

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Sept 8th Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18

What concerns are weighing down your mind?
Ask the Spirit for help in planning your future.

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Who do you need to get to know better as brother” not “slave”
Pray Psalm 90. Ask God to prosper your handiwork.

Luke 14:25-33

What are you planning today? Can you finish it?
What “possession” must you renounce to better follow Jesus?

WEEKDAY MASSES September 2 - 6

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

Wed: 8:40 am Living & Deceased Members of Ernest & Frances Lein Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Frank & Julia Bata Family

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Willard Karas

WEEKEND MASSES September 7 - 8

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +Rolland Beauchamp

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Joe J. Kram

Reader: Holly Lyons

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Bud Bata

Reader: Darlene Brooks

EMHC: Bill Brooks

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Matt Girodat

Reader: George Podhradsky

EMHC: Dennis Schill

Servers: EJ Cluchie

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: LaVern & Margaret Chaput

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 25, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

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| Adult Envelopes | \$2,989.00 |
| Intentional Givers | \$430.00 |
| Plate | \$317.00 |
| Total | \$3,736.00 |

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today Jesus tells a parable in order to get through to the Pharisees about the need for true humility. He has noticed their tendency to take the places of honor and sees this as symptomatic of their pride – their belief that they are more important than everyone else. The name “Pharisee” means “separated one”, and they do see themselves as an elite group. The parable is painful to hear because it speaks of the embarrassment that comes when we find our pride being pricked. How uncomfortable it would be to find ourselves being escorted from the higher to the lower seats at a banquet.

Also, when Jesus speaks of inviting poor people to a meal, rather than family, he wants to make it clear that a focus on personal status must not get in the way of the things we do. It is all too easy to entertain others because, in the end, all we want to do is to seek to look good in their eyes. By doing this, we are really only entertaining ourselves. Jesus wants us to shift our focus away from ourselves. In this way we will be truly exalted in the eyes of God and others, just as we hear in today’s first reading.

Taken from The Living Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” - LUKE 14:13 -14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

- Sept. 8th at St. Jude’s Catholic Church – Thompson 12:00 – 5:00pm
- Sept. St. Timothy’s in Manvel – NO SUPPER this year due to road construction
- Sept. 22nd St. Brigid’s Catholic Church - Cavalier 11:00 – 2:00
- Oct. 13th at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church – Langdon 4:00 - 7:00pm

St. Alphonsus Legacy Campaign Final Report - August 27, 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to work together on the Legacy Campaign. This is my last bulletin report, but I trust Marilyn will periodically keep you up to date regarding cash received, as it has an impact on the amount of money we can ‘claim’ from the two matching grants. The Hommerding Grant from the Catholic Development Foundation in Fargo will continue to match 10% of all campaign contributions through the five-year pledge period, up to \$100,000. Plus, the Catholic Extension will match *dollar for dollar* up to \$33,000 any *new* funds received 7/29/2019 - 1/1/2020.

It’s been a pleasure getting to know so many of you.

Greg Jeffrey, Campaign Coordinator-St. Alphonsus Legacy Campaign 701-205-6366 cell

| Response | Number | Notes | Value |
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| Gift/Pledge Rec'd (written commitment) | 147 | | \$623,002.33 |
| Verbal pledge | 2 | | \$34,000.00 |
| Gave prior to campaign | 1 | | \$5,000.00 |
| Will Give as Able | 12 | No specific pledge, but promised to give “as able.” | |
| Pending | 20 | Still considering a gift. | |
| Declined | 16 | | |
| Do Not Solicit | 28 | For pastoral reasons, some households were not solicited. | |
| Special Solicitation | 12 | Households w/ special circumstances | |
| No response | 128 | | |
| Left parish/Deceased | 3 | | |
| TOTAL # Households | 369 | | |
| TOTAL from Parishioners | | | \$662,002.33 |
| Hommerding Grant | | Potential: Up to | \$100,000.00 |
| Catholic Extension Society Grant | | Potential: Up to | \$33,000.00 |

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NO ADORATION on Monday, September 2nd. Happy Labor Day!

There is a Religious Ed teacher's meeting on Wednesday, Sept 5th at 6:30 in the cafeteria.

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.

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.

End of Summer clearance sale of Lighthouse Catholic Media products! CDs are normally \$4 each; now purchase 3 for \$10, 5 for \$15 or 7 for \$20! Books are normally \$5 each, now purchase 4 for \$15 or 7 for \$25! Brochures are 5 for \$1 and booklets are 4 for \$10! Sale is limited to stock on hand! Thank you for your support of Lighthouse Catholic Media! Sale ends September 10th! Watch for new titles toward the end of September!

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 September - 7th - Debbie Peterson; 14th - Kirsten Gendron & Nichole Scheffer; 21st - Rachelle Fetsch & Barb Schill; 28th - Marilyn Shephard & Sally Waltz

Father 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.

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