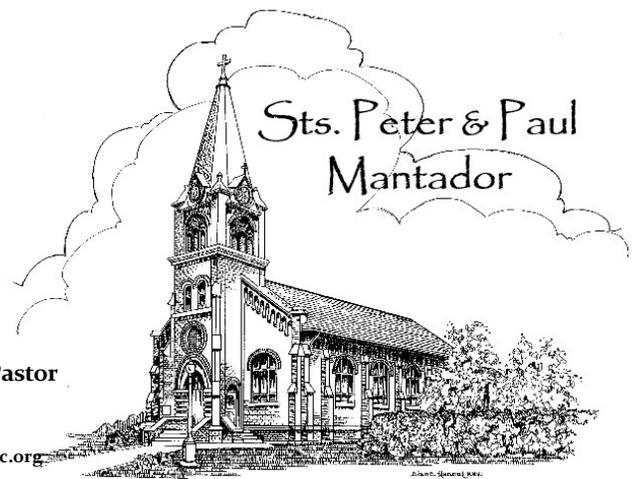


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Sts. Peter & Paul Mantador

DAILY EUCHARIST

Sat, 2-11, StA 5:00pm (Parishioners)
 Sun, 2-12, StsPP 8:30am (†Mary Lenz)
 Sun, 2-12, StA 10:30am (Christian Mothers)
 Tue, 2-14, 6^{pm}, StsPP (†Norma Jean Link)
 Wed, 2-15, 6^{pm}, StA (†Mary Lenz)
 Thu, 2-16, 8:30^{am}, StsPP (Inez Gripentrog)
 Fri, 2-17, 9:30^{am}, StA (†Martha & Dale Gessler)
 Sat, 2-18, StA 5:00pm (†Mary Jane Sittarich)



EUCCHARIST

Lector: Diane Bircherm / Usher: Adam Mauch
 Sun, 2-19, Sts PP 8:30 am (†Frances Zajac)
 Lector: Bill Mauch / Usher: Kevin Lingen
 Servers: If at Mass, please serve / Gifts: JoAnne Jentz
 StA 10:30am (Parishioners)
 Lector: Arianna Onchuck / Usher: Chance P. & Brandon G.
 Servers: Danica O. & Ava K. / Gifts: Brandon Griffith Family

Confessions: St A—Sat, 4:30 pm; StsPP—Sun, 8 am.

Or call for an appointment (no problem).

HEAD & HEART. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not only to keep the Law but to go deep. That is, go to the heart. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount gives listeners (back then & today) a glimpse into his understanding of the moral law. It's about more than external actions (killing, cheating on a spouse, swearing falsely), but also about our internal dispositions (anger, lust, webs of lies).

Living a moral life is never about simply keeping the Law. Jesus is helping us get beyond a minimalist mentality of 'being good' by not breaking the rules.

Living life to the Full is about making choices. "If you choose, you can keep the commandments," (Sirach, 1st reading); and about acting with "all my heart" (today's Psalm, 119).

This is absolutely vital not only to living a good life, but in avoiding being judgmental about others.

The last 2 wks, I've offered excerpts from an article by C^{nal} McElroy regarding the Synodal Process. After discussing the issue of Women in the Life of the Church, he writes, "The synodal dialogues from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops point to an additional element of exclusion in the life of the Church: 'Those who are marginalized because circumstances in their own lives are experienced as impediments to full participation in the life of the Church.' These include those who are divorced and remarried without a declaration of nullity from the Church, members of the L.G.B.T. community and those who are civilly married but have not been married in the Church.

"These exclusions touch upon important Church teach-

6th Sunday, A, Feb 12, 2023

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Loretta Althoff, Bill Bell, Brenda Burger, Marie Hanson, Mary Ellen Krump, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Steve Metzen, Jim Mitchell, Travis, Steve Cerkas, Weldon Hoesel, Scott Vetter, August Dockter, Larry Jagodzinski, Susan Westphal, Leslie Reiland, MaryAnn Franks. Let us know who we can lift up in prayer.



ings about the Christian moral life. Very likely these matters will be discussed at the synodal meetings in Rome. But the *exclusion* of men and women because of their marital status or their sexual orientation/activity is pre-eminently a pastoral question, not a doctrinal one. Given our teachings on sexuality and marriage, how should we treat remarried or L.G.B.T. men and women in the life of the Church, especially regarding questions of the Eucharist?



"Enlarge the Space of Your Tent (the Vatican document representing the Continental Stage of the Synod) cites a contribution from the Catholic Church of England and Wales, which provides a guidepost for responding to this pastoral dilemma: 'The dream is of a Church that more fully lives a Christological paradox: boldly proclaiming its authentic teaching while at the same time offering a witness of **radical inclusion** and acceptance through its *pastoral and discerning accompaniment*.'"

In other words, it's not about changing Church teaching so much as it's about how we apply that teaching to people's lives and give them the space they need to work out in their hearts their salvation with God.

We hold the line on what we know to be true, and yet we walk with people, like Jesus did and DOES, every step of the way. We don't show people the door until they get it together. "*Pastoral and discerning accompaniment*" means we share the journey with folks to help them move forward, not set up hurdles.

We honor Jesus' high standards of living life to the Full not by legalism but by giving his disciples the best possible chance to "seek him with all their heart" (again, today's Psalm).

Last Week's Giving



Mooreton: Plate \$309.00;
Children \$38.00
Envelopes \$1030.00.

Mantador: Plate \$20.00;
Envelopes: \$45.00;
Bldg Fund: \$260.⁰⁰ (meal)

Many thanks to those who joined us for our listening session with Bishop Folda at St. John's, Wahpeton, last Weds evening. It was a fine turn out and a warm atmosphere. The issues of the age of Confirmation and whether or not it should be joined to the celebration of First Eucharist was mentioned 5 or 6 times at least. This was the 8th of 16 listening sessions for Bishop. We'll let you know what these meetings yield in due time. Meanwhile, the Synod Prayer below, which we prayed together with Bishop, remains a good way to stay connected to the unfolding of this process in which the Holy Spirit has the lead. It was moving to see people allow themselves to be channels of the Spirit to one another and our Shepherd, Bishop Folda.



The Synod Prayer: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

MISSION TRIP. Last wk, I suggested that one way we might *let our light shine* is by supporting a charity. I gave a one-time example with an appeal from my nephew, David Hickin, a senior at Benedictine College, Atchinson, Kansas, graduating this Spring with a degree in civil engineering. He's already got a job lined up in Texas. This Spring, he's joining a Mission team to go to the Dominican Republic to install a drinking water system for the remote village of La Luisa.

He writes, "In my engineering classes I've been especially interested in water sanitation and distribution. This is such a cool experience for me to be going to a different country and using my engineering knowledge to develop ways to help the whole world.

"I am physically going and putting the shovel in the dirt, but I cannot do this mission on my own. The mission team is about 15 people, and we each must raise \$4,000 for travel, lodging, food, and supplies. I am casting a wide net and any amount would be greatly appreciated. We might be the ones installing the system, but when you donate, you're the one who is giving the village their drinking water."

WAYS TO GIVE:

ONLINE www.benedictine.edu/givemissions

Mission Name: Engineering Mission (D.R.);

Student's Name: David Hickin

CHECK, written out to: Benedictine College Ministry;

Memo Line: Engineering Mission – David Hickin

(I can forward checks onto Benedictine Coll.)

If you have questions and want to go to the source, my nephew's email is: hick8765@ravens.benedictine.edu



LENTEN DEVOTIONS. Exposition of Bl Sacrament 5:30 pm; Stations of the Cross; Benediction; 6pm Mass; followed by a simple, single dish meal & an episode of *The Chosen*, discussion to follow if desired.

Tuesdays in Mantador and Wednesdays in Mooreton following the 1st Sun of Lent.

RETREAT POSSIBILITIES. St John's, Wahpeton is hosting a Welcome Retreat. The women's is full. The men's is Mar 11-12. From the time you arrive to the time you leave, you're on God's time. It's designed to bring together an experience of personal conversation and Christian community. There's very little you have to do except be immerse yourself in God's Word and His Calling. Brochures are out at each parish for further information.

Ecclesia Domestica is hosting a Men's Retreat in Hankinson, Mar 17-19, posters in the church.

Financial Giving Letters are labeled and sitting in the back of the churches for pick-up.

After another wk or two, we'll mail out the remainder. Save us a stamp! Thnx!



St Mary Magdalen Court 117 will be holding a "SOUP"ER BOWL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE, Feb 12, Sts Peter & Paul's Catholic Church. Please donate cans or dried soup, non-perishable food items or cash. 1891 Financial Life (Life Insurance, Annuities, Member Benefits) will match up to \$1,500.00 of funds raised.

Keeping God's House Beautiful February



Sts PP: *Barb Severson, Sue Mauch, Tammi Althoff, Vanessa Haberman, Jeanne Lugert.

St A: Yvonne Ward *Alexis Peltier, Aimee Flaa, Ronna Althoff, Kari

Callenius, Lisa Mauch

Eucharistic Adoration
6:30-8 pm
Weds,
St Anthony

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB 12, STS PE & PL, 'SOUP'ER BOWL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

FEB 22, ASH WEDNESDAY: 5:30 PM SSPP; 7:00PM STA.

MAR 11-12, WELCOME, MEN'S WKEND RETREAT,

ST JN'S WAHPETON

MAR 17-19, ECCLESIA DOMESTICA MEN'S RETREAT, HANKINSON



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Aubrey Hejtmanek, Deb Mauch
Claire Althoff, Xavier Mauch

Alyson & Shane Krier, John & Ardy Fettes

