

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 4, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for August 11<sup>th</sup> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

*Wisdom 18:6-9*

Who seems to be getting ahead even through unjust (sinful)?

What reward have you experienced for following God's commands?

*Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

What has God done for you by faith lately?

*Luke 12:32-48*

Where is your heart: earthly treasure? Spiritual life?

Are you ready for death? What's left undone?

Has much been given you? Does God expect much in return?

**WEEKDAY MASSES August 6 - 9**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Michael A. & Frances Hoffarth

Wed: 8:40 am Living & Deceased Members of Jack & Mary Bisenius Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Clarence Sauer

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Charles & Lucille Marcotte

**WEEKEND MASSES August 10 - 11**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** Michael Petri & +Mary Ann Lenz

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Rose Lorenz

**Reader:** Colin Fetsch

**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth

**Servers:** Regner Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Evarist & Stanny Barta

**Reader:** Gary Metzger

**EMHC:** Harvey Metzger

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales** People of the Parishes

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of Marvin &

**Reader:** Pat Wheeler Bernadine Mikkelsen

**EMHC:** Pat Wheeler

**Servers:** EJ Cluchie

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Duane & Bev Otto

**Fr. Phil's cell phone: 701-740-7593 and Fr. Will's cell phone: 701-640-2858**

**Website for St. Alphonsus Parish - <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tuesday after 5:00pm Mass, Wednesday after  
8:40am Mass, Thursday after 5:00pm Mass & Saturday at 6:45**

**Weekly Reflection for July 28, 2019:** This week's reflection of the  
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,279.00
Intentional Givers	\$430.00
Plate	\$311.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,020.25</b>

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This apparently isolated incident turns out to be anything but. Jesus is journeying towards Jerusalem. It is a journey that is described over ten full chapters of the Gospel. At one point, while he was still active in Galilee, Jesus made a life-changing decision. It is described in a simple phrase in Luke's Gospel: "Now as the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, [Jesus] resolutely took the road for Jerusalem." Literally, in the biblical Greek, he set his face towards Jerusalem. He has made the decision to journey towards his now death. Everything that Jesus says and does from now until he reaches Jerusalem is connected with the journey and, of course, its destination.

The man's lack of etiquette pales into insignificance compared with the importance of Jesus' mission. Leaving bad manners aside, the man from the crowd is obsessed with himself and what he perceives to be his. At the same time, Jesus, the Son of Man, is utterly focused on giving his very self for the sake of humanity. The man from the crowd is small-minded, selfish and insular.

Now he is asking a favor from the one who gives his life as a ransom for all-the ultimate action of selflessness and generosity. Jesus gives him a parable on which to reflect. All parables provoke questions, rather than supplying answers. The man must identify what questions the parable presents to him. Is he like a man who, having taken in a huge harvest, wants so much to celebrate the present that he invests nothing in the future? It's a future he soon finds he doesn't have, since his life ends that very night. Taken from The Living Word

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:15*

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

### CD of the Weed: God Will Provide – Testimony and Music by Kitty Cleveland,

gives a stirring testimony which takes us all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Kitty has appeared five times as a guest on EWTN's Life on the Rock television series; her music is being used in their new television series The Faithful Traveler; and she has appeared in concert and as a keynote speaker throughout the world. Following her presentation are nine songs, including three inspiring original recordings. **Donations keep the kiosks updated with new CDs and books!**

### **Legacy Campaign – Update - Another Matching Grant!**

The Catholic Extension Society has awarded St. Alphonsus a matching grant of \$33,000. **All gifts and pledges processed from Monday, July 29 forward will be matched dollar for dollar by the Catholic Extension Society.**

In addition, remember that all Legacy Campaign gifts are eligible for the 10% match from the Hommerding matching grant. So if a person made a NEW commitment to the Legacy Campaign, and sent in a check for \$1,000, Catholic Extension would give us \$1,000 and Hommerding would give us \$100.

#### **Survey or Pledge Form?**

It's come to my attention that some people filled out a survey in March thinking it was a pledge form. Actually, the survey was just a measure of parishioner's opinions. *We have not counted any of the surveys as a pledge.* So if you intend on supporting the legacy campaign, please fill out an official pledge form. You will find a pledge form and envelope in the Campaign Flyer, available in the vestibule of the church.

Greg Jeffrey, Campaign Coordinator Cell 701-205-6366

**St. Edward's Church cleaning for July/August – Sharlene McGregor, Vicki Kubat and Kathy Skjervheim**

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS: The week starting August 5<sup>th</sup> – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm.**

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Marcy Lorenz who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

St Alphonsus School Playground Dedication/Blessing in Honor of Dennis and Holly Lyons and family. Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 11:45AM on the playground (weather permitting) with a Picnic Lunch to follow in the cafeteria (free will donation). Open House of the classrooms 1:00-3:00pm. All are welcome!! Come and enjoy our new playground

63rd Annual Pilgrimage at Carmel of Mary Monastery, Wahpeton, ND on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>: 2:00PM Guest Speaker - Fr Patrick Parks; 3:00PM Rosary; 5:00PM Mass; 6:00PM Picnic. For more information, go to their website at [carmelofmary.org](http://carmelofmary.org) or call the monastery at 701 642-2360. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Religious Education department is in need of volunteers to teach classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Grades Kindergarten, first grade, second grade, fourth grade and fifth grade are open. Taking a class or talking to other parents about co-teaching will help. Please think about helping our young people grow in their Spiritual faith. Contact Carla Horpestad for more information at 701-370-0594 or 701-256-5966 Extension 133.

**St. Alphonsus School yearbooks have arrived.** You can pick up your copy at Jackie's Office (during office hours – check above for dates and time). If you have not purchased one there is a limited supply available for \$15.00.

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for August** - 8/5-8/11 - Bea Schrader & Nola Borgen; 8/12-8/18 - Janine Witzel & Val Olson; 8/19-8/25 - Kathy Muhs & Darlene Christianson

**JOIN US: 2019 CCMH HOSPITAL & FOUNDATION FAMILY FUN NIGHT PICNIC.** Come on out to St. Alphonsus Cafeteria & Park on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00pm and enjoy a Picnic supper (hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage) with all the fixings', entertainment, education and a tour around the park for the kids. This is a Free Will Offering event and we hope to see you there! All ages welcome! **\*Bouncy Houses & Face Painting\***

**Putt 4 a Purpose – Golf Event** – Bishop John Folda invites you to *Putt 4 a Purpose*, at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register online at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose). If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. Register at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose). For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office, at 701-356-7926 or email [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org).

Farther Damien Schill has published the second volume of his cookbook series entitled: "Cooking and Eating with Father Damien and Friends." This is the entrees volume. The books are available from Hurley's Religious Goods in Fargo – 1-800-437-4338. It is also available from Saint Patrick's Guild in Saint Paul – 1-651-690-1506 and from Leaflet Missal in Saint Paul – 1-651-209-1951."

Quilt Bingo fund raiser for Altru's Hospice Camp Good Mourning on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cavalier Public School. Proceeds from this event will support Altru's Hospice Camp Good Mourning. Last year over \$5,000.00 was raised at Quilt Bingo for Camp Good Mourning. We are asking area quilters to please consider donating 50" x 50" quilts or larger to use as prizes for the fund raiser. Quilts can be dropped off at Altru's Hospice offices in Grand Forks, Cavalier, or Grafton before September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Forms and more information are on the back bulletin board in the church.