

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 13, 2019**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Exodus 17:8-13*

Are your arms weary from holding them up in prayer?  
Do you believe God will give victory in your struggle?

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:2*

How are you using Scripture for your correction and growth?  
How are you helping teach others the values of Scripture?

*Luke 18:1-8*

Do you persistently ask God for your needs?  
Who is "wearing you out" by their persistence?

**WEEKDAY MASSES October 15 - 18**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Dennis Lyons

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Lou & Ann Jakoubek Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Aelred Dettler

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Iris Lothspeich

**WEEKEND MASSES October 19 - 20**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +John Delvo

**Reader:** Colin Fetsch

**EMHC:** Holly Lyons

**Servers:** Muhs Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Richard & Evelyn Schill

**Reader:** Darlene Brooks

**EMHC:** Darlene Brooks

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales** +Delina Borho

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of The Catholic

**Reader:** Bonita Erickson Daughters

**EMHC:** Bev Otto

**Servers:** EJ Cluchie

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** LaVern & Margaret Chaput

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 October 6, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,691.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,921.67
Plate	\$467.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,079.67</b>

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those among the followers of Jesus who had heard his parable of the good Samaritan might not have been surprised at what happens in today's Gospel, in his encounter with the lepers. Jesus is on the road that borders Galilee and Samaria, so there is always the chance of a further comparison between the chosen people and those they regard as outsiders. The Samaritans are judged by the Jews to be foreigners and outsiders, so a Samaritan leper will be the outsider's outsider. Yet he is the one who comes back to Jesus and thanks him, praising God for what Jesus has done.

Luke's Gospel is often thought of as the Gospel of the revelation of the forgiveness and mercy of God. But it is also the Gospel that pays attention to the need for praise and thanksgiving, beginning with the first words of Mary's hymn of thanks to God on her visit to Elizabeth: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Savior." God's forgiveness and mercy are to be celebrated, not hidden from sight, and in particular we are to show our thanks by the way we in turn welcome outsiders into our world.

Taken from the Living Word

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

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - LUKE 17:18*

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

**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 bit challenges and desires for vocation, career, and greatness can give powerful witness to God and the gift of life. **Be sure to check out the new CDs and books that arrived this week! There's something for everyone! Thank you for your generous support!**

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

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

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Minto 11:00am – 2:00pm

**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.

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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Lois Hoffarth who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

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 (**TODAY**) 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.

**REMINDER:** The second half of the Bible Timeline Series will resume on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. We will be starting with the Royal Kingdom Part II.

40 Days for Life until November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at St Alphonsus Park as long as weather permits. **Please note this change: On Fridays, the Rosary will be offered at 11:00 AM (after the 10:15 AM Maple Manor Care Mass)** so residents can also participate. 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

**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

### Catholic Charities Sunday Reminder!

Thank you for your support so far of Catholic Charities North Dakota Sunday! We have received almost \$40,000 in donations, approaching 1/3 of our goal of \$150,000 so we still really need a lot more help! If you believe in offering hope and healing through counseling and pregnancy, parenting, and adoption services to women, men, and children in North Dakota please give online at [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org/donate) or mail your gift to: Catholic Charities North Dakota, 5201 Bishops Blvd Ste B, Fargo ND 58104.

**Your support gives strength to our communities across North Dakota!**

**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](mailto:wild@ptel.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 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Prolife Movie – Unplanned** showing at **Walla Theatre at Walhalla on Wednesday, October 23, 7:00pm**. Sponsored by the Walhalla Ministerial Association. All are welcome. Free Admission.

**Communion for the homebound:** do you know of someone who is not able to get to Mass due to medical or health reasons? Call Fr Phil or Fr Will to be put on our Communion Call List.