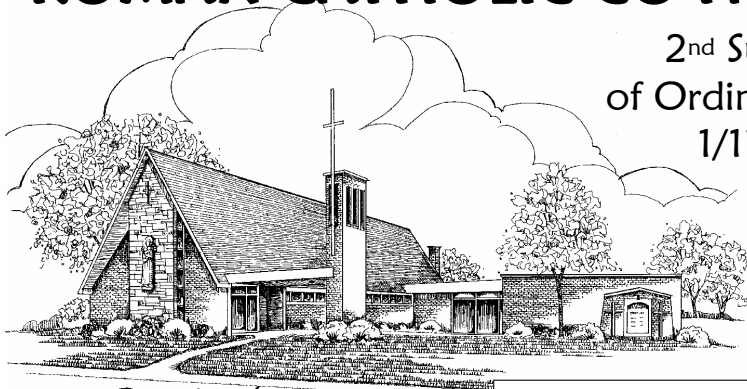


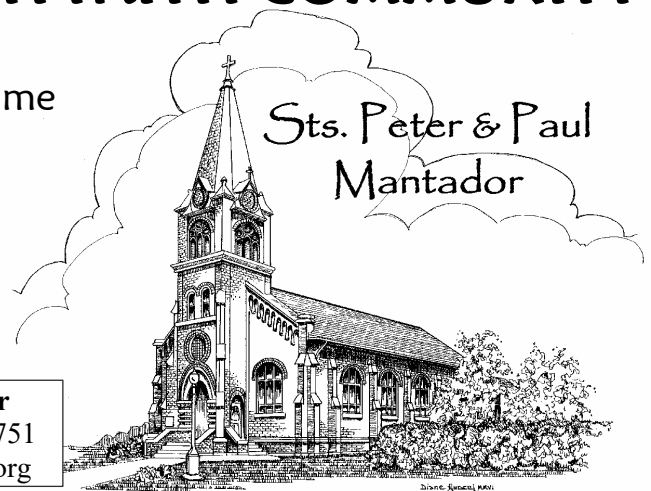
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
1/17/21



St. Anthony  
Mooreton

**Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor**  
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Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

**St Anthony 1/23 5:00 pm**

**Lector** Adam Mauch

**Usher** Joe Erbes

**Servers** Kriers

**Sts Peter & Paul 1/24 8:30 am**

**Lector** Craig Pausch

**Usher** Kevin Lingen

**Servers** Boyles

**St Anthony 1/24 10:30 am**

**Lector** Renata Fobb

**Usher** Curt Berg

**Servers** Fobbs

**Mass Intentions *Changes in Bold***

Mon, 18 No Mass

Tue, 19 StsPP 8:30 am Isabelle Aberle

Wed, 20 StA 5:45 pm Gary Jeffrey - (m) St Fabian & St Sebastian

Thu, 21 StsPP 8:30 am Martha Linsmeier - (M) St Agnes

Fri, 22 StA 9:30 am Leo Althoff (†) - Prayer (& fasting)

Sat, 23 StA 5:00 pm Florence Horkey (†) - (m) St Vincent & St Marianne Cope

Sun, 24 StsPP 8:30 am All parishioners

Sun, 24 StA 10:30 am Special Intention

**Pray for the Sick/Elderly:** Family & friends w/COVID, Loretta Althoff, Arnie Foertsch, Broden Frolek, Bill Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Larry Goerger, Nargis Golwalla, Tony Heitkamp, Ron Laddusaw, 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.

**God Reveals Himself...  
Listen! Watch! See!**

Once in a while something important or amazing happens, yet many don't see it even if they are present or nearby. Simply because they weren't listening or watching. I have experienced this many times: the solar eclipse a couple years ago, meteor showers, the conjunction of Jupiter & Saturn, the combine on fire near I-29, fireworks shows, etc. Even though I'm informed of most of these events before they occur, I forget about them because they are not very important to me. They would be nice to see, but getting up after going to bed, nah. Besides, I can watch it on the internet afterward... But this is not the same as being present. Similarly, important announcements are often ignored until I can get the summary form - whether from the Pope, President, or others. Perhaps you respond the same way? Even to my announcements? ;)

In today's readings, God reveals himself, yet those involved needed the guidance, the holiness, of another to see, to hear, and to understand. Samuel needs Eli (priest of God); John & Andrew need John the Baptists (prophet of God); and Simon Peter needs Andrew (new disciple of Jesus).

In our Catholic faith, we recognize the importance of seeing and hearing God. Furthermore, we acknowledge that we often need help to understand the depth, height, and richness of meaning and how to apply God's call, commands and promises that are found in the Bible, the Prayers & Liturgy of the Church, and from the Teaching Magisterium.

Without guidance, Christianity has splintered into thousands of competing denominations - all of them missing some or much of the fullness of the faith the gift of the Sacraments as lived and prayed in our Catholic Church. Even in the Church, most Catholics are not listening and watching God in daily life as seen in every survey and absence from the parish life throughout our country and in our own parishes.

Think about how you respond to these choices: Would you rather simply hear about the Pope, President, or your favorite person just seeing them on TV/screens or through someone else's words? Or would you enjoy an opportunity to spend time with them and talk to them yourself? What about God? Do you only think about Him or hear about the things He has done? Or do you talk to Him daily? It's a huge difference from the first option to the second. How we answer that says a lot about how we live and what is most important to us.

I try to encourage and challenge each person to Listen! Watch! and See! by spending time with God so that we experience God's love more frequently and intimately; and so that we will know and love God more deeply in return. **Ask yourself, "Am I listening and watching for God to appear?"**

**Upcoming Events**

- Week of Prayer for Christian unity
- Wed, 20 online 7pm - Family & youth video & discussion
- Thu, 21 StA & online - Jesus Bible study (Novena for Life (see back page))
- Fri, 22 Prayer - end to abortion & respect for life StA 6am Men's group

### Question of the Week

How can I discern the Lord's call among the many voices in my life? Who is an intermediary I can trust to recognize the Lord's voice?

**Verse of the Week:** "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

**Homework of the week:** **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY** For Christian Unity, for the end of abortion (50+ million killed in the United States alone), for our government officials to practice Christian charity and experience conversion to God.



**Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life** - If you have problems logging in to see the videos, contact Fr. Gunwall ASAP to work on the problem. The audio files of our discussions are available from Session 2 and onward under the faith tab on our parish website. You can still join us any week to grow closer to Jesus Christ.

**Finance-Pastoral Council meetings** - St Anthony this Sunday, Jan. 17, and Sts Peter & Paul on Tue., Jan. 26. Let us know any items for discussion. Parishioners are welcome to attend the general meeting.

**End-of-Year Donation reports** - ready to be picked up at St Anthony; we'll mail them Jan 25. Ready next weekend at Sts Peter & Paul; we'll mail them Feb 1.

**'Soup'er Bowl fundraiser** - St Mary Magdalen Court 117 is collecting donations for the Wilkin County Food Pantry on Sun, Feb 7, 2021. We have applied for matching funds up to \$1,500 from the National Catholic Society of Foresters-Life Insurance, Annuities, Member Benefits. Please donate non-perishable food items or cash anytime during the next month.

**Sts Peter & Paul Altar Society** will meet after Mass this Sunday. All members, please join us.

**Stewardship Moment:** "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" (John 1:38)

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

"Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel" - St Simeon (Luke 2:29-32 - Presentation in the temple)

### In the Community

The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Fargo is sponsoring a Discernment Weekend February 5-7 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City for guys 16 years and older who are open to a vocation to the priesthood. The weekend will bring together young men to pray about their vocations, and join with several priests and seminarians to hear about their call and how they discerned the Lord's will. This weekend should bring clarity to the often difficult discernment process. There is no cost for the weekend, but pre-registration is required at

[www.fargodiocese.org/vdw](http://www.fargodiocese.org/vdw)

January 22 is a day of Prayer (and fasting would be good too) in repentance for the 50+ million unborn children legally killed by abortion in the United States since 1973. Pray for healing for every mother, father, and family affected by abortion. Come to spend time with God in Church praying for an end to this evil in our nation and world and repentance for those forcing it or promoting it. Also join



thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual **9 Days for Life novena**, Jan. 21-29. Sign up today at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)

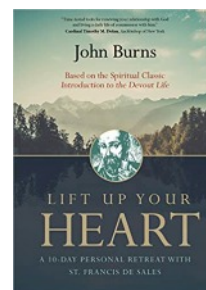


**Word of God Sunday, January 24** - You can still sign up for the Catholic Bible in a Year podcast. Read! Listen! Understand! With heart, mind, and soul...

**Book recommendation** - available in the back of the churches.

**Lift Up Your Heart** - This **practical book** goes right to the heart of helping you **kick the habit** of floating along on your spiritual journey to start actively pursuing holiness and devotion to God. During the retreat, you'll **learn the**

**basics** of forming a daily prayer routine, including how to offer yourself to God, meditate on his love, and maintain peace in the face of suffering and clarity in the midst of temptation. The meditations will help you: **build gratitude**, **set priorities** to better reflect your love for God, **discern good & evil**, grow in a desire to love and serve as Jesus did. In a very real sense, Burns helps you take St. Francis de



Sales as your spiritual director for **ten sessions**. As you do so, you'll feel God's fatherly love and restart your faith life, equipped with the tools to connect with God and live for heaven now.

### Keeping the House of God beautiful!

**Jan - Sts PP:** \*Barb Lingen, Jackie Lingen, Cindy Reiland, Donna Thiel / **St A:** \*Renata Fobb, Jane Althoff, Cindie Althoff, Jennifer Kjar, Jen Kjar, Dori Palmer



This week's celebrations: Danette Onchuck, Chance Pausch, Jane Althoff.