

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14*

How would you react if put in the seven brothers' place?  
Would you give up physical life rather than lose eternal life?

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5*

For what good work is God strengthening you?  
From what evil do you wish to be protected?

*Luke 20:27-38*

How can we better care for our widows?  
With whom are you waiting to be rejoined in heaven?

**WEEKDAY MASSES November 5 - 8**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Michael & Frances Hoffarth

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Lois, Kelly, Olivine & Justin Mikkelsen

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Ben & Marie Fetsch

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Howard Doherty

**WEEKEND MASSES November 9 - 10**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Anna Hoffarth

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Joe & Anna Mae Hansel

**Reader:** Nancy Kram  
**EMHC:** Bernadette Fetsch  
**Servers:** Regner Family  
**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Joe & Dolores Hoffarth

**Reader:** Carleen Schill  
**EMHC:** Alan Schill  
**Servers:** Volunteer  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Kathleen Delvo  
**Reader:** George Podhradsky  
**EMHC:** Bev Otto  
**Servers:** Sean Gette  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Wil & Sue 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 27, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

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| Adult Envelopes    | \$2,695.00        |
| Intentional Givers | \$330.00          |
| Plate              | \$439.05          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$3,464.05</b> |

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zacchaeus was a senior tax collector. Such people were despised in their own communities. First of all, they were collaborators with the occupying forces of Rome. They made their living by collecting taxes from the local people in order to support the oppressive structure of imperial Rome. But there was more; they made themselves rich by adding a premium to what they had to deliver to the Romans in order to cover their own expensive lifestyle. If they were going to be unpopular in any case, they might as well do it in comfort. Clearly, Zacchaeus was not happy with his way of life. He saw something in Jesus that was different. He wanted to know what it was, and so he climbed a sycamore tree that was along the way Jesus would pass, so that he could get a good view and maybe learn his secret.

He got more than he bargained for. Jesus not only saw him in the tree but called him down. Jesus did not join in the universal condemnation of tax collectors but on the contrary went so far as to invite himself to the home of Zacchaeus. The reaction of the crowd was predictable. They complained about Jesus associating with such a man. The reaction of Zacchaeus, however, was different. The way Jesus accepted him, not condemning or criticizing, helped Zacchaeus to see that he could change his life and do things differently. He was now ready to give back his ill-gotten gains and start afresh. Taken from The Living Word

### **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over.’” - LUKE 19:8*

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

**CD of the Week: Letter to the Youth – Pope John Paul II**'s papacy is marked by the ways he engaged with and was loved by the youth. Scores of young people were drawn to him from around the world by a magnetism that continues even today, in his sainthood. In his letter to the youth of the world, John Paul offers young people his encouragement to respond to Jesus' call to follow Him during this unique and critically important time of life. To them he writes: “In you there is hope, for you belong to the future, just as the future belongs to you.” **Donations keep the kiosks updated with new CDs and books!**

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

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.

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

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.

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

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

Catholic Daughters Meeting on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the cafeteria. Officers please wear white; we will have a service for deceased members.

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

Altar Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. This will be our last meeting for the calendar year. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Refreshments will be provided.

Fr Phil is on a Priest's Retreat this week at Maryvale Convent, Valley City. He will return on Friday.

### **NO ADORATION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019 (VETERAN'S DAY)**

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.

Fall Supper hosted by St Edward's Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church and the Presbyterian Church at Nekoma on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the Pain Reliever.**

**The Catholic Daughter Gift Shop** in the Fellowship Hall will be open Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> after Mass and Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Altar Society Dues are now due – special cash and retired members only dues may be paid by sending them to Candace Bimler, 10028 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE, Wales, ND 58281 or put it in an envelope marked "Altar Society" (be sure to include your name) and drop in the weekend collection baskets. Thank you.

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.

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

**Women's Care Center(Formerly FirstChoice Clinic) Friends Night Out!** Join us on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for our 2019 Fall Fundraising Event to be held at the Memorial Building located at 508 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.teamfirstchoice.com). Questions or need help registering? Please contact Luanne at 701-662-2229 or [luanne@wccnd.com](mailto:luanne@wccnd.com)

**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.