

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 18, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for August 25<sup>th</sup> Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 66:18-21*

How have you helped others hear of God's glory?

What offering of worship will you give God this week?

*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

What trails can you accept as "discipline of the Lord" lately?

Ask God's help to "heal your halting limbs/drooping hands."

*Luke 13:22-30*

Will you be numbered among the saved?

Is there someone else you have judged unworthy of salvation?

**WEEKDAY MASSES August 20 - 23**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Dennis Lyons

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Bob & Betty Bata Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Ella Kram

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Les Feil

**WEEKEND MASSES August 24 - 25**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Betty Laternus

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Stacey & Ruth Chaput

**Reader:** Colin Fetsch

**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth

**Servers:** Regner Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Harold & Dolores Berg

**Reader:** Carleen Schill

**EMHC:** Alan Schill

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Wallace Sauer

**Reader:** George Podhradsky

**EMHC:** Carla Horpestad

**Servers:** EJ Cluchie

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Pat Wheeler

**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 11, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,192.00
Intentional Givers	\$275.00
Plate	\$367.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,834.00</b>

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

To ancient Jews, fire symbolized the unapproachable purity of God. The book of Exodus describes the billowing of smoke as God descended to Mount Sinai. No one dared approach for fear of being vaporized in its consuming heat. Yet holiness also held an irresistible attraction. God encouraged Moses to approach, and not for the first time. God had already spoken to him from a burning bush in the wilderness, and instructed him to remove his shoes, for he was standing on holy ground. That is the effect on anyone who draws nearer to God: transformation. The encounter with pure goodness is likely to make us better, humbler people. And just as Moses' bush blazed but was not consumed, so we, too, may burn with God's own holy presence and survive unharmed; for God does not desire to destroy, but to beckon us closer. The experience of holiness, it seems, is only intolerable to those who harden themselves against its purifying effect.

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus said, "I have come to bring fire." He wished it were already blazing across the earth. This was not intended to terrify: Jesus had come neither to judge nor to destroy, but to save. His vision was of a holier way of life spreading like wildfire across the earth. He believed that God was beginning to intervene in this world in a new and unstoppable way. Jesus did not say, "Stand clear," but "Come to me." And all who did, however sinful, found themselves forgiven and cleansed in his holy presence. John the Baptist had foretold that the Christ would come to baptize with fire. So it was that at Pentecost, "tongues" of fire came to rest upon the heads of his followers. It was not, as John had anticipated, an avenging fire. God's desire was to purify all peoples in an outpouring of God's own Holy Spirit, the burning ardor of pure love.

Taken from The Living Word

### **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." LUKE 12:51*

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**CD of the Weed: Love or Lust – Jason and Crystalina Evert** - Scare tactics, guilt trips, and the climbing teen pregnancy rates don't really inspire anyone to love. In this presentation from Jason and Crystalina Evert, you'll discover the difference between love and lust while getting straight answers about dating, relationships, and sexual purity. **Donations keep new CDs, books, DVDs, etc. coming!**

**Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details**

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude's Catholic Church – Thompson 12:00 – 5:00pm

### **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 July 29 through December 31, 2019 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**

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS: When school is in session Monday – Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm**

Dcn Eric Seitz has been assigned to take part in a Deacon Formation Program August 19<sup>th</sup> - November 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Altar Server, Reader and EMHC Schedules lists are in the church sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out.**

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.

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.

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

You're invited to join us on Wednesdays at 12:05 PM as we pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn. It will take place at the Church unless there is an afternoon funeral scheduled.

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.

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