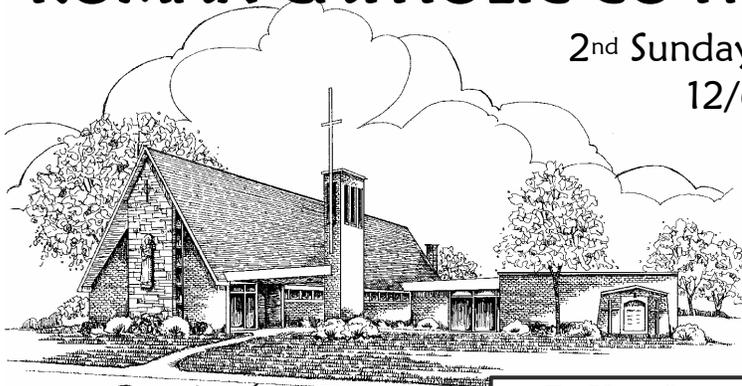
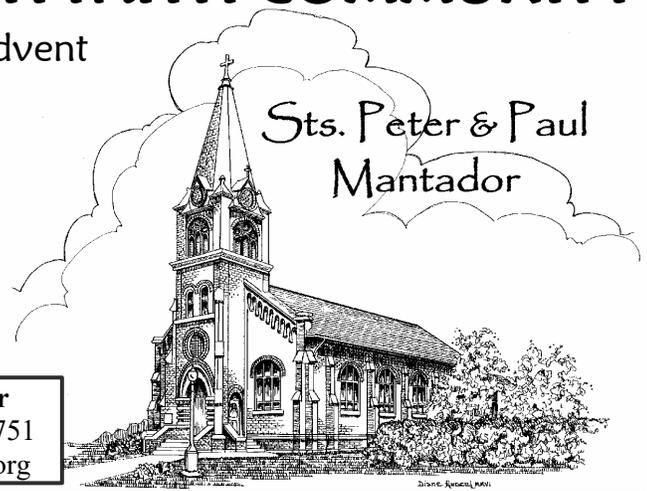


ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

2nd Sunday of Advent
12/6/20



St. Anthony
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor
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St Anthony 12/12 5:00 pm

Lector Yvonne Ward

Usher Jane Althoff

Servers Kriers

Sts Peter & Paul 12/13 8:30 am

Lector Bill Mauch

Usher Todd Althoff

Servers Boyles

St Anthony 12/13 10:30 am

Lector Renata Fobb

Usher Dale Althoff

Servers Fobbs

Mass Intentions Changes in Bold

Mon, 7 StA 7:00 pm Wynema Bommersbach (†) - (M) St Ambrose

Tue, 8 StsPP 7:00 pm Harvey Kutter (†) - (S) Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed, 9 StA 5:45 pm Mae Fenske (†) - (m) St Juan Diego

Thu, 10 StsPP 8:30 am John Mertes (†) - (m) Our Lady of Loretto

Fri, 11 StA 9:30 am Bill Ward (†) - (m) St Damasus I

Sat, 12 StA 5:00 pm Bill Ward (†) - (F) Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sun, 13 StsPP 8:30 am James Lingen (†)

Sun, 13 StA 10:30 am All parishioners

Pray for the Sick/Elderly: Family & friends w/COVID, Loretta Althoff, Arnie Foertsch, Broden Froehlich, 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 names of loved ones** needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.

Christmas schedule...

The Christmas schedule may be different this year because of social distancing requirements. So

respond by Friday to this. I will email/text the same info by Tuesday. **Which Mass(es) do you plan to attend Christmas Eve & Day and How many people will attend with you? 4:00 pm , 7:30 pm & 10:00 am?** We may add and adjust Mass times the December 24 if needed. I want to encourage you/everyone to worship God on this beautiful Holy Day of the Lord; we will stream it for those unable to attend. **After I hear from everyone by this Friday, I will announce the official schedule and indicate if a Mass will require reservations (for space).**

Cry Out!

In last week's readings, God called us to be attentive and watchful. This week we are called to Cry Out! Whether to warn others of danger (physical or spiritual) or in thanksgiving for the return of our Messiah, Lord & King, we cry out loudly.

We are called by God in many different ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in thought, word, and deed. God always invites us to be a quiet witness. There are times where we need to "always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you," and to stand firm against the attacks in the culture. Other times the Holy Spirit draws us, like we hear in today's readings, to cry out to God for those around us.

Our culture has said for decades that we shouldn't talk about sex, politics or religion in civil society - don't talk about anything controversial or uncomfortable. That is not what we hear in God's Word today. In the last two decades, one extreme of western culture has gone further saying that faith and religion cannot be discussed or shared in any public setting since it might offend someone. As I pointed out a couple weeks ago in this space, some falsely claim tolerance of people with different views, yet are very intolerant and bully people with strong, traditional religious beliefs, telling them to be quiet and hide their faith, while incorrectly referring to a 'distorted' idea of the separation of church and state.

In contrast, God calls us to **cry out**: Repent and Believe the Good News - turn from sin and evil, which hurts others and ourselves, so that we can turn back to God wholeheartedly for mercy, forgiveness, and every good gift. We **cry out** because it is good and true for everyone to grow closer to the One, True, and Merciful God.

So we must live this faith as we **cry out** to the honor and glory of God. We must be true Christians, even though we are imperfect, following the Catholic faith and teachings in action to lay a foundation for our words to be built upon. God bless and keep you and draw you to himself in this holy season.

Upcoming Events

Reconciliation - before all Masses
Holy Day of Obligation - 6-9 pm
Eucharistic Adoration, Confession,
& Mass (see times above).

Questions of the Week

What concrete action can I take this week to prepare myself for Jesus' coming? In what concrete way can I bear Christ to the world this Advent?

Verse of the Week: "God is light and in him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5) (God's light is infinite goodness, purity, truth.)

Assignment of the week: Attend Mass for the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Come early or stay after for Adoration and Reconciliation. Prepare your heart and mind with God's Word, Reconciliation, and 5 minutes of quiet for prayer each day during Advent.

Giving Tree - The county asks for \$20-\$25 gift cards from Walmart or EconoFoods which they will distribute to families in need. You can drop off a gift card to Fr. Gunwall or Anita Onchuck or money to be used to purchase the cards. Please drop off your donations by December 17.

Prayer Tree & Secret Prayer Partners - If you do not regularly pray for others, I challenge you to participate in these opportunities at each parish. You may think that you don't pray well, but giving up and not praying is not an option as a Christian. Put the needs of others at the top of your giving list and take a name and pray for them. :)

Stewardship Moment: "Prepare the way of the Lord..." (Mark 1:3)

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

In the Community

Ruby's Pantry - If finances are tight, remember that Ruby's Pantry, in Breckenridge, is available the 4th Monday of the month. It is also an opportunity to volunteer and help others, talk to Jane Althoff or Dori Palmer.

Jessy's Toy Box - We still have an opportunity to give toys and gifts to kids suffering from illnesses. The boxes will be out for the next couple weeks.

Watch for my article in the January issue of the **New Earth**. If you don't get it, tell me. It is supposed to go to every household in our parishes. Let me know if the article is clear and helpful for you. :)

Copies of this book are available in the back of both churches. It is my **Advent/Christmas gift** for you. It connects with the video series that I have been showing through Zoom this summer and fall, but it also stands on its own. Please stop in the church and pick up your copy as well as the 2021 parish calendar. Here is a little more info:



For all the unprecedented changes we have seen in the past few years, the essential human questions are still the same. Who am I? What do I want? Is there a point to my life? More than likely, you have a nagging feeling, a yearning to understand your place in the cosmos. You wonder. You question. You explore. Welcome to the human story. Welcome to The Search. The Search unflinchingly tackles the core questions of life, examining the many options you have and the many signposts that point you to potentially life-changing answers. Whether you are a keen inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. Either way, you will find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, these life questions

demand to be answered. Are you ready for The Search?

Christmas Trees available - We have two large trees available. They were used at Sts Peter & Paul before the new ones were purchased. They are ~12' tall and ~6' wide. They come in two pieces. If you know someone who can use them in a large space, please let Fr. Gunwall know ASAP.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - on December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception: "... the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin ..."

Reconciliation Service: Dec 13 @ 4 pm & 6:30 pm at - St John - Wahpeton

Check with Wyndmere, Lidgerwood & Hankinson.



Keeping the House of God beautiful!
Dec - Sts PP: *Jo Mertes, Kari Foertsch, Trudy Glynn, Patty Lingen / **St A:** *DeeAnn Mauch, Cindy Braun, Rhonda Erbes, Renee Griffith, Bethany Mauch, Kassie Pauly, Celeste Whitebear



This week's celebrations: Pat Klosterman, Larry Jagodzinski, Barbara Severson, Arnold Foertsch, Rich Spellerberg, Joe Storbakken, Shirley Breuer, Kathy ® Mauch, Kassie Pauly. Yvonne (& Bill †) Ward.

Happy Anniversary.