

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Sept 29th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7

In what have I grown too comfortable? Too complacent?
Whose misfortune should I be concerned about?

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Pray that you may live in integrity, blameless conduct, gentleness.
Pray a profession of faith, that your life may bear witness to God.

Luke 16:19-31

Like Lazarus, what misery am I suffering?
Like the rich man, what misery am I causing others?

WEEKDAY MASSES September 24 - 27

Tues: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Marvin & Bernadine Mikkelsen Family

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Imelda Chaput & William Stevens

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Rose, Ed, Pat & Margy Perius Schneider Family

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** Living & Deceased Members of John & Emma

WEEKEND MASSES September 28 - 29

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Eddie Perius
Reader: Holly Lyons Family
EMHC: Holly Lyons
Servers: Regner Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Bette Bata
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 +Mary Schill & Gert Schuler
Reader: Jenny Chaput
EMHC: Darlene Rutledge
Servers: Sean Gette
Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue 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 15, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,614.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,258.67
Plate	\$329.00
Fuel	\$25.00
Total	\$6,226.67

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

So in fact the unjust steward in today's Gospel parable is, perhaps, on to something, because one solution to the problem of debt is to let people off with their own debt. But the steward does it for unjust reasons, seeking his own benefit. However, remember that all Jesus' parables are about God. To the question, "How much do you owe my master?" – if the master is, in fact, God – the answer is, quite simply, "Everything".

We owe everything to God; not just our life, our existence, but the redemption we are offered in Christ and the promise of eternal happiness. If it were a matter of justice, there could be no possibility of us ever being able to pay off our debts. The saints and the angels joyously live in eternal debt of God, because God is the giver and we – all of us who are part of God's creation – are the receivers. Only pride would make us resent this undeniable truth. It was through pride, and pride alone, that the bad angels fell. Yet it is also true that, because God became incarnate in Jesus Christ, we are allowed to share in the redemption of the world. This is not because God needs us to do it, nor is it because we need to do it. We could perfectly well be redeemed by a simple act of God's mercy. Yet God has decided to give us the greater gift of allowing us to act as givers ourselves. It is a bit like parents giving their children money so that the children can buy them presents.

The unjust steward abuses his master's money, driven by his own self-interest. Yet it is mercy that is the wealth of God that we are to share with others; God is "generous with his mercy", or, in some translations, "rich in mercy", as St. Paul tells the Ephesians. The Lord's Prayer speaks of debts as well as sin, because sin in a kind of debt. Yet it is a debt we have no claim on. We forgive the debt of other people's sins against us, because we are in such an enormous debt to God ourselves.
Taken from The Living Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." - LUKE 16:13
Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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!

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

Sept. 22nd St. Brigid's Catholic Church - Cavalier 11:00am – 2:00pm
Oct. 6th St. Mary's Catholic Church - Park River 11:00am - 2:00pm
Oct. 6th St. Boniface Catholic Church - Walhalla 2:00 - 5:00pm
Oct. 13th at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church – Langdon 4:00pm - 7:00pm

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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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 - 28th - Marilyn Shephard & Sally Waltz

St. Edward's Church cleaning for September/October – Cheryl Wilhelmi & Barb Settingsgard

40 Days for Life takes place September 15 to November 3. It is a peaceful, prayerful, and proven effective, pro-life campaign of over 750,000 prayer volunteers worldwide, has saved 14,643 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 177 abortion workers and has seen 96 abortion centers close. In Fargo alone, since the first campaign in 2007, we know of approximately 82 babies that have been saved from abortion. Here at St Alphonsus, we will pray the Rosary at 12:05PM Monday through Saturday at St Alphonsus Park as long as weather permits. On Sundays, we will pray the Rosary immediately after the 10:3 AM Mass in the Church.

Join us at Mass to celebrate Catholic Charities Sunday on September 28-29th! A video will be shown at Masses at St. Alphonsus. With your help we can continue to serve more communities and people all across North Dakota by bringing awareness and support to the adoption, pregnancy, counseling, guardianship, and disaster relief services we provide! Please let others know about these programs and help your neighbors in need with a generous donation! Learn more, give securely online or watch the video at www.CatholicCharitiesND.org. Thank you for your help and support – there is Strength in Community and to be successful we need everyone to participate!

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 through December 19th. Find comfort and support

MAPLE MANOR AUXILIARY FALL PIE SOCIAL will be held Friday, October 4th 2:00 – 4:00PM. Free Will Offering

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!!

Are you Trying to Cope With Life Alone? Check out "Beginning Experience" The Catholic Church does have a "Support Program" exclusively for divorced, widowed, & separated people. A "Beginning Experience Weekend" will be held at Maryvale near Valley City, Nov. 22-24, 2019. It is for Catholics and also for people of all faiths. For more information contact Bonnie (701-318-0949) or Marlene (218-998-4300) wild@ptel.com. See also the website: beginningexperience-easternmd.org.