

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 27, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Nov. 3rd Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Do you show compassion and understanding to those in need?

How can we improve our relationships, both with God and with others?

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

How should Christians await the Lord's coming?

Let us give thanks and praise to God who loves us.

Luke 19:1-10

How have you misjudged others?

Do Christian people today have a tendency to exclude people?

WEEKDAY MASSES October 29 – November 1

Tues: 5:00 pm +Marvin Mikkelsen

Wed: 8:40 am +Francis & Betty Muhs - **Not School Mass see Friday**

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Viola Johnson All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation

Fri: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Vivian Crawford - All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation

10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Jack Bisenius All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation

5:00 pm +Tony & Clara Forest Family -All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation

WEEKEND MASSES November 2 - 3

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Bill Scheffer

Reader: Holly Lyons

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Michael, Bill & Bertha Schneider

Reader: Kitty Bachman

EMHC: Dennis Karsky

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Choir

St. Michael's – Wales NO MASS TODAY

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Mary Shankar

Reader: Jenny Chaput

EMHC: Darlene Rutledge

Servers: EJ Cluchie

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Duane & Bev Otto

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 20, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,788.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,083.67
Plate	\$440.60
Total	\$6,312.27

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While it does not say that Jesus was speaking directly to the Pharisees in today's Gospel, this may be assumed to be the case. The Pharisees were, after all, a group who considered themselves to be righteous. Generally, they would have looked down on others who were not of their group. For example, Jesus had already spoken to them about how they liked to take the places of honor at banquets. Now he is making a further point to this elite group about the need to root out their pride. What a way to do it, though, by comparing a Pharisee with a despised tax collector. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Romans; they were the scum of the earth as far as the religious authorities were concerned. Fancy holding up a tax collector as the one who goes home right with God!

The Gospel shows us that true prayer is always directed to God. True prayer comes out of our awareness of our total reliance on God. If virtue only goes skin deep and our relationship with everyone else is to look down on them, then pride is at work. Pride focuses our attention on ourselves and closes us to a proper relationship with God. Pride is about us exalting ourselves when we truly want to be exalted by God. To be exalted by God is to have the humility to recognize that God is all in all. Taken from The Living Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

Book of the Month: Something Other Than God: How I Passionately Sought

Happiness and Accidentally Found It - Jennifer Fulwiler had it all: a life of travel, a husband with a stack of Ivy League degrees, a swanky condo in the heart of Austin, and a beautiful first-born son. Then, one night, the questions she had been holding at bay by a life of fun and excitement came flooding over her. Raised in an atheist home in Bible Belt Texas, Jennifer mocked Christianity from her childhood. One fateful experience as an eleven-year-old caused her to experience the fear of mortality, which she only managed to ward off by focusing on the next big plan for her life. Once she began to allow herself to pose those questions again, she set out on a blog-writing and book-reading quest for the truth about suffering, evil, death, and whether or not Jesus Christ is who he said he was. A moving memoir of her conversion, Jennifer Fulwiler is poignantly, often hilariously, honest in *"Something Other Than God"*. **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.

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

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

Holy Day of Obligation on All Saints Day, November 1st: Masses will be Oct 31st at 5:00PM; Nov 1st at 8:40AM (School Mass), 10:15AM (Maple Manor Care) and 5:00PM.

No Mass at St Michael's, Wales on Sunday, November 3rd.

Please welcome Canon John Quinn who will 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. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Our Tuck-Pointing Project has been put on hold, due to the recent weather conditions. The restoration company from South Dakota will return in the spring to complete the repair project.

Fr Phil is in Chimbote, Peru for the Annual "Friends of Chimbote" Board Meeting. He returns to ND on November 3rd. He will be on a Priest's Retreat at Maryvale Convent on November 4-8.

Fall Supper hosted by St Edward's Church, the Lutheran Church and the Presbyterian Church at Nekoma on Sunday, November 10th from 12:00-4:00 PM at "The Pain Reliever". They are serving ham and turkey and all the trimmings.

St. Edward's Parish Meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 1:00pm at the Pain Reliever.

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.

New Parish Website: Check out our new parish website. It's at the same address - stalphonsuslangdon.com. It's wonderful! One of the new features is a parish calendar of events. It will be a very helpful resource for our parishioners. We had no choice but to change to a new web provider. The Diocese of Fargo's contract with the previous provider, Eliptic Technologies, Inc, ended on Oct 21st. If we didn't get a new provider before that date, we would have lost all our information. We transferred our subscription to eCatholic. It's a web provider that serves Catholic parishes, schools and institutions exclusively.

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.

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.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for November – 2nd - Jennifer Busse & Brooke Downs; 9th – Nicole Forest & Morgan Zeis; 16th – Heather Rime & Kim Schneider; 23 – Wanda Howatt & Denise Otto

Women's Care Center(Formerly FirstChoice Clinic) Friends Night Out! Join us on Thursday, November 7th for our 2019 Fall Fundraising Event to be held at the Memorial Building located at 508 4th Ave. NE. You'll have the opportunity to hear about the important and life-saving work done in our Devils Lake Center as well as to socialize, meet staff and enjoy a delicious meal. Consider being a table host and invite your friends and family! Register: www.teamfirstchoice.com. Questions or need help registering? Please contact Luanne at 701-662-2229 or luanne@wccnd.com