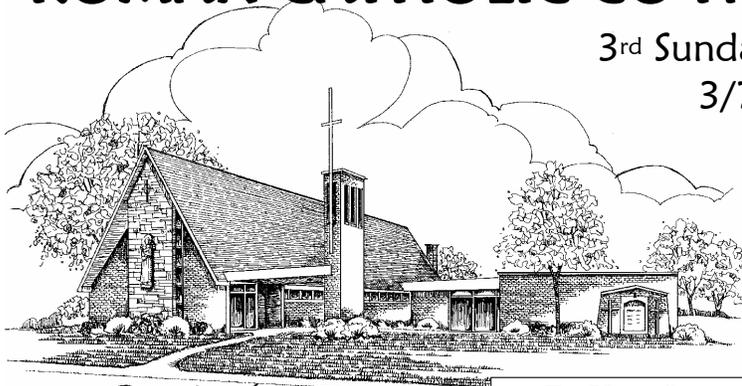
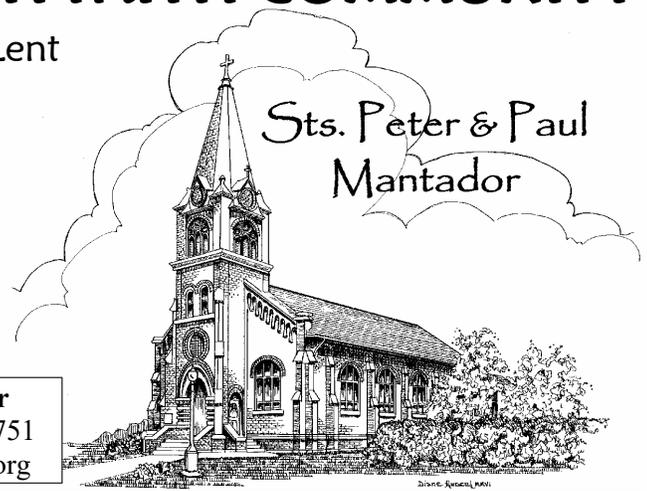


ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

3rd Sunday of Lent
3/7/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor
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St Anthony 3/13 5:00 pm

Lector Yvonne Ward

Usher Jim Griffith

Servers Pauly's

Sts Peter & Paul 3/14 8:30 am

Lector Bill Mauch

Usher Kevin Lingen

Servers Boyles

St Anthony 3/14 10:30 am

Lector Diane Birchem

Usher Dean Onchuck

Servers Onchucks

Mass Intentions

Mon, 8 no Mass - (m) St John of God

Tue, 9 StsPP 8:30 am Michael Jentz (†) - (m) St Frances of Rome

Wed, 10 StA 5:45 pm Jeff Avinson

Thu, 11 StsPP 8:30 am Special Intention

Fri, 12 StA 9:30 am Leonard & Theresa Palmer (†)

Sat, 13 StA 5:00 pm James & Madelyn Haberman (†)

Sun, 14 StsPP 8:30 am All parishioners

Sun, 14 StA 10:30 am William & Alice Delage (†)

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.

Avoiding Evil or Doing Good?

Please pray for all those on retreat

this weekend and the others who will attend in the next two weeks. Pray that we would follow God to doing the good we can.

I share this reflection on the good we can do. {saintjohntheevangelist.com/ft/reflection-for-the-third-sunday-of-lent-year-b}

Once there was a very sincere man who wished to live a holy life. So he went to his rabbi to seek his advice. The rabbi congratulated him on his ambition, then asked, "How have you been faring so far?"

"Quite well, I think," the man replied. "When you say well what do you mean?" the rabbi asked. I haven't broken any of the commandments," the man replied. "I haven't taken the Lord's name in vain. I haven't profaned the Sabbath day. I haven't dishonored my father or mother. I haven't killed anyone. I haven't been unfaithful to my wife. I haven't stolen. I haven't borne false witness against anyone. And I haven't coveted my neighbor's wife or goods."

"I see," said the rabbi. "So you haven't broken any of the commandments." "That's right," the man replied with pride. "But have you kept the commandments?" the rabbi asked. "What do you mean?" said the man.

"I mean have you honored God's holy name? Have you kept holy the Sabbath day? Have you loved and honored your parents? Have you sought to preserve and defend life? When last did you tell your wife that you loved her? Have you shared your goods with the poor? Have you defended the good name of anyone? When last did you put yourself out to help a neighbor?" The man was taken aback. But to his credit he went away and reflected on what the rabbi had said. He realized that up to this he had been merely intent on avoiding wrongdoing. It's surprising how many people think this is the highest criterion of virtue. But the rabbi offered him a new vision of goodness, not merely to avoid evil, but to do good. Up to now he had a negative concept of goodness. Now the rabbi was offering him a positive concept of goodness. He had given him a new and better compass to guide him, a new and more challenging path to follow.

We must be careful not to make the mistake that man made. We must not approach the commandments in a negative way because this leads to doing the bare minimum. We must approach them in a positive way. And we must keep them in the right spirit. Our obedience must be motivated not by fear but by love. We don't keep the commandments so that God will love us; we keep the commandments because God loves us and we love Him.

Jesus brought in a new and more exiting law – the law of love. Far from contradicting or abolishing the old law, the new law goes beyond it, and so brings it to perfection. He said that all of God's laws could be reduced to two: love of God and love of neighbor. In truth, there is only one law - the law of love.

St Augustine summarized it saying, "Love, and do what you will."

Upcoming Events

Tue, 9 StA 6:30 1st Eucharist parents meeting

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Thu, 11 StA & online 7pm - Jesus Bible study

Fri, 12 StA 6am Men's group

Fri, 12 StsPP 7pm Stations of the Cross

Fri-Sun 12-14 Hankinson - Men's retreat

Sat, 13 Wahpeton 8:45-Noon 1st Reconciliation retreat

Questions of the Week

How do I profane the temple of the Holy Spirit within me? Within others?

Verse of the Week: "The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst...'" (John 4:15)

Homework of the week: Make your plans to attend all the liturgies for Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday (7 pm), Good Friday (3 and 7 pm), Easter Vigil (8:30 pm), and Easter Sunday (10 am). These most important days we recall and relive the gift of God in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, our Savior, Lord, and King. They will be the best use of your time.

Equipping the Family: Safety Through Connection - Last weekend was Safe Haven Sunday and we set out booklets and prayer cards to make your home a safe haven from the effects of pornography and related harmful cultural poisons. The books look similar to previous years but they have new suggestions to improve communication with your kids concerning these sensitive topics. Pick up a book if you have kids at home or if your grandchildren regularly visit you. The guidelines offered are important and helpful. The average age of exposure to porn is now around 3rd grade due to phones at school and home. The simple steps in the booklets available 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. Pick them up this week. They are an important and easy read.



Live Stations of the Cross are planned for **Wednesday, March 31**, during Holy Week. Practices will be Wednesday, March 17 & 24. All youth in 6-12 grade are invited and encouraged to take part in this drama for their own sake and to share with all our parishioners. Families will receive an email/text and/or call to confirm their participation.

Lenten practices. There are still plenty of days remaining to put your faith into better practice. Pray the Stations of the Cross. Do some spiritual reading, a daily reflection, or listen to our audio CDs to deepen your understanding of the great gift of our faith. Pick up Operation Rice Bowl for your home. Sign up online for a daily encouraging and challenging email at bestlentenver.com (Matthew Kelly) or at lentreflections.com (Bishop Robert Barron)

God's Gift Appeal - If you did not receive the materials, please pick up a brochure and envelope 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: "You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." (Exodus 20:4)

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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

Vitalant Blood Drive in Mooreton - Monday, March 22. You can sign up online or call Dori Palmer (701-204-2687).

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;



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March 19-21, 2021

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don't avoid it because of you've never attended a retreat before or the excuse that you're too busy.

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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: Don Althoff, Diane Birchem, Kari Foertsch, Laura Boyle.