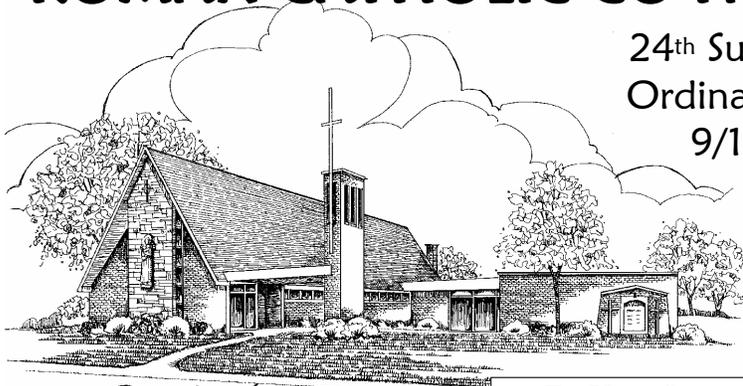


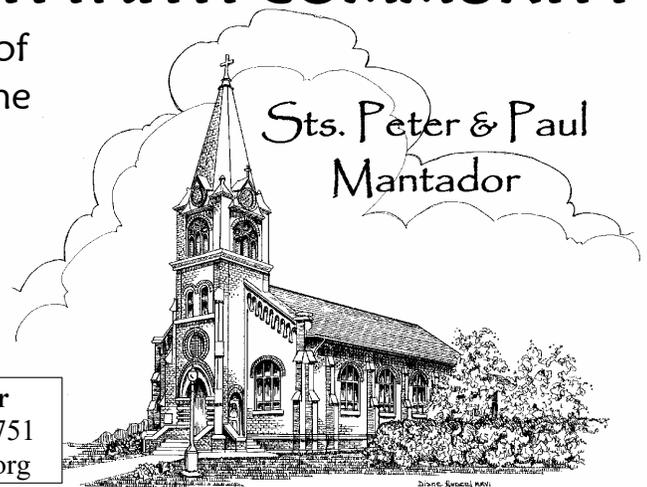
ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

24th Sunday of
Ordinary Time
9/12/21



St. Anthony
Mooreton

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Sts. Peter & Paul
Mantador

St Anthony 9/18 5:00 pm

Lector Yvonne Ward

Usher Dori Palmer

Servers Mauchs

Sts Peter & Paul 9/19 8:30 am

Lector Memory Mauch

Usher Joel Lingen

Servers

St Anthony 9/19 10:30 am

Lector Renata Fobb

Usher Chance Pausch

Servers Fobbs

Gifts Derek&Ashton Mauch

The Cross

Mass Intentions - Changes in Bold

Mon, 13 No Mass - (M) St John Chrysostom

Tue, 14 StsPP 8:30 am Alice Pellman (†) - (F) Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wed, 15 StA 5:45 pm Srs Welder, Jundt, Gerou - (M) Our Lady of Sorrows

Thu, 16 StsPP 8:30 am Alice Pellman (†) - (M) Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

Fri, 17 StA 9:30 am Yvonne Ward -(m) St Robert Bellarmine / St Hildegard of Bingen

Sat, 18 StA 5:00 pm All parishioners

Sun, 19 StsPP 8:30 am John Mertes (†)

Sun, 19 StA 10:30 am Allen Ward (†)

Prayers are requested for the following: Joanne Althoff, Loretta Althoff, Dolores Davis, Kerri Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Nargis & Kayomerz Golwalla, 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.

I was thinking about the vertical and horizontal bars of the cross this week and want to share this article by Allison Blythe

I want you to picture a cross. It's just two pieces of wood, right? One piece is vertical, one piece is horizontal. Seems simple. But think about the representation of those two pieces. The vertical piece represents our relationship with God and the horizontal piece represents your earthly relationships. There is a necessary correlation between the two and why they are so important to connect.

Our vertical relationship and horizontal relationships are meant to work hand in hand.

Your Vertical Relationship: Think about your relationship with God. No matter where you stand, everyone has a relationship with God. Where we are in that relationship is truly up to us. HE does not move. It is WE who grow nearer or further from Him. Now, think of your relationship with God. The way you talk, pray, seek to know Him, and the way look to Him for guidance and steps of obedience. Those things are considered as your "vertical" relationship. We are to love God in all aspects of life because He is our Heavenly Father and knows us better than we know ourselves. Mark 12:30 says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Horizontal relationship: When your vertical relationship is not in place or is wavering, all of your earthly relationships, whether you know it or acknowledge it, are held up or let down by the condition of your vertical relationship with God. No other symbol is like the cross. It's a simple symbol consisting of two pieces of wood, one vertical and the other horizontal—successfully branded as our eternal hope and everlasting life. John 13:34-35 says "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

Intertwining both relationships: Imagine a cross suddenly without the vertical portion. What happens to the horizontal part of the cross? It falls to the ground. Now imagine the cross suddenly without the horizontal part of the cross? Then it is left as a vertical piece of wood aiming toward the sky. The cross is both vertical and horizontal because we need both to live how God intended. Vertically, we have to have a connection and relationship with Christ. Horizontally, we are made to be in community with others and have relationships with one another. Without a relationship with God our earthly relationships will fail. Without our earthly friendships, we are missing out on a huge part of life that God intends for us to take part in. Sometimes when life is going great and we are doing well in all our relationships, while sometimes we do both of them half-heartedly. But what we need to strive for, is to be at the center of the cross where we are committed to loving both. We have to love vertically so that in turn, we can love horizontally and show Christ's love to those around us. Now, our love will not be near as strong as His because His love is unchanging and never failing. BUT we are called to love like Jesus and that is loving without boundaries. We are called to be perfect and set apart.

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Upcoming Events

Sun, 12 StA 11:30am Sunday Social/150 Club

Wed, 15 StA 6:45pm RE/FF

Fri, 17 StA 6am Men's Group

Finance-Pastoral Councils:

Sun, 19 StA 6:30pm / Tue, 21 StsPP 7:00pm

Question of the Week

How do I put my faith into action? When do I resist putting my faith into action?

Memorize God's Word: Refer to Mark 8:34 from the Stewardship Moment below.

Grow in faith: Seek healing this week. Ask God to heal your heart, mind, memories, soul, body, attitude, grudges, friends, family, enemies, and anything else that comes to you as you pray. Then come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess any way in which you caused any aspect of the hurt or wounds to another, and hear the words, "...I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." That is the deepest healing we need.

Sunday Social - This weekend join us for a simple summer meal of hot dogs, brats, chips, and watermelon after the 10:30 am Mass at St Anthony. We will also draw the next 150 Club raffle winners. Be a part of our parish activity!

Religious Education & Faith Formation - You can click on the date and see the schedule for our Wednesday nights. Go to the parish calendar on our website mooretonmantadorcatholic.org/events-news It was sad that most families did not join us last week to offer our prayer to God. I mentioned in the homily that evening that learning about God is secondary to praying to God with one another.

Finance-Pastoral Council - Our meetings will be Sep 19 at 6:30 at the rectory for St Anthony and Sep 21 at 7:00 at the Firehall for Sts Peter & Paul. If you have items for discussion, please inform Fr Gunwall or a council member. You are always welcome to attend the open portion (beginning) of the meeting.

Free 40 Days for Life Yard Signs - I will pick up a few more yard sign from the Diocese offices for this Fall's 40 Days for Life prayer campaign. These signs are a great way to show your support for LIFE. Watch for them in the next couple weeks, or let Fr Gunwall know that you want one. If you will display your support for your local team, the NDSU Bison or a political campaign, I encourage and challenge you to show your support for life and women in problem pregnancies. The pro-life community in North Dakota helps troubled women and their children from pregnancy through all their years of raising children. Be a witness to a Culture of Life.

Stewardship Moment: *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."* (Mark 8:34)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

Ponder this...

There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us. And on the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfillment in the resurrection. This is our faith. This is our witness before the world.

- Pope St John Paul II

Community Notices

40 Days for Life North Dakota starts Sep 22 - Mark your calendars for the start of the National 40 Days for Life campaign that will take place Sept. 22 - Oct. 31! You are called to be part of this important prayer effort to bring an end to abortion across our nation and world. The North Dakota 40 Days for Life effort begins Wed., Sept. 22, at 512 1st Ave N, Fargo. Our campaign will provide a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of the abortion facility from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the campaign. Persons can sign up for an hour of prayer by contacting the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601, or in Fargo 701-356-7979. Email: phc@polarcomm.com or visit: www.40daysforlifend.com

Collections for Disaster Relief & Vitalis (seminarian) - Please drop off your donations this week for Vitalis, the seminarian that we sponsor in Africa, and for the special national collection for Haiti and other disasters this year.

Fall Bazaar/Dinner on Sep 12 - St Thomas in Kent, MN, is hosting a turkey & ham dinner and other activities from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. \$10-adults, \$5-kids(5-10), Free-Preschool. See poster for more details.

{continued from front side} That universal symbol not only conveys a message of what is to come but also what life truly should display: a cross. Jesus said, "Take up your cross every day, and follow me" (Luke (9:23)). So take up that cross of loving vertically and horizontally. Your relationship with God affects your relationships with the people around you. So just think: how can I better my relationship with God so that my earthly relationships can be more fruitful? 1 John 4:7-12, 19 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us... We love because he first loved us. (www.theodysseyonline.com/vertical-relationship-vs-horizontal-relationship)



Keeping the House of God beautiful!
September - Sts PP: *Denise Hejtmanek, Pam Foertsch, Marietta Pellman, Bev Waxweiler /
St A: *Tiffany Carlson, Kirsten Erbes, Mary Erbes, Alison Krier, Anita Onchuck, Jeri Pausch.

HAPPY Birthday This week's celebrations: Braxton Pauly, Taylor Mauch, Ezra Pausch, Carol Simdorn, Adam Mauch.
Dean & Anita Onchuck, Jason & Jennifer Kjar. *Happy Anniversary*