



**Sat, 4-22, StsPP** 5:00pm (Parishioners)  
**Sun, 4-23, StsPP** 8:30am (†Frances Zajac)  
**Sun, 4-23, StA** 10:30am (Erin Kath Family)  
**Tue, 4-25, 6<sup>pm</sup>, StsPP** (†Mary Lenz)  
**Wed, 4-26, 6<sup>pm</sup>, StA** (Family of Missy  
**Netland & her †Mother)**

**Thu, 4-27, 8:30<sup>am</sup>, StsPP** (JoAnne Jentz)  
**Fri, 4-28, 9:30<sup>am</sup>, StA** (Yvonne Ward)  
**Sat, 4-29, StA** 5:00pm (†Michael Ethier)

**Lector: Adam Mauch / Usher: Adam Mauch**

**Sun, 4-30, StsPP      8:30 am (Parishioners)**

**Servers:** If at Mass, please serve / **Gifts:** Greg & Barb Lingen

**StA            10:30am (Gene & Sue Boyle)**

**Lector: Renata Fobb / Usher: Yoney F, Dean O**

**Servers: Xavior & Hallie, Serenity / Gifts: Luke Mauch Family**

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

**Or call for an appointment (no problem).**

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN.** Interesting Gospel. Two disciples on a 7 mile walk. A guy joins them. They walk along. It's an amazing conversation. They invite him for supper. Then, wham! As he breaks the bread, they realize it was Jesus.

“Were not our hearts burn-  
ing in us as he spoke to us **on the  
way?**”

They dash back the 7 miles to Jerusalem to share what happened to tell the Eleven what'd taken place ***on the way***.

We too are ***on that way***. Different road. Different century. Same Jesus.

Same burning heart? In me, something like that is going on as the Synod on Synodality unfolds. One issue in particular that captures my attention (and has me on the run) regards the role of women in the Church.

Luke's Gospel makes a great case study. At the beginning of this same chapter, a group of women meet an

**PARISH PRAYER LIST:** Loretta Althoff, Brenda Burger, Mary Ellen Krump, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Steve Metzen, Jim Mitchell, Travis, Steve Cerkas, Weldon Hoesel, Scott Vetter, August Dockter, Larry Jagodzinski, Susan Westphal, MaryAnn Franks, Jerry Muth, Kristen Czekala, Michael Schmit.

Intercessory prayer “consists in asking on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one’s enemies” CCC 2647. Please let us know who we can lift up in prayer. Reminder: For names to appear in the bulletin, please get the person’s permission beforehand. Thnx.

Angel at the tomb, who says, “He is not here; he is risen.” The women run and tell the Apostles, “but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them” (Lk 24:6-11).

From the beginning, sharing the Good News of Jesus' triumph over sin & death has been a collaborative effort between men AND women.

On the backside of the bulletin get an update on this Synodal Journey. In our churches, I've posted a flyer describing the gathering I will attend this Sun afternoon as soon as Mass is over in Mooreton.

Anyone willing to ride along is welcome. Somethings are just worth the sprint—as demonstrated by the disciples on the road to Emmaus.



**SPECIAL EVENT:** "The dignity of the human person. What is it? How do we receive it? Can we lose it? Come hear Tim Mosser, the Diocese of Fargo's Respect Life Director explain how this one concept is related to all areas of our life and how it can help win hearts and minds to build a culture of life." Thu, May 4, 7pm, St. Jn's Wahpeton.

## Last Week's Giving

Mooreton: Plate \$100  
Children \$  
Envelopes \$1,595



Mantador: Plate \$63  
Envelopes: \$1,015  
Bldg Fund: \$1,000



## Synod Update.

Weds, Apr 12, synod teams from the U.S. and Canada released the North American Final Document for the Continental Stage. **A print copy is available in each of our parishes for you to look at, only 22pp.**



It is the fruit of 931 delegates mtg 12 times over Zoom. Then an 18-person team of bishops, priests and lay people identified certain recommendations. For instance:

1. Forming local Churches in continued synodal consultation and the spirituality of discernment. [We need to learn how to act 'synodally'; our people need to learn how to listen to the Spirit at work in themselves and others.]
2. Welcoming those who feel excluded from participation in the life of the Church in a manner that is authentic and faithful to the Gospel and the Catholic faith. [People need to know that the Catholic Church is open to all.]
3. Co-responsibility for mission. [This means shared authority, bringing clericalism to an end, opening possibilities for lay women and men to participate in the Church's decision making.]

*If we are going to be people of dialogue, we have to first have a **dialogue with God...***

Lots of good news here! The Synod is something we learn by doing. The Bishops Conferences in the U.S. and Canada are learning. They're listening to smaller discernment groups and seeking feedback. The bishops acknowledge that they **"can and must do better in consulting those who are poor, migrant communities, Indigenous peoples, and racial minorities in our communities, and the many others who are wounded in the Church and in society."** They admitted to being as uncertain as many lay people about where this synodal process may be taking us, needing as much formation as any other Catholics in the spirituality and skills of synodality, and resolving to trust in the Holy Spirit. **"We need to do more with our people – listen to them more to aid our discernment; sit down with them and discuss the religious life in the diocese. We cannot just sit in the office and make important decisions by ourselves."**

Second, the People of God desire more synod. Wounds of violated trust and exclusion at the hands of the Church itself are deep and can be healed through intentional encounters of loving affirmation and inclusion in the tent of God's holy people. Our baptism gives us equal stake in the responsibility for the Church's mission in a world that needs it more than ever. **Our young people are "the now" of the Church** and want to be in the mix, including at global gatherings of bishops in Rome. **And while it is women who keep the church "alive and healthy," they remain a marginalized group within it,** a reality that can be remedied by acknowledging the "baptismal dignity" of women and continuing "the examination of a variety of aspects of Church life, including decision making roles, leadership, and ordination."

These recommendations are permission slips to keep walking the synodal path with confidence and courage!

*"We have come a long way, but we deplore the fact that women cannot invest themselves fully."*

**T.V. CART.** Joe Erbes has struck again, & found us a deal on a TV stand with wheels (\$300) so we can move it into the church or hall and store it in the office. Any gifts will be greatly appreciated, bringing this enhancement to our social/education needs to completion.

**STS PETER & PAUL,** there is a Sign-Up Sheet in the back of church for those wishing to host a monthly gathering in the Social Hall after Mass on Sundays.

### Keeping God's House Beautiful April



**Sts PP:** \*Sue Westphal, Kathy (R) Mauch, Diane Pausch, Sandy Mauch

**St A:** \*Bethany Mauch, Rhonda Erbes, Celeste Whitebear,

DeeAnn Mauch, Cindy Braun, Renee Griffith



### THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Michael Flaa, Hannah Mauch, Nicholas Foertsch, Lyara Pausch, Adlee Mauch, Jennifer Kjar

Allen & Patricia Lingen, Brian & Laura Boyle, Barbara & David Severson



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MAY 13, CONFIRMATION/1ST EUCHARIST AT ST. JN'S WAHPETON**

**MAY 14, MOTHERS DAY**

**MAY 28, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNIZED AT MASS.**

**WHEN IS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PLANT FLOWERS?**

**WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BOTANY.**

**HOW DO BRAND-NEW SPRING FLOWERS GREET EACH OTHER?**

**"HEY, BUD!"**