

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 20, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Oct. 27th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

What "complaint" do you want to make to God?
What prayer do you expect to be heard?

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Do you feel you've "merited the crown" yet?
How has God kept you from harm recently?

Luke 18:9-14

Pray with thanks for what you're doing right.
Think of our sins; pray "Have mercy on me."

WEEKDAY MASSES October 22 - 25

Tues: 5:00 pm +Dorothy Schroeder

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Peggy & Greg Beauchamp

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Oscar Beauchamp

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Bette Bata

WEEKEND MASSES October 26 - 27

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Paul Kram
Reader: Michael Neubert
EMHC: Carol Hoffarth
Servers: Regner Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Shirley Doherty
Reader: Judy Eppinette
EMHC: Harvey Metzger
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales +Jake Kram

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +JoAnn Beauchamp
Reader: Dennis Horpestad
EMHC: Diane Schill
Servers: Sean Gette
Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Dennis & Diane 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 October 13, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,223.00
Intentional Givers	\$275.00
Plate	\$125.00
Fuel	\$100.00
Total	\$2,723.00

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When St Paul writes to Timothy, the Bishop of Ephesus, he asks him to remember his teachers and all that he has learnt from childhood from the Holy Scriptures. Timothy would have grown up hearing stories from the Jewish scriptures, learnt the psalms in Hebrew and prayed them, and later, from his Christian mother, heard stories about Jesus. As a man dedicated to God, Timothy learnt about the power and necessity of prayer. Prayer was part of life: in the morning, in the evening, on the Sabbath, on Sundays and on feast days. The words of today's psalm response would have echoed in his heart, "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." He could trust that help would come from God and that he would be protected and guarded from evil or going astray. The story of Moses in the first reading would have reminded him of the need to be faithful and persistent in prayer, even when it was easier to fall asleep.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a widow who constantly comes to visit a judge to demand justice. You can imagine the tenacity of this woman; perhaps you know someone like her? She kept hammering on his door for justice. The lazy judge has lost interest in his work and really does not care for those who seek justice. He is comfortable, negligent and avoids his responsibilities to those in need. He simply sorts out the case to get some peace. In contrast, God will see justice done although, in human eyes, it may seem to take a long time. Presumably some of Jesus' followers were questioning whether it was worth praying because they didn't get the results they wanted. Jesus teaches that our fidelity is important, God's ways are not always our ways, but God is close by to help, guard and protect. We touch here a deep mystery.

Taken from The Living Word

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." - 2

TIMOTHY 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

CD of the Week: Totally His, Living in the Love of the Father – Sr. Bethany

Madonna, S.V. – Our weaknesses and our wounds can often make us feel inadequate. But as Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V. illustrates with her insightful humor and profoundly memorable stories, bringing these weaknesses and wounds to God the Father can allow us to become strong with the Father's strength, and to be healed by the Healer. "The Father Himself loves you... He wants to be with you, at every moment; in every suffering, every pain, every desire and longing." **Thank you for your generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!**

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

Nov. 3rd 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. All calls are confidential.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

Canon John Quinn will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

How do we begin to thank everyone for their combined effort to make our fall supper a success despite the blizzard? In order not to forget anyone, we won't say names - you will know who you are. Thank you to all those who came Saturday night to help with set up and preparation. It wasn't easy getting around that night and all the extra hands were a very welcome surprise. A huge thank you goes out to the street department for clearing our streets so quickly and to the businesses who went above and beyond to get our groceries and baked goods delivered. Thank you to the dressing crew for making the dressing, the meat cutters and the men who helped with the heavy lifting and electrical panels. The Altar Society circle chairs also deserve a special thank you for helping get word out with last minute changes. And of course, all the altar society ladies who worked, brought cakes and desserts and cooked turkeys all get a huge round of applause as well. We would also like to thank Father Phil for all his encouragement and assistance and to all those who came to support us by eating, buying raffle tickets and participating in the cake walk. We couldn't have pulled this off without all of you. We served 628 people and the raffle ticket winners were - 1st Nikki Schefter, 2nd Shirley Delvo, 3rd Sarah Pritchard.

Thank you, Bev Metzger and Lisa Howatt
St Alphonsus Altar Society Co-Chairs

The Catholic Daughter Gift Shop in the Fellowship Hall will be open Saturday, Nov. 2nd after Mass and Sunday, Nov. 3rd after 8:30 Mass, before, during and after the 10:30 am Mass. We have some nice new merchandise in, as well as other nice merchandise and sale items. If this isn't a good time for you, call and we will meet you. Margaret is also there most Sundays between the Masses. Call Bev 2562646 or Margaret 256-2901.

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

40 Days for Life until 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, 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

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.

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

Retrouvaille postponed: Due to the blizzard that hit North Dakota, the Retrouvaille weekend will be postponed until February 7-9, 2020.

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. See also the website: beginningexperience-easternd.org.