

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Malachi 3:19-20*

When you meet God, do you expect blazing fire? Or healing rays?  
Pray Psalm 98, asking that God's justice may rule on the earth.

*2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

What good work are you doing for others?  
Which best describes you: "busy" or "busybody"?

*Luke 21:5-19*

What is your greatest fear about facing your own death?  
How do you react when someone tells you the world is ending soon?

**WEEKDAY MASSES November 12 - 15**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Dennis Lyons

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Emil Schluender

Thurs: 5:00 pm Deceased Members of Louis Fischer Family Schneider Family

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** Living & Deceased Members of Elmer & Gerry

**WEEKEND MASSES November 16 - 17**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Rolland Beauchamp

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Joe, Ella, Kathy & Jerry Kram

**Reader:** Corey Stremick

**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth

**Servers:** Muhs Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Vincent Schaan

**Reader:** Gary Metzger

**EMHC:** Daryl Kempel

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Bernadine Mikkelsen

**Reader:** Terian Chaput

**EMHC:** Dennis Schill

**Servers:** EJ Cluchie

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Pat Wheeler

**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 November 3, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,163.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,946.67
Plate	\$495.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,604.78</b>

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the most part the people of the Old Testament had little awareness of an afterlife. For them, redemption came about through the restoration and preservation of the nation. They were God's chosen people and ultimately God would restore them and protect them from their enemies. They would live on and flourish through their children and the generations that followed. However, in the later books of the Old Testament, like the wisdom books and Maccabees, there emerges a belief that God has something more in store for them. Thus we hear one of the brothers in Maccabees able to speak confidently of God's promise of resurrection and new life.

When Jesus came into the world, his people were disputing all these matters and the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, provided him with the perfect opportunity to spell out his promise that we will rise again. He was singularly unimpressed with their convoluted arguments about who would be married to whom in the afterlife and pointed out to them that once this life is over, as children of God, we become children of the resurrection. Then we will realize that we are the one family of God and all belong to God and one another.

Taken from The Living Word

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." - 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17*

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

### **CD of the Week: Suffering & The Love of God – Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. –**

Why would an all-powerful, all-loving God allow suffering and evil in the world? As Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. explains, unsatisfying answers to this important question are the #1 reason for atheism today. But by answering this question with logic and love (as well as with scientific, peer-reviewed evidence for the existence of life after death), we can not only answer this question truthfully and satisfactorily, but also teach our fellow Christians how to suffer well, in preparation for the limitless love of God that awaits us in eternity. **Be sure to check out all the new titles in the kiosk!**

**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@prtcl.com](mailto:wild@prtcl.com). See also the website: [beginningexperience-easternd.org](http://beginningexperience-easternd.org).

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

St. Alphonsus School is collecting Box Tops, Our Family Brand UPC codes, used printer ink cartridges and Coca-Cola bottle and box lids. The Coca-Cola box codes are on the little flap that you pull off the top. The codes consist of lots of number and letters. All these items can be dropped off at the entrance of the school and church and at the Bread Pan Bakery. We turn in these items to get money for our school. Thank you for your continued support.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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 a hors d'oeuvre to share. Refreshments will be provided.

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

In less than one hour, learn your best options for Medicare and Supplement Health Insurance at a free workshop, sponsored by Catholic United Financial, a financial services company that honors your Catholic faith. When is the best time to enroll in a Medicare plan? Is it possible to close gaps in my Medicare coverage? Our guest speaker will answer these questions and more. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at St. Alphonsus. Nothing will be sold at this workshop. To RSVP for this workshop, contact Philip Zubrod at (701) 840-8560 or [workshops@catholicunited.org](mailto:workshops@catholicunited.org). Catholic United Financial is not connected with or endorsed by the US government or the federal Medicare program.”

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.**

**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](http://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, Eloquent 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** – 9<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Forest & Morgan Zeis; 16<sup>th</sup> – Heather Rime & Kim Schneider; 23 – Wanda Howatt & Denise Otto

Jen Lagein is holding an Introductory Session on the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. The system provides natural choices for achieving and avoiding pregnancy as well as procreative wellness. The Introductory Session will be Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the Religious Ed Center at St. Joachim Catholic Church in Rolla. Contact Jen Lagein at 701-367-6386 to register. Cost \$25.

The Langdon Presbyterian Church will host a soup & sandwich luncheon at noon on Sunday, Nov. 17, with a concert by the Balyeat Family at 1:00pm. Free-will offering. Please join us for food, fellowship, and some inspirational country music!

**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.

**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