

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 6, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*2 Kings 5:14-17*

Imagine yourself stepping into the Jordan with faith.

Do you expect a reward for bringing others to God?

*2 Timothy 2:8-13*

What sacrifice are you making to preserve our faith?

Is there any way you have denied Christ?

*Luke 17:11-19*

What "leprosy" of sin needs to be healed in you?

How do you feel when your kindness to another is unappreciated?

**WEEKDAY MASSES October 8 - 11**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Harold & Dolores Berg

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Art Spanier Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Kroetsch

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Wilfred & Imelda Chaput

**WEEKEND MASSES October 12 - 13**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Alex & Delina Chaput

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Mike Wild  
**Reader:** Corey Stremick  
**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth  
**Servers:** Regner Family  
**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Michael, Bill & Bertha Schneider  
**Reader:** Jackie Thom  
**EMHC:** Linda Kempel  
**Servers:** Volunteer  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Joe Tholkes  
**Reader:** Terian Chaput  
**EMHC:** Carla Horpestad  
**Servers:** Sean Gette  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Dorothy Sauer

**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 29, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,506.00
Plate	\$539.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,045.00</b>

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is good to keep these great saints in mind when we turn to the Gospel today. There is a harshness in Jesus' parable. He talks of servants (or, in some translations, slaves) and masters, a common reality in Jesus' time. He is attacking those religious leaders who thought that they deserved a reward for following God's law. It was as though they felt God owed them something. It is a common danger in religion to think we can save ourselves by our own good works; all God needs to do is to acknowledge what we have achieved by ourselves. God is there to hand out the prizes.

Jesus tells this parable to deflate our self-righteousness. After all, there is no equality between master and servant. Would you expect the master to tell the servant, after a day in the fields, to come and have a meal? No, it is more likely the servant would have to serve the master before eating his or her own supper. Why would the master be grateful to the servant, who is only doing his or her duty? Jesus is puncturing false ideas. If you see God with the eyes of faith you will realize that God is our creator and all that we have is God's gift. All that we possess we have received. In fact we are called to imitate God's generosity. When Jesus tells his disciples they must forgive seven times, they ask for an increase of faith. They need the grace to trust God. Jesus tells them that with only a little faith they can perform the impossible. Taken from The Living Word

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

*"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." - 2 TIMOTHY 1:7*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

**CD of the Week: The Virtue of Masculinity – Dr. Tim Gray** – Masculinity. In recent years, the meaning and discussion of this word has become controversial, and often confusing. Is all masculinity "toxic"? Dr. Tim Gray strongly asserts that while fallen masculinity does exist, authentic, God-given masculinity is a great virtue that is desperately needed in our world. Drawing on personal stories and cultural examples, Tim challenges men to face their fears about failing or "striking out," and encourages them to become the men they truly desire to be—in the image of Jesus Christ, the Perfect Man. **Watch for all the new books and CDs that will be arriving soon! Thank you for your support!**

### **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. Boniface Catholic Church - Walhalla 2:00 - 5:00pm

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> St. John's Catholic Church - Grafton 11:00am - 2:00pm

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing**

If you or someone you know has suffered from the physical, emotional, and spiritual effects of a past abortion, there is hope for healing. Rachel's Vineyard offers a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential weekend retreat for anyone: women, men, grandparents, and siblings who struggle with the feelings of loss that can accompany an abortion experience. The weekend begins on a Friday night and concludes on Sunday afternoon. **A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled for November 1-3, 2019.** For more information, or to register, please call Ruth Ruch at [\(701\) 219-3941](tel:7012193941) or email her at [ruch@i29.net](mailto:ruch@i29.net). All calls are confidential.

## **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 restoration crew of 5 came back this past week to work on repair areas of the brick on the Church (Oct 1-4). They will return on October 8th and work until October 15th. They will be gone for a week and resume the project 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.

Bishop Folda has asked the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo to participate in a **Traveling Diocesan Rosary Congress** from **October 6-13, 2019**. A Rosary Rally will be taking place in all 8 deaneries in our diocese. Here in Deanery 4, the Rosary Event will take place at St Alphonsus on Thursday, October 10th from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. It begins with Exposition and Adoration at 10:00 AM. Our school kids will join us for the first part of it. After the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will all pray the Rosary together. During that time, Confessions will be offered at 10:15-11:15 AM, 12:30-1:30 PM, 5:30-6:30 PM. We will also pray the Rosary at 12:05 PM for the 40 Days for Life in the Church. Mass will be held at the usual time, 5:00 PM. Resposition and Benediction will conclude the day at 10:00 PM. Come and join us.

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.

#### **Fellowship Hall cleaning for October – St. Gerard's Circle**

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

**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-easternnd.org](http://beginningexperience-easternnd.org).

Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up November 1-3rd, 2019 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at [www.fargodiocese-search.org/home](http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home) or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications due no later than Monday, October 14th.

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.