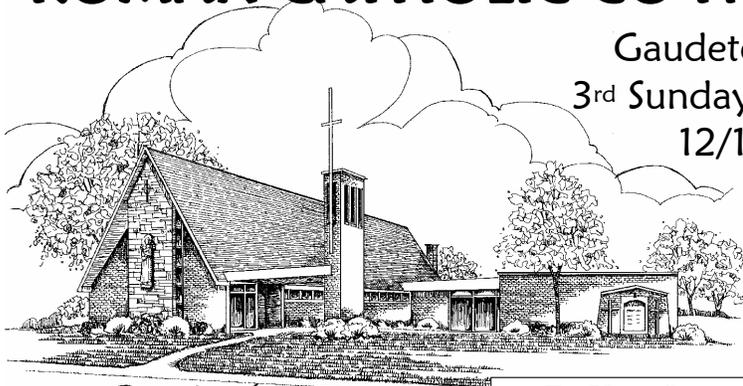


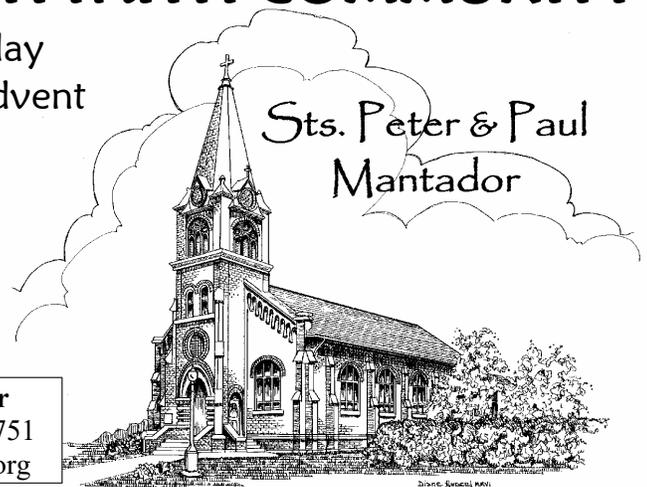
ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

Gaudete Sunday
3rd Sunday of Advent
12/13/20



St. Anthony
Mooreton

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Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 12/19 5:00 pm

Lector Joe Braun
Usher Dori Palmer
Servers Paulys

Sts Peter & Paul 12/20 8:30 am

Lector Laura Boyle
Usher Nick Foertsch
Servers Boyles

St Anthony 12/20 10:30 am

Lector Chance Pausch
Usher Chance Pausch
Servers Kriers

Mass Intentions *Changes in Bold*

Mon, 14 No Mass - (M) St John of the Cross
Tue, 15 StsPP 8:30 am Vernon Althoff (†)
Wed, 16 StA 5:45 pm Clyde Klosterman (†)
Thu, 17 StsPP 8:30 am Herb & Lillian Reiland (†) - O Sapientia
Fri, 18 StA 9:30 am Bill Ward (†) - O Adonai
Sat, 19 StA 5:00 pm Matt & Ann Kinn (†) - O Radix Jesse
Sun, 20 StsPP 8:30 am All parishioners - O Clavis David
Sun, 20 StA 10:30 am Wally & Veronica Bulger (†)

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.

On the back page,
see 7 titles of Jesus
from prophecy.
Translate & ponder
one each day.

Christmas Mass & Traditions

Thank you to everyone as we evaluated our Christmas schedule

this year. I had just told the Finance-Pastoral Councils at our last meetings that I don't want to over-survey. In the end, we will stay with the regular schedule (see below). We will livestream the 4 pm & 10 am Masses for those unable to attend in person.

(Re)Turn these traditions into a prayer and blessing for you and your home. Go to usccb.org and click on the Advent button for home blessings for your **Christmas tree & Nativity scene**.

Enjoy this Advent reflection from the Journey to Joy that I invited everyone to join for Advent. You can still join at the link.

Prepare the Way! {coaching.reallifecatholic.com/products/unshakeable-joy/ Day 14 by Chris Stefanik}

The path of Christian purification entails leaving sin, but it isn't about leaving sin. It's about making room for God, room for Love, and room for unshakable joy! Sin is all the "stuff" that gets in the way.

When you see the struggle with your sins and vices in that light, it becomes clear that the Christian path isn't about limiting us but setting us free! What God offers is simply BETTER than anything else.

Sometimes we satisfy ourselves with less than because we forget the longing of our own hearts for pure love, real joy, high ideals, and all that we dreamt of when we were children pretending to be knights in shining armor. Or maybe life disappointed us and we learned to be satisfied with less.

In the words of CS Lewis, "It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

Sin is a reduction in desire. We go on eating Snickers and God is offering us the bread of angels.

Remember your real longing. Remember what really satisfies (and it's not Snickers). When you do, the passing pleasures of things that are bad for you are easy to leave behind because they simply don't compare with real food, and real, lasting, unshakeable joy.

Spend some time today thinking about the things holding you back from God, and instead of beating yourself up, ask him to forgive you and to give you the grace to change. If you're a Catholic get to confession. Jesus is waiting for you there!

He loves to hear your songs of praise, but I can promise you that he loves your repentance even more. That's because he died to set you free from your sins. What are you waiting for? Let him.

Upcoming Events

Wed, 16 StA 7pm Christmas drama practice (students can still join. Call Anita or Jeri)
Fri, 18 StA 6am Men's group
Sun, 20 StA 11:45am Christmas drama
Christmas Masses: Thu, 24 StA 4pm / StsPP 7:30 pm & Fri, 25 StA 10am / Christmas music 30 min. b4 Masses

Questions of the Week

When and where do I recognize the presence of the Lord in the world? Where do I find joy? Do I look to God & his Word?

Verse of the Week: "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Assignment of the week: Repeat or complete last week's 'gift of self' to call, visit or send a card to someone you have not talked to in the last eight months.

Communion visits - Inform Fr. Gunwall if you would like us to bring the Eucharist when you are not able to come to Mass. Either Fr. Gunwall or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can arrange a time to visit you with the great gift of Jesus' Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity.

Christmas Giving & Prayer - See previous bulletins or contact Fr. Gunwall for ways to Give (Jessy's Toys or gift certificates for the county) & Pray for each other (Prayer Partners & Prayer Tree).

"Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair."
- G.K. Chesterton

Poinsettias - If you want to make a donation for Christmas poinsettias "in honor of" or "in memory of" please do so by December 20. Include the name(s) you want listed in the bulletin.

Christmas letter - You should receive a letter by Christmas. If you don't, please call me and I'll deliver one to you.

Stewardship Moment: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

In the Community

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Give directly to our local Franciscans and Carmelites or to this national collection for the many other religious who served in our diocese.



Two short pews available for a donation at Sts Peter & Paul. Two large, artificial Christmas trees available - free.

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.



Have you picked up your copy? 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 2021 parish calendar.

Thank You from Catholic Charities North Dakota - We are thankful for all you who have faithfully supported our mission to help those in need and advocate for the common good of all! We have received wonderful feedback on our video for Catholic Charities Sunday and over \$155,000 toward our goal of \$175,000. During these challenging times, supporting CCND is a concrete way to help others. To learn more or make a gift online: CatholicCharitiesND.org

Area Reconciliation Services

- Dec 13 - 4 pm & 6:30 pm at - St John - Wahpeton
- Dec 20 - 5 pm at St Boniface - Lidgerwood
- Dec 20 - 7 pm at St John - Wyndmere
- Dec 23 - 4-7 pm at St Boniface - Lidgerwood

Clean your heart, mind and soul in God's call and command to be reconciled with him and with one

another in the gift of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. You can attend these area services or come before every Mass in our parishes (except Sun 10:30).



May the advent of the infant Jesus bring expectant mothers joy, hope, and peace.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY This week's celebrations: Ryley Flaa, Robert Foertsch, Madison Klosterman, Kathy Mauch. Adam & Jennifer Mauch.

Happy Anniversary.