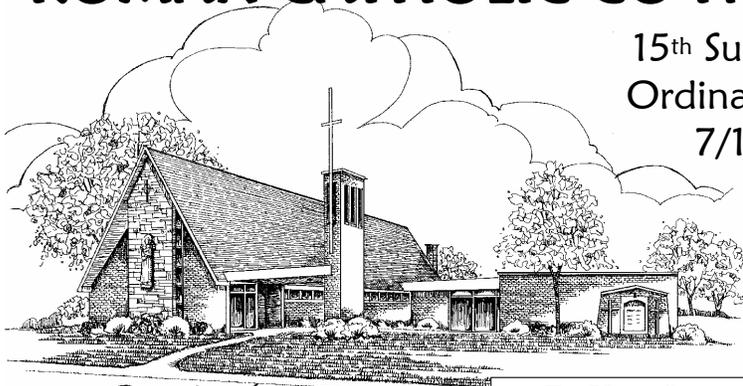


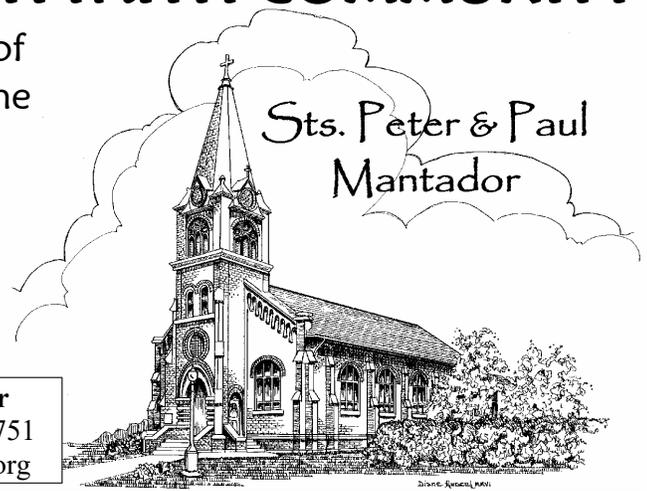
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
7/11/21



St. Anthony  
Mooreton

**Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor**  
701-274-8259 or 701-540-8751  
mooretonmantadorcatholic.org



Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

## St Anthony 7/17 5:00 pm

**Lector** Yvonne Ward

**Usher** Dick Mauch

**Servers** Paulys

## Sts Peter & Paul 7/18 8:30 am

**Lector** Terry Goerger

**Usher** Ron Pellman

**Servers** Boyles

## St Anthony 7/18 10:30 am

**Lector** Chance Pausch

**Usher** Dean Onchuck

**Servers** Onchucks

**Gifts** Luke & DeeAnn Mauch

### Praying for the Dead

## **Mass Intentions - Changes in Bold**

**Mon, 12 No Mass**

Tue, 13 StsPP 8:30 am Jason Lingen (†) - (m) St Henry

Wed, 14 StA 5:45 pm Greg & Stella Marie Jeffrey - (M) St Kateri Tekakwitha

Thu, 15 8:30 am Catherine Ambrose (†) - (M) St Bonaventure

Fri, 16 9:30 am Leo Althoff (†) - (m) Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sat, 17 StA 5:00 pm All parishioners

Sun, 18 StsPP 8:30 am Lawrence Goerger (†)

Sun, 18 StA 10:30 am Respect for Life & End to Abortion

**Pray for the Sick/Elderly:** Loretta Althoff, Dolores Davis, Arnie Foertsch, Kerri Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Tony Heitkamp, Jackie Lingen, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Macy Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Loran Palmer, Alice Pausch, Marietta Pellman, Elizabeth Thom, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Gene Werner, Frances Zajac. **Send names of loved ones** needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.

Why do we pray for the dead? We look first to the practice of the earliest Christians in this article...

Christians from the earliest centuries of the Church have expressed their communion with those who have died by praying for the dead. Inscriptions in the Roman catacombs indicate that the early Christians honored and prayed for their deceased relatives and friends. Tertullian (211 AD) - Wrote that Christians offered prayer and the Eucharist for the deceased on the anniversaries of their death. St Augustine (354 - 430 AD) - Neither are the souls of the pious dead separated from the Church, which even now is the Kingdom of Christ. Otherwise there would be no remembrance of them at the altar of God in the communication of the Body of Christ.

It is not uncommon that non-believers see the Roman Catholic devotion to the Saints and the dead in general as falling under the prohibition of necrology as found in the Hebrew Scriptures. These people are not aware of the New Life of the Christian who has been called out of this life. They are not dead, but alive! Romans 6:3-4 "Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." & Colossians 2:12 "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead."

The early Christians, in praying for their dead were expressing their belief that departed brothers and sisters underwent a purification after death ("purgatory"). Their prayers were prayers that God would have mercy on them during this time of healing and purification.

Many people who do not share the Catholic Christian faith life have difficulty with the appearance that in their prayers, Catholics appear to pray to the Saints, to Mary, as one prays to God. This "praying to" appears to them to indicate a worship of the Saint as if giving to the Saint or Mary what is due to God alone. However, earliest Christianity has always defined prayer as conversation, as in conversation with God. Conversation, as any other act of communication ( e.g., talking, conversation, yelling, etc.), requires a sign of the direction of the communication: one talks to someone, communicates with someone, prays to someone, converses with someone, yells at someone, etc. Hence, praying to God, a Saint, the Virgin Mary indicates simply the direction of prayer communication. It is more a matter of grammar and understanding communication than acknowledging the worship of the receiver.

From the earliest of Church Councils (the Council of Rome, 993; defined by the Council of Trent) the distinction was made between worship and honor. Catholics believe that worship is due to God alone. Catholics honor those saints who have gone before us as a sign of faith and victory in living the Christian life. *{This article is one of many on what we teach and why... [www.catholicapologetics.org](http://www.catholicapologetics.org) }*

### Upcoming Events

Sun, 11 StA 11:30am - Sunday Social & 150 Club drawings

Wed, 14 StA 7pm Firepit - topic on back page

Sun, 18 StA 6:30pm Finance-Pastoral Council

Tue, 20 StsPP 6pm Finance-Pastoral Council

### Question of the Week

Can I recall a time when I was provided what I needed to bring God's blessings to others? Can I trust in God whenever I feel inadequate to the task?

**Memorize God's Word:** He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

**Grow this week:** We kept the same verse above for us to memorize. Do that this week. Also, join us for the upcoming firepit Q&A on Wednesday.

**Summer Bible & Faith Camp** - Sign up ASAP for our planning for the camp. We can still use a few 7-12 graders to help out with the activities and games. Invite your friends or neighbors. Email or call today - Anita or Fr. Gunwall.

**Firepit** - What are your questions about what or why we believe and teach certain things. You can bring your questions or submit them ahead of time if you don't want to bring it up personally. We may include the topic of Communion & Eucharist. Kids can play yard games (Bocce, frisbee, catch, etc) while parents can enjoy a relaxing hour or two and grow in faith and understanding. Drinks provided or bring some to share. :)

**Men's Made for Greatness Retreat & Jesus Approaches: A Women's Retreat** - I'm happy to say they are full. Sad news if you hoped to attend but didn't register yet.

**Vitalis Ogbo** (Nigerian seminarian) sent a letter of thanks for our support - financial and prayers. Some of the info from his email is in the back of each church. He also shared that he has a debt of \$600 to pay off in addition to the \$1000 he will need for this coming year so that he can be ordained in 2023. Some of you have felt a tug to help him these last couple years. I am inviting anyone in the parish to consider some support to send to him in August. You can put it in the collection basket or talk to Fr. Gunwall. God can do great things with a heartfelt offering!

**Stewardship Moment:** "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

### In the Community

**Catholic United Financial Credit Union** - Are you aware that we have a Catholic Credit Union? Are you aware that loan rates are lower and savings rates are higher than most banks? The Catholic United Financial Credit Union also supports our Diocese and parishes financially through the MinisTree volunteer program (sign in back of each church), the grants for technology and chastity education for faith formation and religious education of our youth. I am sharing this information today so that you are aware of this great opportunity. They have checking, savings, CDs, loans, etc. See the poster on the bulletin board of their financial support for our Diocese and parishes. [CatholicUnitedFinancial.org](http://CatholicUnitedFinancial.org)

**Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.** - The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Find more information here and sign the petition on [www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)



**Saint of the Week** - July 12 (First Century) - Veronica does not appear in the Roman Martyrology, the church's official list of feasts.

According to legend, she was the woman who took pity on Jesus as he carried his cross, wiped his face with a cloth and was left with an image of the suffering Christ. Many such images, known as "veronicas" and "vernicles," existed in the Middle Ages. Veronica was sometimes associated with other New Testament women, but there is no evidence that she was real. Her name may come from a combination of Latin ("vera" for true) and Greek ("-eikon" for image) words. Her story was included in the Stations of the Cross in the 19th century. © 2021, USCCB. All rights reserved.

### Keeping the House of God beautiful!

**July - Sts PP:** \*Barb Lingen, Jackie Lingen, Cindy Reiland, Donna Thiel / **St A:** \*Cindy Braun, Rhonda Erbes, Renee Griffith, Bethany Mauch, DeeAnn Mauch, Kassie Pauly, Celeste Whitebear.



This week's celebrations: Charles Mauch, Sydney Klosterman, Luke & DeeAnn Mauch, Randy & Kathy Mauch.

