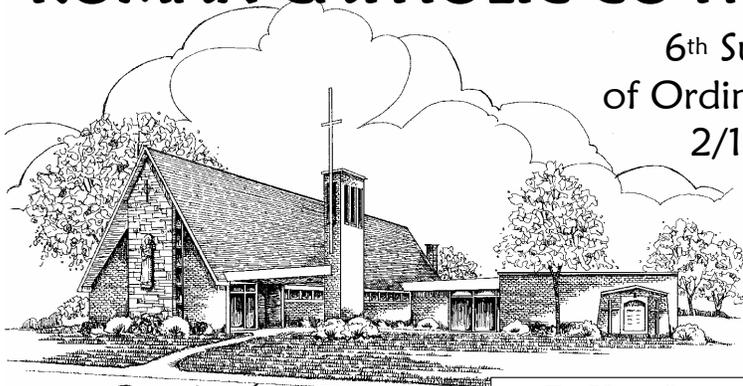


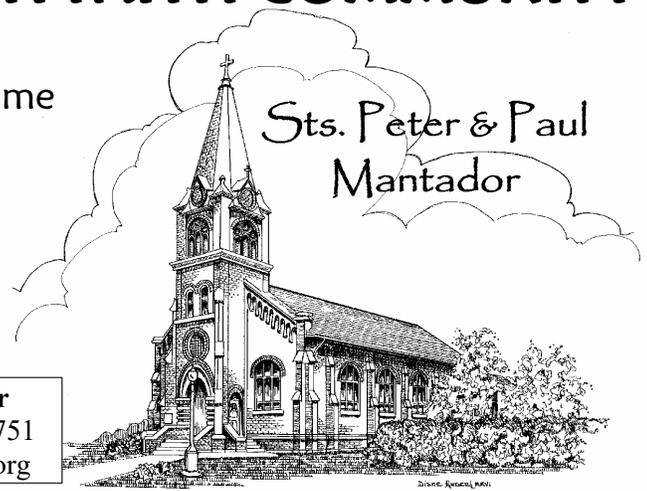
ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

6th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
2/14/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton

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Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 2/20 5:00 pm

Lector Yvonne Ward

Usher Joe Erbes

Servers Paulys

Sts Peter & Paul 2/21 8:30 am

Lector Donna Thiel

Usher Nick Foertsch

Servers Foertschs

St Anthony 2/21 10:30 am

Lector Arnel Onchuck

Usher Curt Berg

Servers Onchucks

Mass Intentions Changes in Bold

Mon, 15 no Mass

Tue, 16 StsPP 8:30 am Leo Althoff (†)

Wed, 17 StsPP 5:30 pm Michael Jentz (†) - Day of fasting & abstinence

Wed, 17 StA 7:00 pm Msgrs. Gross, Wald, & Senger

Thu, 18 StsPP 8:30 am Dorothy Schmitz (†)

Fri, 19 StA 9:30 am Fr Chuck Leute (†)

Sat, 20 StA 5:00 pm Polycarp & Norma Moulsoff (†)

Sun, 21 StsPP 8:30 am All parishioners

Sun, 21 StA 10:30 am Fr Chuck Leute (†)

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.

Practice makes Perfect

This last Thursday we talked a little about being perfect and being holy

as Jesus told us to be holy, to be perfect as God is. The phrase, practice makes perfect is never 100% true whether for athletics, business, and especially relationships and life. Why? Because things change - no pitch is ever the same, each client or customer's needs are different, and ourselves, our family, and our friends are constantly growing and adapting. Even though that is true, is it a reason not to continue to practice in order to become better? Perfectionists struggle to begin when we know the project won't turn out the way we hope. Yet, improving is an important goal even if perfection is unlikely.

We also hear that if its worth doing, its worth doing well. Another good piece of advice. Have you heard the corollary? If its worth doing, it worth doing poorly. Not that we intend to do poorly, but doing a less-than-perfect job is better then not doing it at all. God calls us to 'try our best' even when our best doesn't appear good enough. God calls us to be faithful, even if we fail.

We say that we practice our faith as a doctor or lawyer practice medicine or law. Professional athletes 'play' the game even though they are paid thousands of dollars. When we acknowledge that we practice and play, we humbly admit that we don't do it (live) perfectly or even very well. We continue to practice the faith, to play and live because we aim to be holy - like God.

So Lent is practice. Our Faith is practice. Life is practice. And the day we stand before God and hear the words, "Well done my good and faithful steward," we will be holy, purified, and perfect, finally formed in Jesus' image and likeness. The practice will be over and we will live and play eternally in the presence of the One who made us and perfected us.

This Lent, I invite you to practice one Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy (as mentioned on the back side). Lent is also filled with invitations in God's Word to pray, fast, and give alms - to be more attentive to these 'practices' that are already part of our daily life. Pick up or signup online for a Lenten daily devotional - to keep our mind, heart, and body practicing holiness each of these 40 days. You can use a CRS Rice Bowl to give to those who are poor and destitute. Attend the Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the next two weeks. There is a small tri-fold Year of St Joseph prayer card for every adult and teen in the back of the churches. **St Joseph protector of the Holy Family and of the Church, pray for us!**

Area Reconciliation Times/Services:

After every Stations of the Cross & before every Mass - our parishes

3-21 Wyndmere (St John the Baptist)

3-28 Wahpeton (St John the Evangelist)

3-28 Lidgerwood (St Boniface)

Upcoming Events

Wed, 17 Ash Wednesday Masses (see above)

Thu, 18 StA & online - Jesus Bible study

Fri, 19 StA 6am Men's group

Fr, 19 StsPP 7pm Stations of the Cross

Questions of the Week

What strained bond can I help heal this week?
What barrier can I break down? Jesus, how do you want to reach others through me?

Verse of the Week: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (*Galatians 5:1*)

Homework of the week: Choose a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy (from the St Joseph prayer cards in the back of church) to practice for

Lent. Find one you 'want' to do but don't normally act on that interest. Make the choice to do this good and commit to live it during Lent. It fits with the Take 5 for Lent listed below.

Ash Wednesday, February 17 - Ashes are a sign of repentance and mourning. If you are unable to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday but would like to receive ashes, I will make them available after Masses the weekend of Feb 20-21.

Online recordings available to the whole parish - Go to our parish website and look at the Faith tab to watch or listen to the recording from the Wednesday night parents' session with Fr. Gunwall and listen to the Thursday nights Bible study about Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Lenten practices. Stop in the back of the church and pick up a book for spiritual reading, a daily reflection, a Bible Study on Jesus Passion, or audio CDs to deepen your understanding of the great gift and mystery of our faith. Also pick up an Operation Rice Bowl for your home. Sign up online for a daily encouraging and challenging email at bestlentever.com (Matthew Kelly) or at lentreflections.com (Bishop Robert Barron)

read **SCRIPTURE** for 5 minutes 
name 5 things you are **GRATEFUL** for
SMILE at 5 people
take 5 minutes for **SILENCE**
take a brisk **WALK** for 5 minutes
 **PRAY** for 5 people

Secret Prayer Partner for Lent is set up in the back of church. As in the past, sign your name and address on the purple slip of paper and put it in the basket. When you leave, draw a name out. Pray for that person each day of Lent and at Easter, send that person a card or note to let them know you have been praying for them.



God's Gift Appeal - The annual drive the ministries and services of the Diocese of Fargo begins this weekend. Our parishes continue to be generous year after year but participation is still just over half our households. As I share each year, our goal is 100% participation - even if your gift is simply prayer for a bountiful year. Why would we ask for a bountiful year for ourselves and not for the good of others? The financial goals for each parish are: Sts Peter and Paul \$9256 and St Anthony \$12957

Stewardship Moment: "Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Come, my Light,
and illumine my darkness.
Come, my Life,
and revive me from death.
Come, my Physician,
and heal my wounds.
Come, Flame of divine love,
and burn up the thorns of my sins,
kindling my heart
with the flame of thy love.
- Dimitrii of Rostov

In the Community

St. John's Parish Mission (Fr. Tony Welle) **Return to Christ with Your Whole Heart** - Everyone is invited to the parish mission in Wahpeton, Feb 21 (4 pm), 22 (7 pm) & 23 (7 pm) even if you can only attend one night.



Be the man - the son, husband, brother, or father that God created you to be. You are invited to a retreat March 12-14 at Franciscan Retreat Center in Hankinson called **HOMEWARD BOUND: Take Refuge in the Church**. Presenters are priests, deacons and lay leaders of Ecclesia Domestica, "Church in the Home". There will be Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussions, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, private priest/deacon spiritual direction for each man, and more. Single room & all meals provided, cost \$175. Register at ecclesiadomestica.net/registration or call St. Boniface @701-538-4604. Our parishes will pay half the cost and other scholarships are available. Do this for those you care about. Accept the invitation and challenge; don't avoid it because of you've never attended a retreat before or the excuse that you're too busy.

Retrouaille is a peer-run program designed to help hurting couples finding new hope and healing in their marriages. The next session begins March 5-7. Couples can find more information by calling 701-356-7962 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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



HAPPY Birthday This week's celebrations: Claire Althoff, Xavier Mauch, Erwin Lugert, Antoinette Mauch.
Happy Anniversary John & Ardy Fettes.