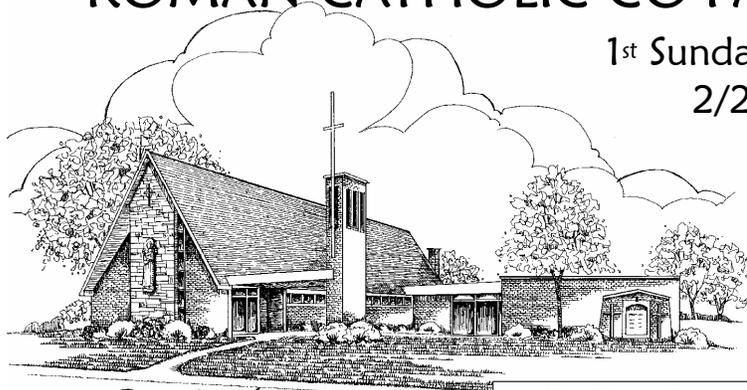


ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

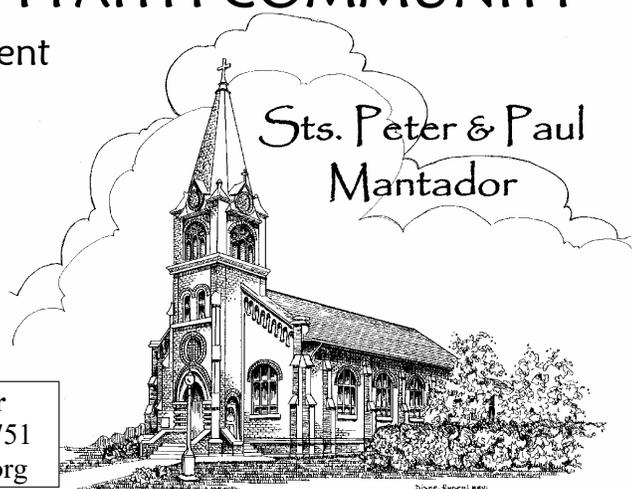
1st Sunday of Lent

2/21/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor
701-274-8259 or 701-540-8751
mooretonmantadorcatholic.org



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 2/27 5:00 pm

Lector Joe Braun

Usher Dori Palmer

Servers

Sts Peter & Paul 2/28 8:30 am

Lector Memory Mauch

Usher Todd Althoff

Servers Boyles

St Anthony 2/28 10:30 am

Lector Chance Pausch

Usher Rich Spellerberg

Servers Kriers

Mass Intentions *Changes in Bold*

Mon, 22 no Mass - (F) Chair of St Peter the Apostle
Tue, 23 StsPP 8:30 am Troy Stanley (†) - (m) St Polycarp
Wed, 24 StA 5:45 pm George & Agnes Erbes (†)
Thu, 25 StsPP 8:30 am Yvonne Ward
Fri, 26 StA 9:30 am Leo Althoff (†)
Sat, 27 StA 5:00 pm Bridget & Adolph Haberman (†)
Sun, 28 StsPP 8:30 am Michael Jentz (†)
Sun, 28 StA 10:30 am All parishioners

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, 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.

Floods & Deserts in Life

Does your life feel like a desert?

Emotional barrenness at home. Spiritual dryness when trying to pray. Physical limits and feeling exposed or trapped. A lack of refreshment in daily activity. Or perhaps your life feels more like a flood? Too much to deal with. The threat of destruction or washing away all that is important to you. Rising stress and despair. Powerful forces ready to pull you under and sweep you away. Danger and death surrounding. A complete remake of all that used to be familiar.

There are many ways that too much water or a lack of water can become a burden and threat in our life. We want the happy and comfortable medium between abundance and lack. Scripture tells us that this desire is good and common, "give me neither poverty nor riches; ... lest I be full, and deny thee ... or lest I be poor, and steal ..." (Proverbs 30:8-9)

God knows that if we have too much, we can be prone to think we have all we need and don't need God or we have too little and we might take what we 'want' and profane God's name and commandments, through either action. In both ways we are not in a right relationship with God and with others.

This Lent, let us truly Live as we walk on the Way in the Truth. Let us follow after Jesus as he faced and triumphed over the trials and temptations in the desert. Let us face the flood that the world sends against us knowing we are protected in the ark of God's mercy - the bark (boat) of the Catholic Church. Let us embrace our sacrifices and receive the gifts of grace that God provides: We walk the Via Dolorosa (Way of Suffering) following after Jesus in the Stations of the Cross. We are forgiven of our betrayal, abandonment, denial when we sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are fed and nourished with the Heavenly Bread - the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. And there is so much more that God offers us.

We are created in the image and likeness of God and sin cannot destroy that. We have the power of the Holy Spirit present in us through baptism and confirmation to face every temptation and obstacle. We are sons and daughters of God the Father and he is always with us in the dryness of the desert and through the waters of the flood. Know that he is with you. Return to him in repentance. Receive from him every grace. Remain with him and he will never leave you.

Keep practicing the "5" things/people/minutes through Lent.

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

Reconciliation Times/Services:
After every Stations of the Cross & before every Mass at our parishes
3-21 Wyndmere (St John the Baptist)
3-28 Wahpeton (St John the Evangelist)
3-28 Lidgerwood (St Boniface)

Upcoming Events

Wed, 24 StA & online 7pm Video & discussion
Thu, 25 StA 6:15pm Stations of the Cross
Thu, 25 StA & online 7pm - Jesus Bible study
Fri, 26 StA 6am Men's group
Fri, 26 StsPP 6pm Visitation / 7pm Vigil
Sat, 27 StsPP 10:30am Funeral - Erwin Lugert

Questions of the Week

What cross have I been avoiding that I should accept during this time in the Lenten desert? What action will I take this Lent that's given from the heart and doesn't reveal to the world the sacrifice that I'm making?

Verse of the Week: "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress..." (*Psalms 107:28*)

Homework of the week: Continue to 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.

Lenten practices. Join in the Stations of the Cross - take one of the prayer books home and pray with it throughout Lent. Pick up a book for spiritual reading, a daily reflection, or audio CDs to deepen your understanding of the great gift and mystery of our faith. Pick up 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)

Secret Prayer Partner for Lent is set up in the back of Sts Peter & Paul. 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 - Support the ministries and services of the Diocese of Fargo. Our parishes are generous year after year but participation is just over half of our households. Our goal is 100% participation - pray for a bountiful year for the Appeal and the work of the Diocese. We should ask for a bountiful year for others before we ask for ourselves. Our financial goals are: Sts Peter and Paul \$9256 and St Anthony \$12957

Stewardship Moment: "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." (Mark 1:14)

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

In the Community {Our parishes will pay ½ for any retreat, conference, or camp}

St. John's Parish Mission (Fr. Tony Welle) **Return to Christ with Your Whole Heart** - Beginning this Sunday evening... 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 son, husband, brother, or father that God created you to be. Fr. Gunwall encourages you to attend this **HOMEWARD BOUND** retreat March 12-14 in Hankinson. There will be Rosary, engaging large group talks, small group discussions, Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual direction available, and more. Single room & all meals provided for \$175. Go to ecclesiadomestica.net/registration or call St. Boniface 701-538-4604. 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.

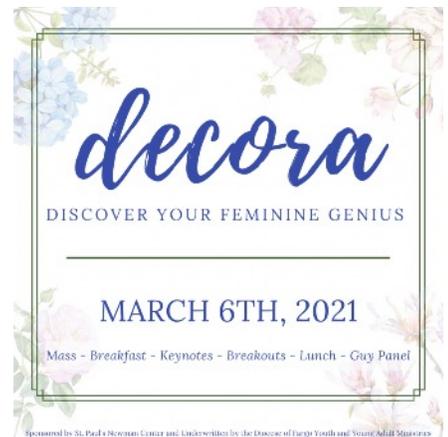
Decora - This is a day retreat to empower girls 13 and older to live happy and healthy lives by embracing the gift of their femininity! Join us Sat., March 6, 8am-4pm at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Fargo. The day includes inspiring speakers, fun breakouts, delicious food, a fashion show, and a guy panel - all to inspire young women to discover their feminine genius! High school women are encouraged, but not required, to share this special day with their mom or female mentor. This event is free for students and \$35 for non-students (inclusive of meals & materials). For more info and to register visit bisoncatholic.org by Feb 28.

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. Do this to strengthen your marriage communication. Couples can find more information by calling 701-356-7962 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Positions Available: the John Paul II Catholic Schools in Fargo/West Fargo are hiring for Fall 2021: * Religion Teacher & Science Teacher (Shanley High School) / * Choir Teacher (Shanley & Sullivan Middle School) / * Kindergarten Teacher & Pre-Kindergarten Teacher (Trinity Elementary) / * Shanley is also hiring an Asst. Girls Softball Coach for Spring 2021. For more info visit

www.jp2schools.org/central-office/careers/ or call 701-893-3231.

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: Andrea Heuer, Braden Heuer, Christal Hutchison, Mason Mauch, Loretta Althoff, Yvonne Ward, Beverly Waxweiler.