

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Sept 22nd Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

Are you getting ahead at another's expense?
God and money: which is first for you?

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray for our nation's and world's leaders, for wisdom
Pray for peace in our war-torn areas of the world.

Luke 16:1-13

Do you have any unpaid debts? Unforgiven sin?
Is there someone you have not forgiven?

WEEKDAY MASSES September 17 - 20

Tues: 5:00 pm +Philip & Agnes Waslaski

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Bob Bata

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Joe Bata

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** Living & Deceased Members of Joe & Edna Berger Family

WEEKEND MASSES September 21 - 22

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +John Delvo

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Lois, Kelly, Olivine & Justin Mikkelsen

Reader: Michael Neubert

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Bill Schefter

Reader: Gary Metzger

EMHC: Harvey Metzger

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Dorothy Schroeder

Reader: Pat Wheeler

EMHC: Pat Wheeler

Servers: EJ Cluchie

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Bev & Duane Otto

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 8, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,957.00
Intentional Givers	\$275.00
Plate	\$229.00
Total	\$3,461.00

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the very common human experience of losing things to give us a glimpse into the heart of God. We should appreciate what an astonishing thing Jesus is doing. We wonder: who can look into the mind of God? Who can possibly penetrate into the inner depths of the heart of God? It's easy, says Jesus. We can all think ourselves into the mind of a shepherd who has lost a sheep, or a housewife who has lost a coin, or maybe especially into the mind of a man who has lost a son. And if we can do this, we can think ourselves into the mind of God.

This is, after all, what we might expect, because the scriptures tell us that God made us in God's own image and likeness. This does not mean, of course, that our physical bodies resemble God, for God is pure spirit. So what else can the text mean except that we share something of God's mind, something of God's heart, something of God's spirit? Taken from The Living Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everything I have is yours." - LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

- 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

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.

We are excited to continue St. Alphonsus School's **PCSA** (Parents, Community, and School Association). The PCSA is meant to bring parents, community members, students, and teachers together to help build a strong educational experience for students both at home and at school. ***We will be having our first PCSA meeting on Monday; September 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the SAS Cafeteria. We invite all parents, community members, and friends of the school to join us. Free child care will be provided for those who need it!*** Some Association tasks are helping with school projects, fundraising, and hosting family-event nights. The school projects can be anywhere from helping in the classroom, reading to our younger students, or helping with school improvements.

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! **The sale has been extended until Tuesday, September 24th!** 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 Scheffter; 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.

Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Fall Rummage Sale – September 25 - 29 at the Langdon American Legion Downtown Building. **Donation Drop Off:** Monday Sept. 23 & Tuesday Sept. 24 – 9:00am – 7:00pm. (No Computers, Printers or TV's) **SALE:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28) 9:00am – 6:00pm and on Sunday, (Sept. 29) 12:00 – 2:00pm (Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Bargain Bag Time). Volunteers Welcome!! Please note: Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders are a nonprofit group and all funds earned are kept locally to support cancer patients – we are very excited to be able to reach out to our community!!

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.