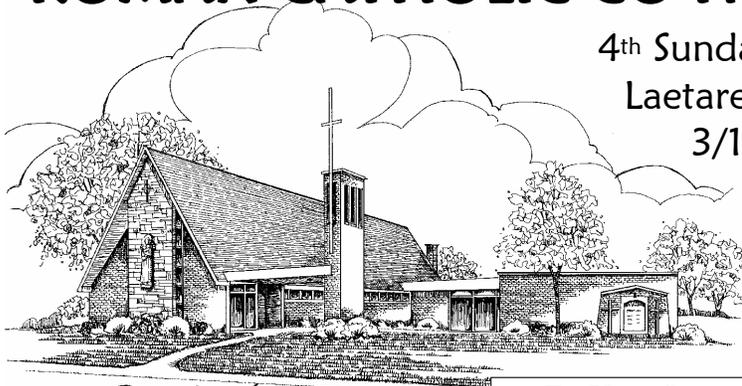


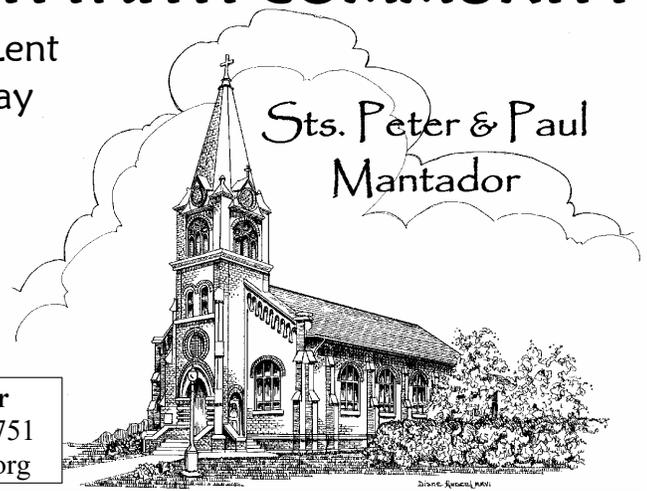
ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

4th Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday
3/14/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor
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Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 3/20 5:00 pm

Lector Joe Braun

Usher Joe Erbes

Servers

Sts Peter & Paul 3/21 8:30 am

Lector Kenny Mauch

Usher Ron Pellman

Servers Foertschs

St Anthony 3/21 10:30 am

Lector Yoney Fobb

Usher Dori Palmer

Servers Fobbs

Mass Intentions

Mon, 15 no Mass

Tue, 16 StsPP 8:30 am John Mertes (†)

Wed, 17 StA 5:45 pm Madelyn Agnes Erbes (†) - (m) St Patrick

Thu, 18 StsPP 8:30 am Michael Jentz (†) - (m) St Cyril of Jerusalem

Fri, 19 StA 9:30 am Leo Althoff (†) - (S) St Joseph

Sat, 20 StA 5:00 pm George & Agnes Erbes (†)

Sun, 21 StsPP 8:30 am Mildred Kastner (†)

Sun, 21 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.

God - Rich in Mercy!

Are punishment and suffering good? Are they merciful? In the midst of suffering or pain, we often judge that the experience is bad. Yet as we grow and as many of you raise your children/grandchildren, we know that correcting/punishing evil choices is necessary for good formation.

If we understand our Christian faith, especially the Catholic faith, we see the good that God can bring out of suffering or pain. Not just what Jesus did in suffering to save us but also what God does to bring good from the suffering that we experience and how his correction helps us avoid further evil choices. So we do say that some suffering and punishment is good.

I want to tie this important lesson to the Works of Mercy (Corporal & Spiritual) that are contained in the St Joseph brochure that I encouraged you to take a few weeks ago. These lists reveal ways we can serve others even as we ourselves gain benefit. The Corporal (physical) works are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. These are fairly 'easy' to see how we help others. The Spiritual works are: admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, pray for the living and dead. Through these we also help others, but they require that we step further out of our comfort zone and become more directly involved *'with'* the other person. We can't just do something *'for'* them.

God's mercy pours out for others and for us in hundreds of ways. These Works of Mercy are a vital source; which is why the Church presents them as frequent reminders.

God's mercy is particularly present to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I want to restate what I said last weekend: Don't hide from this practice or lie to yourself saying that you don't need this. God doesn't command things that we don't need. So open yourself to receive God's mercy in this Sacrament this week. Holy Week will be another rich source of mercy. See below **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) & Lidgerwood (St Boniface)

Holy Week Schedule (March 28 - April 4) - Plan to attend all the liturgies for Holy Week that you are able.

Palm Sunday (8:30 @ StA & 10:30 @ StsPP - the times are switched from regular schedule)

Wednesday - Live Stations @ St Anthony (7 pm)

Holy Thursday @ Sts Peter & Paul (7 pm)

Good Friday (3pm @ Sts Peter & Paul and 7 pm @ St Anthony)

Easter Vigil @ Sts Peter & Paul (8:30 pm)

Easter Sunday @ St Anthony (10 am)

Upcoming Events

Wed, 17 StA 6:45 Live Stations of the Cross practice

Thu, 18 StA 7pm - Stations of the Cross

Fri, 19 StA 6am Men's group

Sat, 20 Wahpeton 9-Noon Confirmation/Eucharist retreat
Finance-Pastoral Council: 21st 6:30 StA / 23rd 5:30 StsPP

Questions of the Week

How does the undeserved mercy God shows me inform the way I treat those who have wronged me or those whom I see as sinners?

Verse of the Week: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15)

Homework of the week: Have you chosen and practiced the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy as I invited/directed at the beginning of Lent? Attend Stations of the Cross - Walk with Jesus. Receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - especially if you have ignored God's command to "confess your sins to one another." (James 5:16)

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.

Finance-Pastoral Council meetings- A reminder that the next meetings are March 21 at 6:30 at St Anthony and March 23 at 5:30 at Sts Peter & Paul. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Please inform Fr. Gunwall or a council member of any items you want to bring to the parish for discussion. We regularly cover building improvements, financial planning, cemetery, and more. The Hall, bathrooms, and handicap access will be part of the topics at Sts Peter & Paul.

Why do you have so low an opinion of yourself, when you are so precious to God? Why do you so dishonor yourself when you are so honored by God? - St Peter Chrysologus

Sts Peter & Paul Palm Sunday dinner - March 28 after the 10:30 am Mass (switched Mass times) in Mantador. Invite family, friends, or neighbors to this meal. Reach out and invite them in! Make your plans to celebrate.

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 bestlentever.com (Matthew Kelly) or at lentreflections.com (Bishop Robert Barron)

St Mary Magdalen Court 117 of the NCSOF thanks every generous donor to the "Soup"er bowl fundraiser. We raised \$1,301 and the National Catholic Society of Foresters-Life Insurance, Annuities, Member Benefits matched that for a total of \$2,602 and 333 lbs of food. We also thank everyone who helped us get the groceries to the vehicle after Mass on Sunday, March 7. Your wonderful support made our project a success. Thanks so much!

God's Gift Appeal - Thank you to everyone who has already supported the God's Gift Appeal this year. The generosity of our parishes is inspiring. Ultimately your participation will make the 2021 campaign successful. So far, 33% of St Anthony and 37% of Sts Peter & Paul parishioners have responded. If you have not already supported the appeal, I ask that you do so today. Thank you to all who have turned in a pledge/prayer card and to those preparing one. Bishop Folda also extends his gratitude.



Stewardship Moment: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16)

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.



In the Community

PayChecks and Play Checks - Retirement solutions for life - April 6th at 7pm, the Knights of Columbus are offering a free seminar by Tom Hegna. To register, go to www.dolanagencykofc.com and then click on Life Events.

7th-12th grade students - McKenzie County Right to Life invites you to enter a speech contest to be held May 1 in Watford City. 1st place wins \$1,500, 2nd place \$750, and 3rd place \$500. Students must write a 5-8 minute original persuasive pro-life speech. Full details at McKenzieCoRTL.org/speech-contest

Return book by Brandon Vogt (pick up and read, especially for fallen away or C-FEW Catholics (Christmas, Funerals, Easter, Weddings). You're concerned about your child. He's stopped going to Mass. Maybe he's found another religion. Perhaps he no longer believes in God. Whatever the case, you want your child to return to the Church. But the problem is he doesn't seem interested. He tunes you out, he ignores your pleas, and he doesn't want to discuss religion. You would do anything to bring him back, but you have no idea where to begin. You've tried talking. You've tried nagging. You've tried praying. Nothing seems to work. The reality is, you need help. You need a proven game plan. You need RETURN by Brandon Vogt.



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: JoAnne Jentz, Jennifer Mauch, John Hutchison.