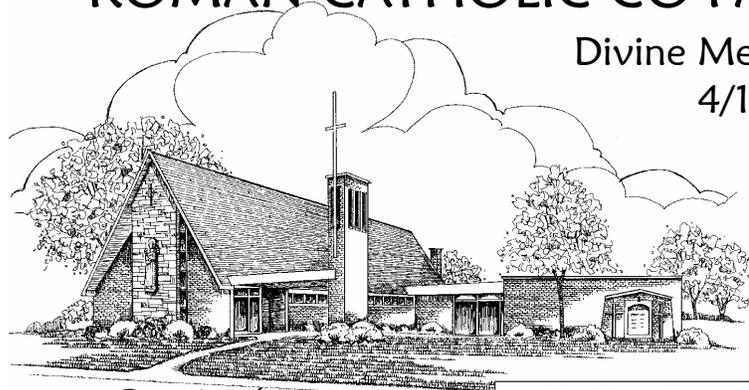
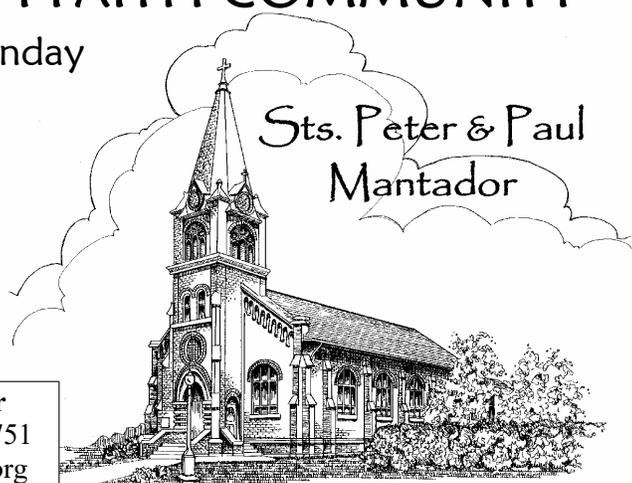


ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

Divine Mercy Sunday
4/11/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton



Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor
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St Anthony 4/17 5:00 pm

Lector Kari Foertsch

Usher Joe Erbes

Servers Foertsch

Sts Peter & Paul 4/18 8:30 am

Lector Donna Thiel

Usher Wayne Mauch

Servers Mauchs

St Anthony 4/18 10:30 am

Lector Jaida Fobb

Usher Curt Berg

Servers Onchucks

Mass Intentions *Changes in Bold*

Mon, 12 no Mass

Tue, 13 no Mass - (m) St Martin I

Wed, 14 StA 5:45 pm Leo Althoff (†)

Thu, 15 StsPP 8:30 am John Mertes (†)

Fri, 16 StA 9:30 am Magdalene Meyer

Sat, 17 StA 5:00 pm All parishioners

Sun, 18 StsPP 8:30 am James Lingen (†)

Sun, 18 StA 10:30 am Nettie Mauch

Sun, 18 StA 2:00 pm Confirmation students

Pray for the Sick/Elderly: Loretta Althoff, Arnie Foertsch, Broden Frolek, Bill Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Nargis Golwalla, Tony Heitkamp, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Loran Palmer, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Marietta Pellman, Greg Stephens, Elizabeth Thom, Florence Trudell, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Frances Zajac. **Send names of loved ones** needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.

Easter Joy - Divine Mercy!

The promise of Resurrection that we joyfully celebrated this week is

a sign of God's mercy. Even though nothing sinful or unclean can exist in the holiness of God, we are not condemned to hell simply because we are not perfect when we die. Purgatory is an act of God's mercy - he will continue to purify us even after we die. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and all the Sacraments and sacramentals of the Church are also gifts of mercy as God seeks to purify us throughout our lives.

God does not 'just' want us to get to heaven some day. God wants us to be saints here on earth receiving every gift of love, extending love to others, living in love with God and neighbor. God wants us to know the fullness of joy and life here and now so that we will be ready to live in his presence when we die, with no need for further purification. So what is holding us back from Easter joy and Divine mercy? What are we afraid of? Perhaps it is the call to conversion, giving up certain selfish, sinful habits or pleasures? Or it may be our pride and desire to fit in to the world, not wanting to appear religious? Maybe it is not any of the deadly sins, rather the simple fact that we truly don't know how to truly love because we have not paid attention to God's Word, commandments, and teaching of the Church and so we don't know what holiness, goodness, truth, and beauty truly look like. Because if we did, we would be drawn to them, to God, if the Holy Spirit is living in us, even if we've pushed him into a small corner of our heart. One way we can see God is to look at the crucifix, or this image of Jesus, or at another human being with love that seeks to serve selflessly, to care for them without any return, to suffer with another in their pain, or to fight for their God-given dignity. We can read one of the Gospels from the Bible as the Love letter it is meant to be. Spend a quiet hour (or even ten minutes) in the church or a prayer space in your home letting God love you. There are dozens more ideas that can change our life when we invite God to be King, Lord, and Savior in the center of our heart.

I pray that our hearts and minds will be filled with deeper faith, hope, charity, and joy this Easter Season.

Come Lord Jesus - Maranatha!



Upcoming Events

Fr. Gunwall is gone Monday & Tuesday for Priests' Continuing Education Days
Sun, 11 StA Noon-2 Sunday Social meal & games (cards, dominos, dice, etc.)
Sun, 11 StA 2-3 pm - Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Chaplet
Fri, 16 StA 6am Men's group
Sun, 18 StA & St John-Wahpeton 2 pm - Confirmation

Questions of the Week
To whom do I need to offer mercy? How will I reflect the risen Christ to everyone I meet this Easter season?

Verse of the Week: "But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)" (*Ephesians 2:4-5*)

Homework of the week: Receive God's mercy through Reconciliation, Eucharist, Scripture, and Prayer. Then share God's mercy with someone who may have hurt you.

Confirmation and First Eucharist for our 3rd graders is Sunday, April 18 for Joseph Boyle, Rogan Erbes, Kennasyn Nepl, Kloie Pauly, and Elijah Wolf. Rogan and Elijah will receive Confirmation from Bishop Folda in Wahpeton. Bishop Folda has designated me to confirm Joseph, Kennasyn and Kloie at St Anthony. Keep these students and Harley Breuer in your prayers as they have been preparing for these two Sacraments through this unusual year. There will also be a cake and ice cream social after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 25 in the St Anthony hall. Everyone is welcome to show our support for the youth.

Sunday Social - St Anthony will host a meal and games after the 10:30 Mass. Then you can stay for ...

Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Chaplet - All parishioners are encouraged to join us this Sunday for an hour of prayer for God's mercy to pour out on the world, in our communities, families, and individual lives.

Thank you! to everyone for the prayers, cards, & concern during my accident and recovery these three months - Marietta
Music-Choir - St Augustine said that music is praying twice - in our words and in our voice. Would you like to add your voice to our parish music? At Sts Peter & Paul, we are considering moving the keyboard downstairs to make it easier for people to participate. Please contact Fr. Gunwall if you are interested or have questions.

Aluminum Can drive for Alzheimer's Research at Sts Peter & Paul on April 18 by St Mary Magdalen Court 117 of the National Catholic Society of Foresters. We have requested matching funds from the National Catholic Society of Foresters-Life Insurance, Annuities, Fraternal Benefits.

Spring projects - both churches: Cemetery clean-up before Memorial Day / StA: tree removal (free wood), rectory windows, south garage shrubs / StsPP: Remove the old oil tanks from the church basement.

Stewardship Moment: "*The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...*" (Acts 4:32)

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money - these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

In the Community

Mooreton Community Clean-up day is postponed due to the wet ground. Watch for details soon.

High School Summer Retreat - Throughout life, we encounter moments where we have to make a bold decision. Whether it is with sports, academics, or relationships, there comes a point where we have to choose whether or not to go all in. To go all-in requires us to leave the safety and comfort of what we are familiar with, and risk the unknown. To go all-in means holding nothing back and to give all that you have. When Jesus called the Apostles, they did not know what they were getting themselves into. He encountered them where they were, revealed who He was, and invited them to follow Him. After the invitation, it was up to them to decide whether to go all-in. That same call is upon us today. As we navigate this world, God is inviting us into a relationship with Him. Our aim is to become saints, and to do so requires that we risk everything on the truth of what God offers us.



We invite all High School youth to join our summer retreat titled "All In" in Hankinson, June 20-23. While on retreat, you will learn about various Saints and how we can orient our lives to live a life of holiness like them. There will be men's and women's session, Mass, Adoration and Confession, recreation, crafts, small group activities, and a service project. The cost is \$175/person and the parish will pay 1/2. To register or learn more, visit: fargodiocese.net/youthcamps Scholarships are also available through the diocese by emailing Brady Borslien at brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org

High School Principal position open - *St. John Paul II Catholic Schools* seeks a dedicated, effective, and inspirational leader to serve as the next principal of Shanley High School beginning July 2021. To cultivate Shanley's faith-based tradition of educational excellence, the candidate should be equipped with an active Catholic faith, demonstrated commitment to our core values and mission, and a clear capacity to lead and enrich teaching and learning. He/She will be responsible for supervising, observing, and evaluating staff, establishing a positive school climate, promoting positive relationships between the school and community, and managing school resources and budget. The school serves 350 students in grades 9-12. Candidate must hold or be able to obtain current ND Teaching Certificate and ND Principal's Credential. Deadline is April 23. Ask Fr. Gunwall for details.

Keeping the House of God beautiful!
April - Sts PP: *Diane Pausch, Sherri Foertsch, Kathy @ Mauch, Sandy Mauch, Sue Westphal / St A: *Claire Jo Althoff, Audrey Andel, Sue Berg, Caryn Klosterman, Cindy Spellerberg, Dawn Storbakken, Kristi Wagner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY This week's celebrations: Peyton Allmendinger, Richard Waxweiler, Jeanne Lugert, Craig Pausch, Aleda Krenzler, Lane Mauch, Raymond Zajac. Brandon & Kassie Pauly.

Happy Anniversary