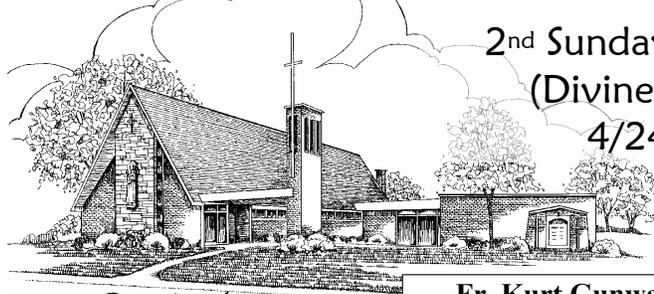


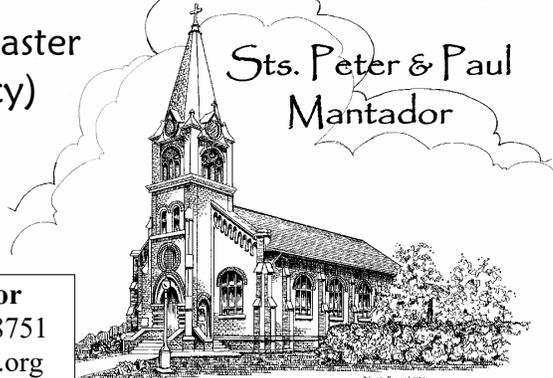
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St. Anthony
Mooreton

2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy)
4/24/22

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

April 25 - May 1 **Fr Gunwall will be away** (see contacts below)

No daily Mass here this week.

Sat, 30 StA 5:00pm Richard Haberman (†) (**Fr. Tiu**)
Lector: Yvonne Ward / Usher: Jim Griffith

Sun, 1 StsPP 8:30am All parishioners (**Fr. Tiu**)
Lector: Donna Thiel / Usher: Wayne Mauch
Servers: Treyton & Taylor
Gifts: Wayne & Liane

Sun, 1 StA 10:30am Allen Ward (†) (**Fr, Tiu**)
Lector: Youth / Usher: Youth
Servers: Youth / Gifts: Youth

Sun, 1 StA hall 11:30am **Sunday Social** - Liver & onions
dinner (hotdish too)

Emergency contact options: Fr Dale Lagodinski 701-899-3278,
Fr. Troy Simonsen 701-566-0405, Msgr. Brian Donahue 701-
261-8190, Fr. Peter Anderl 701-640-6050

Perfect love casts out fear.

On this Sunday, I share this reflection from Mac Massery
thedivinemercy.org/articles/nothing-fear-0

Turn to any page of the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and you find spiritual gems. Like this one:

Love casts out fear. Since I came to love God with my whole being and with all the strength of my heart, fear has left me. ... I have placed my trust in God and fear nothing. I have given myself over to His holy will; let Him do with me as He wishes, and I will still love Him (589).

If you ask anyone in our society what they want most, there's a good chance they will say something like, "I just want to be happy." But we weren't made to pursue happiness alone. We were made to pursue God's love.

Since love of God has fallen and continues to fall out of vogue in our culture, fear has crept into the lives of so many of us. In fact, according to the Anxiety and

Depression Association of America, 18% of the U.S. population, 40 million adults, lives with an anxiety disorder.

Many factors likely contribute to the anxiety of our society. But essentially, as St. Faustina implies above, fearfulness often results, not from failing to pursue happiness, but from failing to pursue the love of God.

Believe in Love

Think about it this way. God created the world out of love for us. He loved us so much that He made us in His image (see Gen 1:27), and He endowed us with free will.

If in our free will we choose to love God as St. Faustina did, "with all the strength" of our hearts, we won't have anything to fear. Trusting in His goodness, we won't become so discouraged when we experience suffering. In fact, we will learn to see that in His Providence, the Lord allows us to go through certain trials for our own good.

On the other hand, if out of doubt or ignorance we choose to avoid the Lord's love, we will replace Him with some other god, usually some form of money, sex, or power. As long as we pursue these false gods, we'll worry. We'll either be afraid that we won't attain what we want, or we'll be afraid that we'll lose what we already have.

Of course, nobody likes to suffer. But when we pursue the love of God with all our hearts, we will realize suffering's redemptive power. Then, when suffering comes our way, we won't be so afraid. We might even think to ourselves, "What is the Lord going to teach me this time? What abundant graces will result from this trial?"

Trusting amid suffering is easier said than done. But as long as we try our best and keep coming back to the Lord whenever we fall, He will give us the grace of His peace no matter how difficult the trial.

Finally, despite what our culture says, no matter how much we try to pursue happiness, we'll never attain it as long as we turn our backs on God in our search. Because in the end, freedom from fear is merely one of the byproducts of receiving the unfathomable love and mercy of God. -----

FYI - As I wrote here last week, I'll be at our priests' gathering, then two days vacation, and then a youth retreat - so will be gone the next eight days. Have a blessed week in Christ. - Fr. KLG

Please pray for: Joanne Althoff, Loretta Althoff, Bill Bell, Kate Boll, Brenda Burger, Dolores Davis, Bill Giesen, Kerri Giesen, Nargis Golwalla, Sharon Gunwall, Tony Heitkamp, Clinton Juare, Mary Ellen Krump, Michelle Lenz, Jerry & Louise Lingen, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Macy Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Loran Palmer, Alice Pausch, Elizabeth Thom, Wayne Ward, Gene Werner, Frances Zajac. **Send names of loved ones** needing prayer to Fr Gunwall.

Questions of the week

What wounds in my community can I help make whole? How will I do this?

Keep God's Word in your heart: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:10-11) Repeat this from last week - its important!

Grow in faith: Spend some time doing something with a loved one - something they want to do. Spend some time with God, letting Him love you.

Field Blessings: I am ready to bless your farm and we have blessed crosses you can place in the corner of your fields. Contact me to arrange a time for the blessing of your home, equipment, seed, etc.

Fearless - High School Youth Conference @ St Thomas University in St Paul: Two spots still open. 8-12 graders families should have received an email. Check this [youtube.com/watch?v=Z2LPIEwGWhc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2LPIEwGWhc)

Bible Study / Growing in Faith continues: Many from the Lenten Bible Study said that they liked going through the readings for the coming Sunday as it helped them understand them better. We will begin to meet in early May. I will also email the materials to you if you want to read, study, grow & pray on your own. You don't have to commit to every week; attend as you are able - in person or online. I will post the links/resouces in the next couple weeks.

Stewardship Moment: "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21) Peace - the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life whom you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

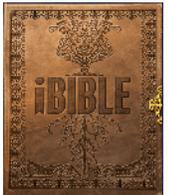
Area Events & Other News

Men's Online Conference - An email and text were sent to the men in our list about a conference April 29-May 1 focused on growing in virtue and holiness with speakers from the military, business world, and faith leaders. Be a Man who wants to be more than average, more than OK, Be a man who makes a difference, makes things better, saves lives & souls. Sign up or get info go.virtualcatholicconference.com/2022Mens

1,000,000 Rosaries for Unborn Babies - To add your prayers go to SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org

Fr Stu movie: As I mentioned last week at Mass, this movie is not intended for younger kids due to language and adult themes. But the movie was made to show a true story of God's grace and how each life can make a difference for good (for God).

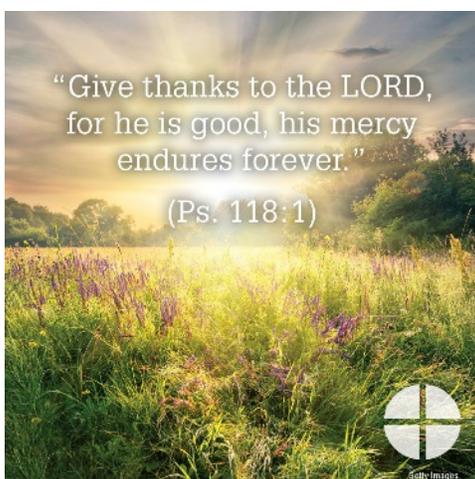
iBIBLE is for the next generation of Believers (our children and grandchildren) and for the global mission's community. The iBIBLE also benefits missionaries serving on the frontlines of missions where most of the communities they minister in, are largely illiterate. In addition, iBIBLE is critical in distribution within restricted and hostile nations where obtaining a print Bible can be difficult and extremely dangerous. You can see a print version of the first three chapters on the bookshelf in the entrance of each church. You are encouraged to borrow the book, read it (as a family) and return it the next week. You can also watch the videos at www.i.bible/watch/chapters/



Queen of Heaven prayer

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.



Nursing, Faith, Healing Body & Spirit - The Parish Nurse Ministry Program of Concordia College in Moorhead is offering a Foundations of Faith Community Nursing/Parish Nursing course October 3-7 (deadline to register is Sep 19) at Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo. The course format is in-person as we do not offer a distance learning option. The program is open to licensed registered nurses interested in starting health and healing ministries.

For more information, contact Fr Gunwall and I will email you the whole description. Or you can contact Dr. Jean Bokinskie, PhD, RN, PNM Program Director, at bokinski@cord.edu or call 218-299-3825 or 701-866-3063. Visit concordiacontinuingstudies.com/parishnurse for detailed info, program resources and a link to complete your registration.

We pray for God's mercy and purification for the soul of Glen Davis as we offered a funeral Mass at St Anthony this weekend. We pray for his family and friends.



Keeping the House of God beautiful!

April - Sts PP: *Sandy Mauch, Sherri Foertsch, Kathy @ Mauch, Diane Pausch, Sue Westphal / **St A:** *Tiffany Carlson, Kristin Erbes, Mary Erbes, Alison Krier, Anita Onchuck, Jeri Pausch.



This week's celebrations: Nick Foertsch, Lyara Pausch, Adlee Mauch, Jennifer Kjar, Gary Anandel, Kennedy Wagner.

Barbara & David Severson, Donald & Diana Klosterman.

