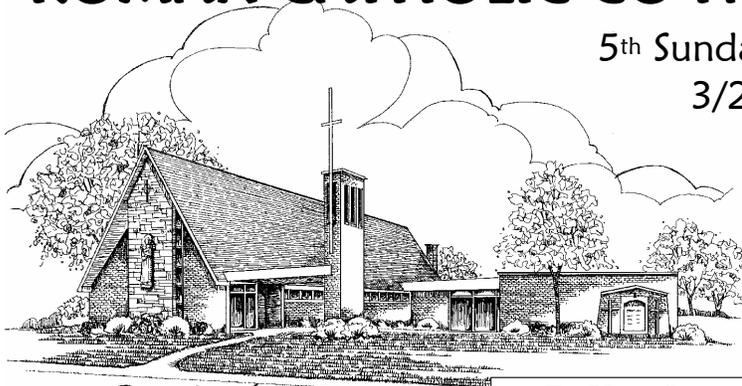
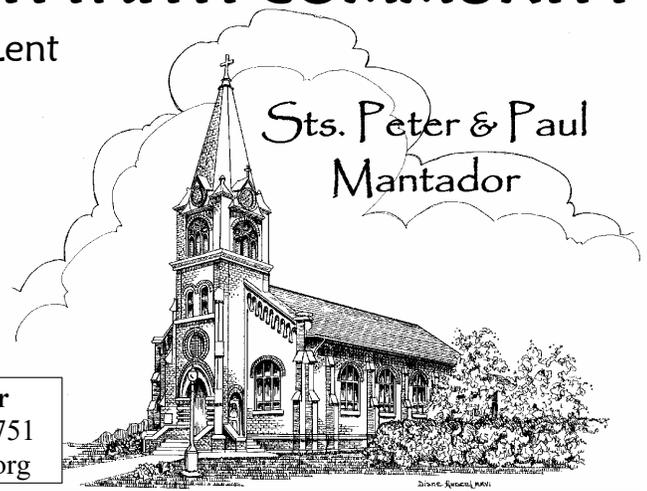


ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

5th Sunday of Lent
3/21/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

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St Anthony 3/27 5:00 pm

Lector Adam Mauch
Usher Adam Mauch
Servers Kriers/Erbes

St Anthony 3/28 8:30 am

Lector Anita Onchuck
Usher Dale Althoff
Servers Onchucks

Sts Peter & Paul 3/28 10:30 am

Lector Laura Boyle
Usher Jeff Mauch
Servers Boyles

Mass Intentions Changes in Bold

Mon, 22 no Mass
Tue, 23 StsPP 8:30 am Michael Jentz (†) - (m) St Turibius of Mogrovejo
Wed, 24 StA 5:45 pm Chuck Dufault (†)
Thu, 25 StsPP 8:30 am Msgrs Wald, Gross & Senger (†) - (S) Annunciation of the Lord
Fri, 26 StA 9:30 am Leo Althoff (†)
Sat, 27 StA 5:00 pm James & Madelyn Haberman (†)
Sun, 28 StA 8:30 am All parishioners
Sun, 28 StsPP 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, Loran Palmer, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Marietta Pellman, Elizabeth Thom, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Frances Zajac. **Send names of loved ones** needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.

Death → Life

What and who am I living for? Is it my dreams or my bucketlist? Do I live for myself? For others? I recently watched a TV show where a character says, "I'm not ready to die yet." He wasn't ready to give his life just to help someone else with their life. In the episode, he struggles with the views that others have of him and with his view of himself. Yet, at a time of crisis, he finds honor, courage, and a willingness to offer his life for the good of others. He doesn't offer his life because he feels worthless or without purpose, rather because he realized and embraced a purpose and meaning greater than himself - self-sacrifice for the good of others.

Jesus offered his life, which is of infinite worth, for the world, for you and for me. He experienced betrayal, abandonment, the burden of sin, torture, abuse, discrimination, crucifixion, and death, in order to conquer sin and death. He laid down his life, knowing that he would take it up again, yet experiencing the tremendous sufferings.

Some people think it would be easier to suffer if we know we are going to rise from the dead, they don't seem to understand. Everyone who in right relationship with God has been promised that we will be raised to new life; we will be resurrected too. Does that mean you and I don't experience fear when confronted with suffering or a painful death? Hopefully our fear is less, yet we still want to avoid pain. Yet Jesus' words to the Father in the garden of Gethsemane can be ours when we face suffering and death, "If it is possible, let this cup [of suffering] pass me by. But not my will, but your will be done." Strong faith in God gives us a purpose in life that is not about me and my plans, but is about what is best for others and God's promise of eternal life. We can recognize and embrace honor and courage to live or die for another, to live the fullness of life.

Reconciliation Times/Services: After Stations of the Cross & before Mass at our parishes

3-21 Wyndmere (7 pm - St John the Baptist)

3-28 Wahpeton (4:30 - 6:30 pm - St John the Evangelist) & Lidgerwood (7 pm - 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 - note time switch)

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)

Notice - Easter Sunday Mass was packed two years ago. Social distancing is still encouraged but we will not enforce it Easter morning in the Church. Seating with social distance will be available in the Hall with projector & screen and sound. Communion will be brought to the Hall.

Upcoming Events

Sun, 21 StA 6:30 Finance-Pastoral Council

Mon, 22 StA 4-8 Blood Drive

Wed, 24 StA 7:00 Live Stations of the Cross practice

Thu, 25 StsPP 5:30 Finance-Pastoral Council

Fri, 26 StA 6am Men's group

Fri, 26 StsPP 7pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat, 27 Barney Buffalo Feed

Questions of the Week

How can I sow the seeds of the kingdom of God? What seed can I plant now that God can bring to flower in due season?

Verse of the Week: "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 John 3:16)

Homework of the week: Offer a prayer like this and spend time listening and reflecting on God's answer: "God guide me to turn my dreams and bucket-list to be more for the good of others, rather than about my wants. Give me a full and joyful life here and eternally."

Live Stations of the Cross - Wed., March 31, @ 7 pm. Practice will be Wed., March 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 our parishes.

Finance-Pastoral Council - The meetings are Sun., March 21, at 6:30 at St Anthony parish hall and Thu., March 25, at 5:30 at Mantador Fire hall for 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 some topics at Sts Peter & Paul. Summer projects and bathrooms are two topics at St Anthony.

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

A **novena** (from Latin: novem, "nine") is an ancient tradition of devotional praying in Christianity, consisting of private or public prayers repeated for nine successive days or weeks. The nine days between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost, when the disciples gathered in the upper room and devote themselves to prayer, is often considered to be the first novena. (Wikipedia) The prayers often take 3-4 minutes each day and there are a few websites

As to the Passion of our Lord, ... never in anything follow your own will and your own inclination, for that was the cause of His death and passion - St John of the Cross

(praymorenovenas.com) that will email you the prayer each day so you don't forget. Praying a novena is a commitment to pray for a special intention or in thanksgiving for God's blessings. They help us grow in gratitude and trust in God and the intercession of the saints. About two weeks ago I texted/emailed an invitation to you to join in a Novena to St Joseph leading up to his feast day on March 19. Today I want to remind you of the Divine

Mercy Novena (not the chaplet) from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter). We have paper copies of the novena in the back of the Churches and you can download an app or get an email from praymorenovenas.com I encourage you (and your family to pray this together). I will remind you in about 50 days about the Novena to the Holy Spirit for Pentecost.

God's Gift Appeal - Thank you to everyone who has already supported the God's Gift Appeal this year. See the posters in the church entrance for an update for the Diocese. So far, 38% of St Anthony and 49% of Sts Peter & Paul parishioners have responded. If you have not already supported the appeal, I ask that you do so this week. Thank you to all who have turned in a pledge/prayer card and to those preparing one.



Stewardship Moment: "I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33)

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

In the Community



Good Friday Stations of the Cross - Join Bishop Folda and hundreds more to pray for an end to the killing of the innocent unborn. Walk with Jesus on the path of suffering on the street outside the Abortion clinic in Fargo at 10:00 am, Friday, April 3.



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.

CRS Rice Bowls: Madagascar - Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and well-being of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? **Drop off your Rice Bowl in the next two weeks in the collection basket or the sacristy.**



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: Hallie Mauch, Donald Thiel, Vance Wagner, Troy Klosterman, Nicole Lingen.