

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Sept 15th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

What are you “stiff-necked” about?
Is your wrath blazing against anyone?

1 Timothy 1:12-17

For what changes can you thank Jesus in your life?
Ask Jesus for the gifts of patience and good example.

Luke 15:1-32

How are you like the prodigal son?
How are you like the jealous brother?

WEEKDAY MASSES September 10 - 13

Tues: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Marvin & Bernadine Mikkelsen Family
Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Jack & Mary Bisenius Family
Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Shankar
Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Joe Tholkes

WEEKEND MASSES September 14 - 15

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Louis & Stella
Reader: Colin Fetsch Wilhelm
EMHC: Bernadette Fetsch
Servers: Regner Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Howard Doherty
Reader: Judy Eppinette
EMHC: Daryl Kempel
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's – Wales +Alex & Delina Chaput

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Elizabeth Schaan
Reader: Dennis Horpestad
EMHC: Dennis Horpestad
Servers: Sean Gette
Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Dennis & Diane 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 September 1, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$5,272.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,921.67
Plate	\$466.00
Fuel	\$5.00
Improvements	\$15.00
Total	\$8,679.67

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In today's Gospel Jesus says that his followers must be willing to give up everything for him. Such total commitment could mean separation from treasured possessions and family. The passage speaks of the importance of loyalty and allegiance to Jesus over all other competing loyalties. The two parables remind us of the need to weigh up the costs of discipleship. Following Jesus seriously is a demanding way of life. It offers an interior freedom that understands that material possessions can be real obstacles and that even family can stand in the way of a vocation. Discipleship is a venture that demands total dedication. Everything else must become secondary if Jesus is to be the Lord of dedication. Everything else must become secondary if Jesus is to be the Lord of our life. The harsh-sounding words about "hating" are intended to indicate that if a conflict of interest arises, a disciple will prefer to follow Jesus and not let family ties, personal wealth or possessions, or work or leisure activities interfere.

God always surprises us. The first reading calls us to remember that we cannot know God's intentions and should use the gift of wisdom to spend time discerning our paths in life. A surprise comes in the second reading where Paul appeals to Philemon to take back his runaway slave, not just as a slave but as a brother in Christ. Paul is challenging the practice of slavery which was common at that time throughout the Roman Empire. Taken from The Living Word

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

- Sept. 8th at St. Jude's Catholic Church – Thompson 12:00pm – 5:00pm
- Sept. St. Timothy's in Manvel – NO SUPPER this year due to road construction
- Sept. 15th St. Joseph's Catholic Church – Devils Lake 10:30am – 1:30pm
- Sept. 22nd St. Brigid's Catholic Church - Cavalier 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Oct. 13th at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church – Langdon 4:00pm - 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 Marian 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
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

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.

We would like to thank the parishioners, volunteers and building committee of St. Alphonsus for your generous support of our Legacy Campaign; be it through prayers, support, contributions and pledges. We reached our goal with very little work on our part because of your giving back to God for our parish needs.

*Just a reminder - we can still receive matching funds for every gift or pledge still made. For every dollar raised we will receive an additional \$1.10. Be sure to indicate your gift is for the Legacy Campaign. Again **THANK YOU!** Bill & Darlene, Co-chairs.*

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.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for September - 14th - Kirsten Gendron & Nichole Schefter; 21st - Rachelle Fetsch & Barb Schill; 28th - Marilyn Shephard & Sally Waltz

Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has assisted hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally **October 11-13, 2019** in Fargo. For more information visit HelpOurMarriage.com or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org.

Grieve Share will meet on Thursday's from 6:00 – 8:00pm at United Methodist church in Langdon starting September 12th – December 19th. Find comfort and support

You're invited to a Concert! Brent Vernon will present Songs and Stories for an evening of entertainment at the Presbyterian Church. He's a singer and a ventriloquist and will present a live concert for the whole family. It will be held Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church, Langdon.

The High School Extravaganza, grades 9-12, will happen Saturday, October 12 at St. Catherine's School and Parish in Valley City. Theme this event is "**Be a Witness**" from **Acts 2:32**. Special **keynote speaker, Justin Fatica** hales from New York State and **runs Hard as Nails Ministry**. He is bringing his young adult missionaries to speak to our teens and to pray over them...very powerful sessions! Justin will speak during two sessions. There will also be workshops, reconciliation, adoration, Eucharistic procession, Mass with Bishop Folda and a great dance with DJ Paul Braun! Cost is \$40/student \$20/chaperone. One chaperone with every 8 students required. Great t-shirts available, pre-register them for \$10/ea. Purchase at the event for \$12/ea. Limited quantity available at event. Price of event includes lunch and dinner. Bring extra cash for food concession and spiritual concession. Registration is directly with your parish priest, DRE or Youth Minister. Register with parish no later than Friday, September 27. Parish must register with Diocesan Youth Department no later than Tuesday, October 1. Questions contact Kathy at Youth Dept at Diocese. 701-356-7902.