

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 25, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Sept 1st Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 3:17-20, & 28-29

What have you tried that was beyond your capability?
Whom do you like better: a humble person or a gift-giver?

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Does God seem “near” or “untouchable” to you right now?
Draw near to God in prayer, with the angels and saints.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

What humiliating experience has “put you in your proper place”?
Have you helped uplift/build up another’s spirit?

WEEKDAY MASSES August 27 - 30

Tues: 5:00 pm +Peter & Clara Sauer
Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Michael Muhs
Thurs: 5:00 pm +Maurice Chaput
Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Ralph & Antoinette Marcotte

WEEKEND MASSES August 31 – September 1

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward’s - Nekoma People of the Parishes

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Mac & Jerry Machacek
Reader: Corey Stremick
EMHC: Carol Hoffarth
Servers: Regner Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Wayne Gendreau
Reader: Kitty Bachman
EMHC: Dennis Karsky
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael’s – Wales +Tony & Clara Forest Family

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Ted & Betty Nowatzki
Reader: Terian Chaput
EMHC: Bev Otto
Servers: Sean Gette
Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Dorothy Sauer

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 18, 2019: This week’s reflection of the parishioner’s relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,938.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,258.67
Plate	\$478.25
Total	\$6,674.92

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus was asked whether only a few would be saved, but he didn't give a straight answer to the question. He suggested that we should not speculate about others, but rather look to ourselves: "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

When reading the Gospels it is helpful to know the context in which the words were originally spoken. Here we have Jesus speaking to first-century Jews, people absolutely confident that being Jewish meant they were saved. One Jewish rabbi at the time of Jesus was so full of assurance that he wrote, "To have one's abode in Palestine is to be certain of eternal life." Another said, "No circumcised man will ever see hell." Against such complacency, Jesus warned that they might see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of heaven, but find themselves turned away. And in their place would come others from the east, west, north and south. This meant Gentiles, non-Jews, coming into heaven, which would have been a shock to the devout Jews, even though it had been prophesied by Isaiah in today's first reading, "I am coming to gather the nations of every language.

Taken from The Living Word

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

Book of the Month: How to Share Your Faith with Anyone – Terry Barber has long been one of the Church's finest evangelists. His excellent book shows us how the New Evangelization requires new apologetics—a new way to explain why the Church's teachings are true and why Jesus is the answer to the deep desires of the human heart." Recent popes have challenge all Catholics to participate in the New Evangelization. But most Catholics feel ill-equipped to take up the challenge. Terry Barber, founder of St. Joseph Communications, has written a practical guide that takes much of the pain and uncertainty out of sharing one's faith. Based on Barber's decades of personal experience as an effective evangelist and masterful communicator, and drawing on the perceptions, examples, and lessons of other great evangelists and apologist, *How To Share Your Faith With Anyone* informs, entertains, and inspires would-be, as well as, seasoned evangelists and teachers. **Donations keep new CDs, books, DVDs, etc. coming!**

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

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

Oct. 13th at St. Alphonsus Cafeteria – Langdon 4:00 - 7:00pm

Legacy Campaign Update

As the *Legacy Campaign* winds down, we have been given a tremendous opportunity!

The Catholic Extension Society has awarded St. Alphonsus a dollar-for-dollar match for church repairs on any new gifts made after July 29, up to a collective total of \$33,000. If you give \$1,000, Catholic Extension matches with \$1,000.

Since July 29, we have received \$23,503.33 in NEW cash eligible for the Catholic Extension Society matching grant. To complete the match we need just \$9,496.67 in new 'cash received'.

Overall, the campaign has been successful, with just over \$600,000 in total gifts and pledges. I continue to encourage parishioners to support the campaign for two reasons:

- **Church Basement.** In addition to the projects we had already planned, it looks like we will need to add some type of moisture barrier to the dirt floor in the basement beneath the church. This is added protection for the integrity of the structure, control against mold, etc. We are currently seeking professional advice on how best to proceed, along with cost estimates.
- **Rectory.** We also have Rectory needs. In preparing for the campaign, the Parish Council voted unanimously to set aside any funds raised above the original \$600,000 for future capital needs. This would include the rectory.

Greg Jeffrey, Campaign Coordinator Cell 701-205-6366

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome Logan Allan Martin Bachman, son of Daren & Whitney who was baptized last weekend. May he continue to be filled with grace.

Our Sympathy to the family of Idella Kuchar who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

Catholic Daughters Meeting on Monday, September 9th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Den 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 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 Altar Society Fall Supper will be on Sunday, October 13th at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. Serving will be from 4:00-7:00pm with ham, turkey and all the trimmings. The cake walk starts at 4:00pm. Prices are \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 students (K-6), \$3.00 preschool and Take-Out \$13.00.

Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone involved in making the St. Alphonsus School Playground Dedication so special. This has been a great and humble honor to us and to the memory of Dennis. Thank you to the St. Alphonsus School

Committee and to Father Phil for the beautiful dedication and blessing and to the school committee and KC grillers for the delicious lunch provided. And thank you to those who attended to celebrate with us. In appreciation – Holly Lyons; Amber, Rachel and Jordan and families.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for August - 8/19-8/25 - Kathy Muhs & Darlene Christianson
Fellowship Hall cleaning for September - 7th - Debbie Peterson; 14th - Kirsten Gendron & Nichole Schefter; 21st - Rachele Fetsch & Barb Schill; 28th -Marilyn Shephard & Sally Waltz

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 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.