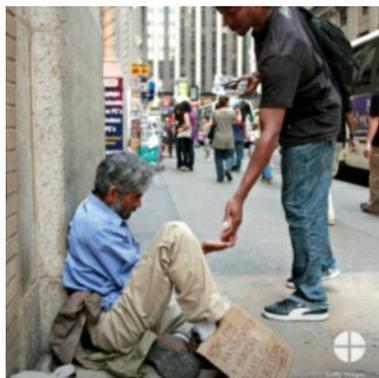
God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

End of Year giving idea: Make a donation to an endowment for the parish (and receive a state tax credit - up to 40%). See the flyer in the back of church for practical examples and more information. An endowment fund is a perpetual fund. It is created by charitable donations in the form of cash, stocks, mutual funds, real property, or other personal property to a foundation, such as the Catholic Development Foundation (CDF), to support a specific ministry such as a parish or cemetery. To learn more about endowments or the Catholic Development Foundation, go to www.cdfnd.org

Each parish has a permanent endowment fund set up by the Catholic Development Foundation. These funds can help secure our future as a parish family. Our endowment funds provide a perpetual income stream annually which helps us maintain our church and provides for the necessary ministry our members depend on. You can make a gift today or as part of your will/estate plan. May God continue to bless our parish families for years to come.

Area News/Events

Divorced, Widowed, and/or Separated: Are you doing your best to cope with life alone? "Beginning Experience" is a program of peer ministry that has helped a lot of people going through the difficult times of the loss of a spouse. B.E. is peer ministry, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Fargo, and open to people of all ages and faith backgrounds. The next B.E. weekend will be Nov 20-22 at the Retreat Center in Hankinson. For more info please contact Frank (218-790-4202), Marlene (218-998-4300) or Jason (701-840-8951). Also, check the website: beginningexperience-easternnd.org and talk with Fr Gunwall.



Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties: Postponed to January 29.

Today is **World Day of the Poor!** This year's theme is "Stretch forth your hand to the poor." We especially pray for all those impacted by the Coronavirus and encourage a spirit of fraternity and unity amongst our community.



Keeping the House of God beautiful!

Nov - Sts PP: *Laura Lugert, Marilyn Lingen, Memory Mauch, Shirley Schultz / **St A:** *Danette Onchuck, Diane Birchem, Laura Boyle, Jodi Lingen, Jen Mauch, Ashley Nelson.



This week's celebrations: Andrew Mauch, Ashlyn Foertsch, Joseph Lenz, Brian Boyle, Devin Flaa, Malea Fobb, Kloie Pauly. Ron & Jackie Lingen.

