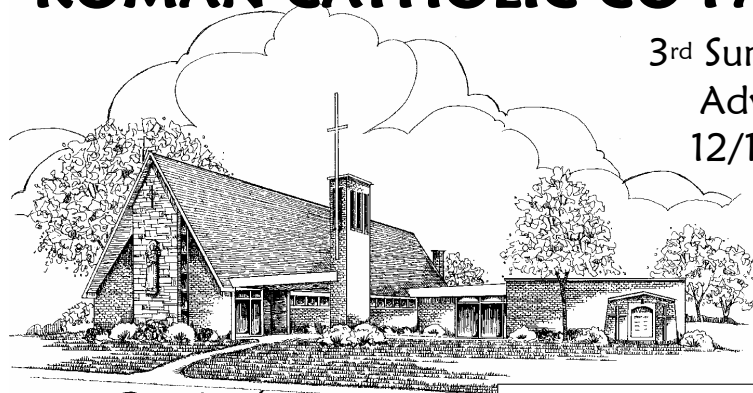


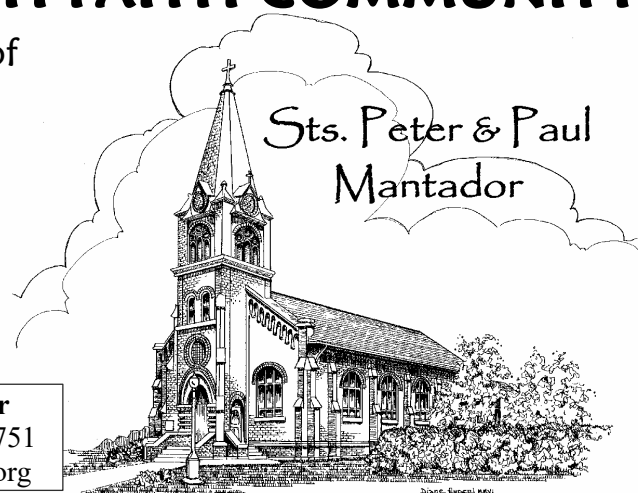
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY



St. Anthony  
Mooreton

3rd Sunday of  
Advent  
12/12/21

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Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

## St Anthony 12/18 5:00 pm

**Lector** Yvonne Ward

**Usher** Jim Griffith

**Servers**

## Sts Peter&Paul 12/19 8:30 am

**Lector** Jo Mertes

**Usher** Wayne Mauch

**Servers** Mauchs

## St Anthony 12/19 10:30 am

**Lector** Anita Onchuck

**Usher** Dean Onchuck

**Servers** Foertschs

**Gifts** Dean & Anita

## Mass Intentions (& Feast day) *Changes in Bold*

Mon, 13 No Mass Kristen Anderson - (M) St Lucy

Tue, 14 StsPP 8:30 am Arnold Foertsch (†) - (M) St John of the Cross

Wed, 15 StA 5:45 pm Trina Michels & family

Thu, 16 StsPP 8:30 am Catherine Ambrose (†)

Fri, 17 StA 9:30 am Florence Trudell (†) - O Wisdom

Sat, 18 StA 5:00 pm Leo Althoff (†) - O King of Nations

Sun, 19 StsPP **8:30 am** Catherine Ambrose (†) - O Root of Jesse

Sun, 19 StA **10:30 am** All parishioners - Gaudete Sunday

**Please pray for:** Joanne Althoff, Loretta Althoff, Rochelle Betsch, Kate Boll, Dolores Davis, Bill Giesen, Kerri Giesen, Jacinta Goerger, Nargis Golwalla, Tony Heitkamp, Annie Heuer, Clinton Juaire, Michelle Lenz, Jerry & Louise Lingen, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Macy Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Loran Palmer, Alice Pausch, Elizabeth Thom, Wayne Ward, Aron Waxweiler, Gene Werner, Frances Zajac. **Send names of loved ones needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.**

## **The Response(ibility) of Love**

Many people struggle to believe

in God because of all the problems and evil in the world, from sin and its effects to natural disasters. How can an all-good God, an all loving God, an all-powerful, and all-knowing God allow a world like this to exist? Couldn't he make a better one? If we are honest, the thought is also there - I can imagine that there has to be something better - a world where people get along better, where we know what is right, wrong, truth, lie, and where fires, accidents, floods and disasters don't kill people. Why can't the world be more like that - if a movie producer can show a better world, why can't God make one for real? As Creator, doesn't God have a responsibility to take care of the problems in this world of His? If God is all-powerful and all-knowing, why doesn't He stop the evil, suffering, and death? It doesn't look like God cares, much less that he is the source of Love.

There are reasons/explanations intellectually to understand the big Why questions but they do not prove there is not other option, these 'answers' don't force us to believe or accept them. Similarly, there are also practical explanations that we can identify with from our experiences in life. I don't have time to address them here this weekend, so I want to share one aspect of our response to love as human beings, Christians, and as Catholics... As you see in the box to the right, our Christmas weekend schedule is very different this year. We will celebrate one Mass each day. As **human beings**, we sicken and die without love - spiritually, emotionally, and even some physical connections. As **Christians** we have God's command to love God (above all else) and neighbor (parable of the Good Samaritan). This love cannot be words alone but also lived, acting to/for our neighbor and God himself. As **Catholics**, we have an obligation given by God through His Church to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (love of neighbor) and to gather and worship God (keep Holy the (Sabbath) now the "Lord's Day" and a few other major feasts). So strengthen your faith and love for God and your neighbor and join us at 2 or all 3 of these Masses to celebrate God's love and presence among us in the Feast

## **Reconciliation services in our area:**

Dec 12 St John-Wahpeton, 4pm & 6:30pm

Dec 19 St John the Baptist-Wyndmere, 3pm

Dec 19 St Boniface-Lidgerwood, 7pm

of Christmas (Eve and Day) and the Feast of the Holy Family.

**Receive and respond in Love to God these Holy Days!**

**Mark your calendar and make plans to celebrate the Eucharist** on these Holy Days: Christmas, Holy Family Sunday, Mary the Mother of God, and Epiphany.

**Dec 24-26:** there are two Holy Days.

**Choose any two** from these three Masses.

Fri., Dec 24, 5pm @ Sts Peter & Paul

Sat, Dec 25, 5pm @ St Anthony

Sun, Dec 26, 10am @ Sts Peter & Paul

Dec 31 - Mary, Mother of God is a tender feast, but not obligatory this year.

Dec 31, 5pm St Anthony

Jan 1, 5 pm Sts Peter & Paul

Jan 2, 10am St Anthony

## **Upcoming Events**

Sun, 12 StA 9:30am Christmas Program practice

Wed, 15 StA 7pm Christmas Program practice

Sun, 19 StA 11:30am Youth Christmas Program, Sunday Social (lunch), & 150 Club drawing

**Question of the Week**  
How can I spread joy in my family, my neighborhood, our world?

**Memorize God's Word:** "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

**Grow in faith:** Begin or keep reading God's Word each day and read a little from the Advent gift book you have been given. Have you picked it up?

**Poinsettias for Christmas** - if you would like to donate a plant "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one, please give your donation this week (\$20 or any other amount, write checks to Altar Society at Sts Peter & Paul or Christian Mothers at St Anthony). Give Fr Gunwall the names (indicate living or deceased).

**Caps, Mittens & Gloves** - Fill the basket at St Anthony by this Wed., Dec. 15, for those in need this winter.

**Secret Prayer Partners** - This is our last weekend to draw a name for these prayer partners. Pray for each other from now through the Christmas season (Jan 9).



**Youth Christmas program** - families with kids in the drama mark your calendars for these practice times: 9:40 am, Sun., 12th after Mass and 7 pm, Wed., 15th. Everyone is invited to the live drama and a lunch on Sun., Dec. 19, at 11:45 am at St Anthony after the 10:30 Mass. Meet the cast. This will be our Sunday Social & 150 Club drawing :)

**Finance-Pastoral Council members** - First, thank you to those who offered to serve and those who recommended someone. Second, thank you to Wayne Mauch, Adam Mauch, JoAnne Jentz, and Diane Bircham who finished their 3-year term. Here are the members for each council for 2022: St Anthony - Loran Palmer, Yvonne Ward, Arnel Onchuck, Jane Althoff, Michelle Johnson, Brian Boyle. Sts Peter & Paul - Bev Waxweiler, Joel Lingen, Dan Glynn, Barb Lingen, JoAnne Jentz, Dan Lugert. We have kept busy at both parishes. Please share any needs, concerns, thoughts, or ideas with any member of the Council or with Fr Gunwall.

**Music survey** - We have received a good number of responses but not yet half. Have you ever commented to someone how much you liked or didn't like the songs selected, music overall, chanting, or singing? Then share that with me. Many people have told me, when I've asked your input, to do whatever I think is needed. These forms help me know what is needed/preferred - otherwise I'm guessing or only hearing from those who want change. Change in music (and other areas) is fine and helpful as the parish is changing, but change without planning doesn't do all it could/should. Thank you.

**Help aging religious** - Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. You are encouraged to **give directly to our local Franciscans and Carmelites** or use the envelope provided to **give to this national collection** for the many other religious who served in our diocese.



**Stewardship Moment:** "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

### Area Events & Other News

**Collar Classic Priests v Seminarians Basketball game** - Bring your family to this evening of competition and half-time games for the kids as you support the priests and seminarians of the Diocese (maybe you'll see Dcn Robert Foertsch, Jasper Keller, Patrick Sorrells, or Paul Zach playing). Head to Shanley High School, 5600 25<sup>th</sup> St S, Fargo, on Mon., Dec., 27, at 7 pm. Free admission.



**Do you need a "retreat"** from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up Jan. 14-16 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at [www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm](http://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm) or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications due no later than Mon., Dec 27.

The boxes to the left are the original Latin phrases for the O Antiphons, The first letter of each spells a phrase *Ero Cras*, which means "Tomorrow, I will come" The monks created this to remind us of who Jesus is and his promise.

Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 21
<b>E</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>O</b>
Emmanuel	Rex Gentium	Oriens
God-with-Us	King of Nations	Rising Sun

Dec. 20	Dec. 19	Dec. 18	Dec. 17
<b>C</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>
Clavis David	Radix Jesse	Adonai	Sapientia
Key of David	Root of Jesse	Lord	Wisdom

**Keeping the House of God beautiful!**  
**December - Sts PP:** \*Trudi Glynn, Kari Foertsch, Patty Lingen, Jo Mertes / **St A:** \*Taylor Allmendinger, Ronna Althoff, Kari Callenius, Aimee Flaa, Lisa Mauch, Alexis Peltier, Yvonne Ward.



This week's celebrations: Shirley Breuer, Kathy Mauch, Kassie Pauly, Ryley Flaa, Robert Foertsch, Madison Klosterman, Kathleen Mauch. Adam & Jennifer Mauch.

*Happy Anniversary*