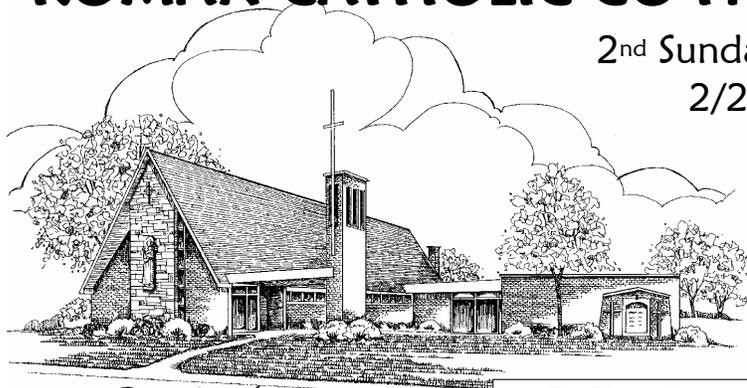


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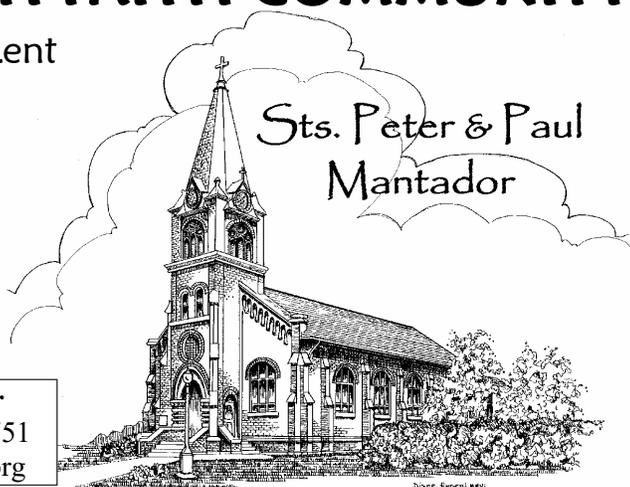
2nd Sunday of Lent

2/28/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton

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Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 3/6 5:00 pm

Lector Adam Mauch

Usher Joe Erbes

Servers Kriers/Erbes

Sts Peter & Paul 3/7 8:30 am

Lector Jo Mertes

Usher Wayne Mauch

Servers Mauchs

St Anthony 3/7 10:30 am

Lector Dean Onchuck

Usher Arnel Onchuck

Servers Onchucks

Mass Intentions

Mon, 1 no Mass

Tue, 2 StsPP 8:30 am Paul Krump (†)

Wed, 3 StA 5:45 pm Michael Jentz (†) - (m) St Katharine Drexel

Thu, 4 StsPP 8:30 am Msgrs Wald, Gross & Senger (†) - (m) St Casimir

Fri, 5 StA 9:30 am Missy Netland's mom & niece - World Day of Prayer

Sat, 6 StA 5:00 pm All parishioners

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, 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.

Why Am I Here?

This week was not average...

Being that an average week is not the same as similar. Every week has its own unique aspect. It is not average in regards to the question above, "Why Am I Here?" I've heard, "Why am I still here?" from a few parishioners over the three years as they wonder, ponder, and pray that God guide and show them the reason they are still here on earth and not yet in heaven. Some, like Erwin Lugert, soon hear the call to come home - but its all on God's time. It is important for all of us to honestly ask God why we are here. There are answers that apply to every person and there is a specific answer for you. I share this meditation for you to ponder this week and as long as you are here...

Why am I here? - The Scottish theologian, William Barclay, once wrote an answer to the question "Why am I here?" He said, "There are two great days in a person's life; the day we are born and the day we discover why."

What's it all about? - The reason for our existence has to be more than gaining material possessions and experiencing worldly pleasures. When we die, none of our possessions go with us. Thanks to Jesus Christ there is a far better life after death. Christ, by His death on the Cross, restored us to friendship with God. To benefit from this great gift, we need to believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and to follow His teachings.

Here is the most important decision you will ever make. It determines where you will spend your eternal life... in heaven or in hell. If our heart is fixed on the things of this world, we will lose eternal life. If our heart is fixed on Jesus (and His teachings), we will gain eternal life. Jesus wants us to realize that it is a great tragedy to gain the whole world, yet lose our immortal soul. Jesus does not promise us a rich and easy life. Our cross might be such sufferings as unemployment, family and health problems, loneliness and depression, or the death of a loved one. A willingness to carry our cross is a test of our love for Jesus. Everyone wants to celebrate with Jesus; few want to participate in His sufferings.

God loves us completely and provides all we need to receive eternal life. For our growth and good, we are expected to: * do our best, * pray for God's help, * go to Mass and receive communion, * and stay close to Jesus by going to confession regularly. When you are tired of carrying your cross, look at Jesus on His Cross. Here is the One, Who loves you more than you can ever imagine. "When Jesus talks about faith, He means to trust unreservedly that you are loved." (Henri Nouwen) *{from comeaside.com/why-am-I-here.html}*

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

Fr Gunwall at Retrouvaille Fri-Sun (March 5-7)

Fr. Jim Tiu will celebrate the Masses March 6-7

Tue, 2 StsPP 7:30 Stations of the Cross/Confessions
Wed, 3 StA 6:15 Simple Meal / 7pm Stations of the Cross / short lesson&discussion

Thu, 4 StA & online 7pm - Jesus Bible study

Fri, 5 StA 6am Men's group

Questions of the Week

How can God transfigure my life this Lent? What will I do to show the transfiguration Jesus is making in me?

Verse of the Week: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law." (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

Homework of the week: As you continue to practice a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy, ask God for a fruit of the Spirit (see verse above) to bear fruit in your life.

Equipping the Family: Safety Through Connection - This weekend is Safe Haven Sunday and we set out booklets and prayer cards to make your home a safe haven from the effects of pornography and other harmful effects of gender confusion and other cultural pressures that attack the our dignity as sons and daughters of God. If you do not have filter or accountability software on every phone, tablet, and computer, you are inviting these poisons into your home and into your very souls. The simple steps in the booklets found in the back of the church can make your home and devices much safer and protect the innocence and chastity of every member of your household.



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)



God's Gift Appeal - On this Commitment Sunday, take time to look at the material from the Diocese and fill out the response card. If you did not receive the material this week, please pick one up in the back of the church and let Fr. Gunwall know. We want to be sure you are receiving the New Earth monthly magazine. Our financial goals are: Sts Peter and Paul \$9256 and St Anthony \$12957

Stewardship Moment: "'Here I am!' he answered." (Genesis 22:11)

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

In the Community {Our parishes will pay 1/2 for any retreat, conference, or camp}

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 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/decora and register by Monday.

Marriage Encounter is holding a virtual couples retreat. (See below.)



experience a virtual marriage encounter... we'll come to you!



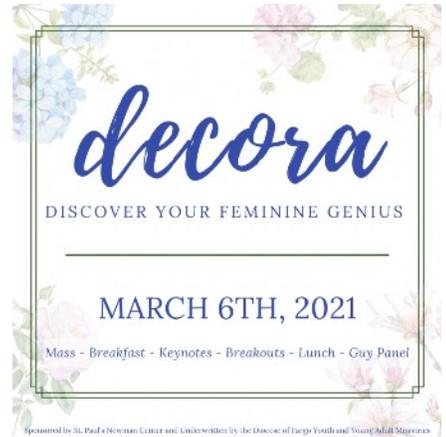
Give your marriage the time and attention it longs for.

March 19-21, 2021

Apply at: www.ndwme.org

Questions? Call: (701) 347-1998

Retrouvaille is a peer-run program designed to help hurting couples finding new hope and healing in their marriages. You can still sign up for the next session this next weekend, March 5-7, but you must call Monday. Strengthen your marriage communication. Couples can find more information by calling 701-356-7962.



Keeping the House of God beautiful!
March - Sts PP: *Denise Hejtmanek, Pam Foertsch, Marietta Pellman, Bev Waxweiler / **St A:** *Diana Klosterman, Shirley Breuer, Michelle Johnson, Brenda Klosterman, Theresa Link, Ashton Mauch, Carmen Marohl.



This week's celebrations: Linda Haberman, Joanne Althoff, Carolyn Goerger, Ava Krier, Megan Lingen, David Foertsch, Shirley Schultz, Kennedy Flaa, Raina Reiland. Joe & Dawn Storbakken, Robert & Sheree Foertsch, Dale & Cindie Althoff.

