

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 11, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for August 18th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Of whom have you been jealous or sought revenge?
Have you changed your mind (repented) and shown kindness?

Hebrews 12:1-4

Are you persevering in the race for heaven?
What struggles make you feel like giving up?

Luke 12:49-53

Is Jesus' fire (burning) (alive) in your heart?
On what side of Jesus' division are you? (Sin/grace; life/death)

WEEKDAY MASSES August 13 - 16

Tues: 5:00 pm +Bill & Mary Ann Geisen
Wed: 8:40 am +Francis Muhs
5:00 pm +Margaret Kartes Holman **Holy Day of Obligation**
Thurs: 7:00 am +Bob Bata **Holy day of Obligation**
7:00 pm +Joe Tholkes **Holy day of Obligation**
Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Anna Hoffarth

WEEKEND MASSES August 17 - 18

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +Anna Hoffarth

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Christie Sauer
Reader: Michael Nuebert
EMHC: Chad Kalis
Servers: Muhs Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Edna Kakela
Reader: Greg Fetsch
EMHC: Daryl Kempel
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Ben Fetsch
Reader: Terian Chaput
EMHC: Diane Schill
Servers: Sean Gette
Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue Schill

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 August 4, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,365.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,931.67
Plate	\$376.25
Improvements	\$5.00
Total	\$7,677.92

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Such is the recommendation of Jesus in today's Gospel: "See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit." However, this involves more than watching the weather forecast and making sure we have sturdy walking shoes; it has to do with faith. Today we are given the example of Abraham, who set out in search of a new life, a new family, in a new land. We have no idea what preparations he made for his journey, except that he went in response to a call from God. When everything seemed to be stacked against him, Abraham put his trust in God and kept going. It is the same story with the family of Abraham at a later stage in the history of God's people. They made a covenant with God, believing that the God of their ancestors would save the virtuous and punish their enemies.

And in the Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples that, while God the Father has fulfilled his promises by giving them the kingdom, they still have to have the right attitude: faith to keep going; not allowing themselves to be bogged down in the material treasures of this world, but always focusing on the everlasting treasure of heaven. He gives them the example of a faithful servant who is always at his duties while waiting for the master's return. Taken from The Living Word

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." LUKE 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

CD of the Weed: Praying the Rosary Like Never Before – Dr. Edward Sri is a nationally sought Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN, and is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). In this discussion of his book *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries* (Servant Books), Dr. Sri shares John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better, so that you can encounter Jesus more deeply in this prayer. **Be sure to check out all the new titles in the kiosk!**

Catholic Extension Society Awards 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

Our policy regarding the private/personal use of or our parish and school facilities. The Diocese of Fargo requires people who are requesting to use our facilities to fill out a facility usage and liability coverage agreement. These forms need to be filled out at least 20 days prior to the event. If you would like to use our facilities for private use (bridal shower, anniversary party, reception), call the parish office for more information.

Knights of Columbus will be collecting non perishable food items for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. There is a purple plastic tote at the back of the church.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting August 12th – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption are: Wednesday, August 14th at 5:00PM; Thursday, August 15th at 7:00AM and 7:00PM.

Dcn Eric Seitz has been assigned to take part in a Deacon Formation Program August 19th - November 11th in the state of Michigan. We eagerly look forward to his return to Langdon, Nekoma and Wales. We wish him well and pray for him.

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

St Alphonsus School Playground Dedication/Blessing in Honor of Dennis and Holly Lyons and family. Sunday, August 18th 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

The Religious Education department is in need of volunteers to teach classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Grades Kindergarten, first grade, second grade and fourth 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 - 8/12-8/18 - Janine Witzel & Val Olson; 8/19-8/25 - Kathy Muhs & Darlene Christianson

New School Administrator at St Alphonsus School! I am so pleased to announce that Carrie Hope has accepted the position of School Administrator for St Alphonsus'. Derek Simonsen has been our principal for 3 years. He regrets leaving our school but due to family responsibilities, he is moving. He has expressed his great admiration for our school and it was a difficult decision for him to make. We wish him the best. Carrie is not licensed as a principal. She will be taking administration courses and work on getting principal credentials. Therefore, her title will be "School Administrator." Carrie will continue to be in the Pre-K program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We pray for her and our wonderful school.

Attention, Youth! End of Summer Youth Bash!" Will be held Wednesday, August 14th; 7:00-10:00pm at United Methodist. Food, games, and concluding with a devotional thought & worship around a bonfire! It is being sponsored by the Langdon Ministerial Association. All kids grades 7-12 are invited!

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 22nd 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 3rd. Forms and more information are on the back bulletin board in the church.

United Communications is hosting a blood drive with Vitalant, (formerly known as United Blood Services) on Tuesday, August 20th from 1:15 – 5:30pm (please use Alley Entrance). Call Mikan at 256-5156 to schedule an appointment.