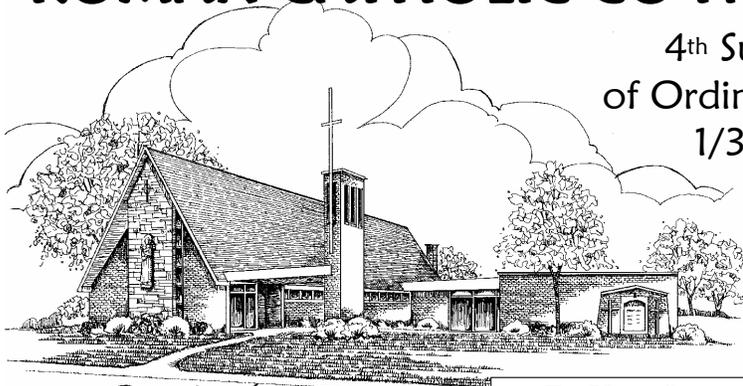
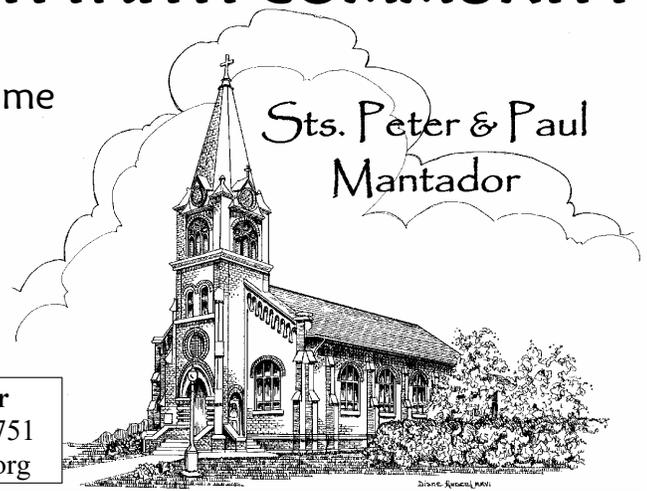


ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

4th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
1/31/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

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St Anthony 2/6 5:00 pm

Lector Joe Braun
Usher Dick Mauch
Servers
Sts Peter & Paul 2/7 8:30 am
Lector Terry Goerger
Usher Jeff Mauch
Servers Mauchs
St Anthony 2/7 10:30 am
Lector Diane Birchem
Usher Dale Althoff
Servers Onchucks

Mass Intentions *Changes in Bold*

Mon, 1 No Mass
Tue, 2 StsPP 8:30 am Craig Michels & family - (F) Presentation of the Lord
Wed, 3 StA 5:45 pm Bill Ward (†) - (m) St Blaise, St Ansgar
Thu, 4 StsPP 8:30 am Michael Jentz (†)
Fri, 5 StA 9:30 am John Isaac & Alice Gauthier-Jeffrey - (M) St Agatha
Sat, 6 StA 5:00 pm All parishioners - (M) St Paul Miki & companions
Sun, 7 StsPP 8:30 am Christian Mothers
Sun, 7 StA 10:30 am Christian Mothers

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, Erwin Lugert, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Marietta Pellman, Elizabeth Thom, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Frances Zajac. **Send names of loved ones** needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.

Trust & Truth

As last week was Word of God Sunday, and I explained that we need to look at God's Word, Jesus, both in Scripture and in the teachings of His Church. So this week, I begin with Scriptures that point us to Trust - the prerequisite to recognizing and receiving Truth. Our focus is to see these connected in our relationship with God and then with others. These Scriptures were collected as part of an article on Trust on mycatholic.life/books/the-path-to-holiness/ch-3-the-virtue-of-trust/ Check out the article for a lot to think about...

The following passages should be read slowly and meditatively. Return to them and let God speak to you through them.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; the Lord will be their trust. They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7-8) / Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. (Prov. 3:5-6) / O Most High, when I am afraid, in you I place my trust. (Psalm 56:3b-4) / In the morning let me hear of your mercy, for in you I trust. Show me the path I should walk, for I entrust my life to you. (Psalm 143:8) / "Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20b) / "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." (John 14:1) / "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" (Matthew 6:25-26) / But he should ask in faith, not doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed about by the wind. (James 1:6) / And we have this confidence in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)

These Scripture passages tell us many things about trust in God. First, persons who trust in God are truly wise. They are wise because they have discovered that God, and God alone, is the source of all goodness in life.

These passages also reveal that God has a perfect plan for your life and that He will never let you down. You should not be afraid of following Him, because the result of complete trust is far better than anything you could come up with on your own.

Lastly, these passages reveal that there is great freedom in trusting God. When God is in control of your life, the heavy burdens of anxiety and worry disappear. The humble and trusting soul is not tossed and turned by the turmoil of life. Rather, the humble trusting soul is always at peace no matter what comes its way in life.

Pray repeatedly, "Jesus, I trust in You." Increase my trust, love, and hope in You.

Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week
Wed, 4 StA 7pm - Family & youth night
Thu, 5 StA & online - Jesus Bible study
Fri, 6 StA 6am Men's group

Question of the Week

What unclean spirits need to be driven out of my life? Will I invite Jesus to defeat them? Do I trust Jesus to do whatever is necessary to cast them out?

Verse of the Week: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (*Galatians 2:20*)

Homework of the week: The Bible study group is memorizing the Scripture verse above. I challenge every parishioner to do so. Ask God, "Am I willing to be crucified - to let my way, my wants, and my will die, so that God's perfect plan can guide and fill my life?" Only then will I truly have peace. The book below guides us to God's peace when dealing with finances.

Anointing of the Sick - February 11 is the World Day of the Sick - I want to encourage anyone who is dealing with serious or chronic illness to receive the gift of God's healing and mercy through the Church in the Anointing of the Sick during these next two weeks. If you have a family member who is sick, encourage them to receive this sacrament. Please contact me and tell me which day you would like to receive this grace. It is good to receive it during the Eucharist but it can be anytime.



Family night for Religious Education & Faith Formation - We will continue our fall schedule of the 1st Wednesday of the month Family night. After the usual parish Mass at 5:45 pm, we will have a simple supper for families at 6:15. Then at 7:00 Fr. Gunwall will meet with parents in the Church and online via Zoom while the students go through a couple dramas and lessons from the Great Adventure Bible Timeline for Youth. Start the new year right and join us.

First Reconciliation parent's meeting - Please reply to Fr. Gunwall if you haven't already.

Lent is only three weeks away. What will you and your family do for Lent? Not just what will you give up, but how will you pray, fast, and give alms? **FYI** - Some people have been asking in the Diocese if we will be able to receive ashes. The Vatican indicated that we can distribute ashes this year in the method used in parts of Europe and Asia - sprinkling on the forehead. This is how the Pope always receives them in Roma.



Read the thank you letter on the bulletin board from Vitalis, the seminarian in Africa that we have helped these last few years. He emailed me an update for you.

Sts Peter & Paul's annual Palm Sunday dinner at the VFW Hall is planned for **March 28**. Mark your calendar.

Stewardship Moment: "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." (1 Corinthians 7:32)

"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything."
- St Teresa of Avila

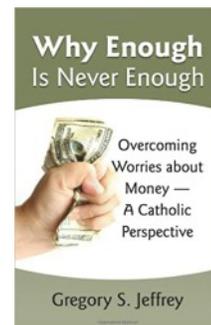
How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

In the Community

'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 this next week.

Book promo - pick up a copy in the back of the churches or ask Fr. Gunwall for one.

Why Enough is Never Enough - This author is a friend of Fr Gunwall {this summary is from Amazon} This is not a book about how to make money. Or spend it. Or give it away. Rather, it's a book for anyone who has ever worried about money, about having enough, and it begins with a startling assumption: No amount of money will ever lift your anxiety. This may seem counter-intuitive, but in Gregory Jeffrey we have an experienced guide. With degrees in business and theology, he has worked as a development consultant for two decades. In meeting with thousands of individuals to ask their support for various causes, he discovered to his amazement that some people with millions worried constantly about money; others of very modest means seemed immune. Apparently, making peace with money entails something other than money. With warmth, humor, and a writing style as simple as the Dakota prairie he grew up on, he offers a unique perspective on the interplay between our spiritual and financial lives. Rich with images, stories, and compassion for the millions now burdened with financial worries, Jeffrey teases out what is required of the soul who wishes to be free of anxiety.



Keeping the House of God beautiful!
Feb - Sts PP: *Tammi Althoff, Jeanne Lugert, Liane Mauch, Sue Mauch, Barb Severson / **St A:** *Anita Onchuck, Tiffany Carlson, Kristin Erbes, Mary Erbes, Alison Krier, Jeri Pausch



This week's celebrations: Alexis Peltier, Jo Mertes, David Severson, Bentlee Erbes. Dick & Kathy Mauch.

