

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

What violence and destruction are troubling you?

What vision do you hope will be fulfilled?

*2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

Has the Spirit grown stronger or weaker in you since Confirmation?

How are you helping guard the deposit of faith?

*Luke 17:5-10*

What recent experiences have increased your faith?

How are you serving Christ presently?

**WEEKDAY MASSES October 1 - 4**

Tues: **NO MASS TODAY** – Priests are at meetings

Wed: **NO MASS TODAY** – Priests are at meetings

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Ruth & Stacey Chaput

Shablow Family

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** Living & Deceased Members of Frank & Kathryn

**WEEKEND MASSES October 5 - 6**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Lois, Kelly, Olivine & Justin Mikkelsen

**Reader:** Nancy Kram

**EMHC:** Bernadette Fetsch

**Servers:** Muhs Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus**

Living & Deceased Members of The Knights of

**Reader:** Greg Fetsch

Columbus

**EMHC:** Dennis Karsky

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**9:00 am St. Michael's – Wales**

+Tilden, Alma & Richard Crawford

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Michael A. & Frances Hoffarth

**Reader:** George Podhradsky

**EMHC:** Bev Otto

**Servers:** EJ Cluchie

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Pat Wheeler

**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 22, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$6,562.69
Intentional Givers	\$430.00
Plate	\$290.00
Fuel	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,322.69</b>

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The moral of the story reflects the message of the scripture readings we have just heard. The first comes from the prophet Amos. He speaks of the horrific situation in northern Israel some eight hundred years before the coming of Christ. Excavations in the area where Amos preached confirm the picture he's left us: wealthy people living in incredible luxury, cheek by jowl with people deprived of virtually everything.

Then in the Gospel we hear again of a stark contrast between rich and poor. On the one hand, the rich man with his fine clothes, feasting lavishly at table. And, on the other, the wretched beggar, "covered with sores"; and the dogs (not pet dogs these but scavengers) licking at his sores; the poor man longs to feed himself with the scraps that fall from the rich man's table but they are beyond his reach. It's not that the rich man does Lazarus any positive harm; he simply doesn't notice him, despite the fact that he lies at his gateway day after day. Eventually, both men die, but what a difference in their eternal fates: for the rich man it's the torments of Hades, and for Lazarus, the poor man, it's the bosom of Abraham (heaven itself). The gulf between them is unbridgeable: Lazarus can't bring even a drop of cold water to relieve the thirst of the rich man.

Taken from The Living Word

### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." - LUKE 16:25-26*

**CD of the Week: A Catholic Millennial's Guide to Adulthood – Paul J. Kim** – The Millennial Generation has grown to adulthood. Having experienced many of the conveniences and pitfalls of new technologies, social media, student loan debt, and adult life, millennials have also developed a genuine desire to do something great with their lives, but often don't know how to get there. As fellow millennial Paul J. Kim shares with great humor and insight, tackling life's big challenges and desires for vocation, career, and greatness can give powerful witness to God and the gift of life. **Thank you for your support of "end of summer clearance sale"! Watch for new titles in the next few weeks!**

### **Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details**

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Catholic Church - Park River 11:00am - 2:00pm  
Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> St. John's Catholic Church - Grafton 11:00am - 2:00pm  
Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Boniface Catholic Church - Walhalla 2:00 - 5:00pm  
Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church – Langdon 4:00pm - 7:00pm

**Adopt a Student** is a program that we have, to help support our students that attend St. Alphonsus Catholic School. Adopt a Student is financial help that goes toward students' tuition and learning needs. We not only ask for a financial donation when you fill out the Adopt a Student card but also to pray for the students that they have a successful school year, successful learning path, and stay strong in their spiritual journey. The Adopt a Student cards are in the back of the church under the bulletins. You can either drop the envelopes in the collection box marked "Office – Jackie" or drop them off at Jackie's office. Thank you so much for supporting our students at St. Alphonsus Catholic School.

St. Alphonsus School is collecting Box Tops, Our Family Brand UPC codes, used printer ink cartridges and Coca-Cola bottle and box lids. The Coca-Cola box codes are on the little flap that you pull off the top. The codes consist of lots of number and letters. All these items can be dropped off at the entrance of the school and church and at the Bread Pan Bakery. We turn in these items to get money for our school. Thank you for your continued support.

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

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.

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

Catholic Daughters Meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

**Tuckpointing Update:** The Crew of 5 workers from South Dakota spent last week working on the areas of brick that needs repair. They left last Tuesday morning and will return next Tuesday, October 1st. They will be here until October 15th. At that time, they will be gone for a week and return on October 22nd.

St. Alphonsus Altar Society Fall Supper will be on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

40 Days for Life takes place September 25th to November 3rd. 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 12:05 PM Monday through Saturday at St. Alphonsus Park as long as weather permits. On Sundays, we will pray the Rosary immediately after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Church.

#### **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](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org).

**Grieve Share** will meet on Thursday's from 6:00 – 8:00pm at United Methodist church in Langdon through December 19<sup>th</sup>. Find comfort and support

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

Bishop Folda has asked the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo to participate in a **Traveling Diocesan Rosary Congress** from **October 6-13, 2019**. Along with many other Dioceses across our nation, we will spend a week in intensified prayer for the pressing needs of our time. This prayer will include the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, extended hours of Eucharistic Adoration, expanded hours of Confession, and praying the Rosary. **The Rosary Congress** will begin at St. Mary's Cathedral with the annual Walk with Christ for Life. It will then move from deanery to deanery each day, with various parishes hosting it. A printable poster and the schedule of events for the week can be found at <http://www.fargodiocese.org/rosarycongress>. A summarized schedule of hosting parishes is below:

**Sunday, Oct. 6** - Fargo, Cathedral of St. Mary

**Monday, Oct. 7** - Devils Lake, St. Joseph

**Tuesday, Oct. 8** - Harvey, St. Cecelia

**Wednesday, Oct. 9** - Wahpeton, St. Johns & LaMoure, Holy Rosary

**Thursday, Oct. 10** - Rugby, Little Flower & Langdon, St. Alphonsus

**Friday, Oct. 11** - Napoleon, St. Philip Neri

**Saturday, Oct. 12** - Grand Forks, St. Michael

**Sunday, Oct. 13** - Fargo, Cathedral of St. Mary

**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@prtel.com](mailto:wild@prtel.com). See also the website: [beginningexperience-easternmd.org](http://beginningexperience-easternmd.org).