



Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

Sunday 16A, July 23, 2023

## DAILY EUCHARIST

**Servers: volunteers / Gifts: Richard & Cindy S.**

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



- ◆ when it comes to ‘weeding out’ human beings, history offers too many gruesome examples of bad judgment. Hitler tried
- ◆ to weed out the Jews and our Nation tried weeding out the
- ◆ Native Americans. The Church has certainly changed her approach to weeding out heretics. And even when we don’t

‘Weeding out’  
belongs to God. What’d  
we left that job to him?



## WONDERING ABOUT WEEDS.

Ever hear that a weed is a flower in the wrong place? Strictly speaking, a weed is plant growing where it's not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants.

Jesus teaches by parables comparing the mysteries of God's Kingdom to ordinary experiences.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not Heaven, but beginning of God's foothold in this world. This means the world is full of signs pointing to the Kingdom. It will remain unfinished until *The End*. Meanwhile, as Jesus describes in the parable of the weeds and wheat, any attempt to judge the progress of the Kingdom is premature. God, in the End, will render Judgment.

A lesson in the parable of the weeds and wheat is that God gives us time to grow and find our place. Who

**"Let both  
grow  
together  
until the  
harvest..."**

Matt. 13:30

## Last Week's Giving



Mooreton: Plate \$93.80  
Children  
Envelopes \$855

Mantador: Plate \$35  
Envelopes: \$270  
Bldg Fund: \$105  
Pledge Payment:

**KNOW OUR CHURCH.** We continue an article about the *Instrumentum Laboris*, the working document for the Sixteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops scheduled for October. This important moment for our Church will stretch far into our future. This interview from the Vatican's newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, with Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, sheds helpful light on the Synod. Enjoy! Let's stay informed.

**'INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS', A SYNODAL DOCUMENT MEANT TO INSPIRE** by CHRISTOPHER WELLS (Part II)

*You said the 'Instrumentum laboris' is a step forward. In what way is it a progression from what's already come before?*

If you look to the last documents, these are different continental assemblies, which have a huge richness, but you can also see a diversity, different colors, different tastes and the different continents. The Church always exists in a cultural context. And now we have to put this together on the level of the world Church. Because the universal Church lives in the local churches. And we have to bring together the voices of the local churches.

*We're releasing this document today at the Vatican, and it's going to go into the hands of millions of people throughout the world. What are people meant to do with it? How is the 'Instrumentum laboris' meant to be used in the coming months leading up to the General Assembly and then at the General Assembly?*

First, it is a document for the participants of the Bishops' Synod. So in these work sheets, there are questions, there are hints for prayerful reflection. And the participants have to prepare these questions in their own personal prayer. And it would be good if it were not just personal.

But if they can meet with other people, the bishops, with the people of their diocese, the laity with their colleagues, with priests and so on, that is a community preparation also for the Synod. The Synod wants to be transparent. It's not a synod for an elite. We have nothing to hide. And therefore it's good that people know about all of these questions. That they can watch the Synod and see if the Holy Spirit works in the same way in the Synod and outside of the Synod because the whole Church is in synod.

The Synod of Bishops, as pastors of the church, are in apostolic succession. And as such they have to complete the discernment. But they cannot do it without their churches. A bishop is always a bishop of a church of a local community, and you cannot separate completely the bishop from the church. The bishop has his own duties. His own mission. But it is as a service for the church.

We are all in service. We are all "missioned". "Mission" is a key word of the synod. Every Synodal church is speaking about structures. Without seeing the mission our Lord has given the Church, then it has failed.  
*to be continued...*



**TREE ROW CLEAN-UP.** Wow! What a success! Thanks **so much** to all those who came out and worked so hard (for the beer we drank). Sorry, your pastor wasn't able to be present the whole time, but he did make it toward the end on Friday. So proud!



# Start small.

*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed*

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'

*The kingdom of heaven is like yeast* MATTHEW 13:33

# Be the leaven.

**What:** St Mary Magdalen Court 117 of the 1891 Financial Life will hold an aluminum can drive for Alzheimer's Research. 1891 Financial Life will match up to \$513.00 of funds raised.

**When:** Sunday's in August

**Where:** Sts Peter and Paul's Catholic Church

Please see the print-out in the back of Saints Peter & Paul church to make a donation/memorial for the landscaping.

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- WED, JULY 26, 7PM, MOORETON PARISH COUNCIL MTG
  - THU, JULY 27, 1-5 PM, PARISH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP, FARGO
  - AUG 15, ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN
  - AUG 20 (TENTATIVE), DEDICATION OF SSP&P's NEW SOCIAL HALL

**Keeping God's House Beautiful, July**

**Church Cleanup**

**Sts PP:** \*Cindy Reiland, Donna Thiel, Barb Lingen, Jackie Lingen

**St A:** \*Brenda Klosterman, Michelle Johnson, Diana Klosterman, Shirley Breuer, Ashton Mauch

**THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:**

Patricia Griffith,  
Celeste WhiteBear  
Wayne Mauch

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Michael & Aimee Flaa  
Joseph & Denise Hejtmanek