

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** First Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

Which is the "highest mountain" in your life today?  
Where do you need better instruction from God today?

*Romans 13:11-14*

What "deeds of darkness" must you cast off?  
What "armor of light" do you seek from God?

*Matthew 24:37-44*

Will you be "taken" or "left" at Jesus' coming?  
How can we better prepare for his return?

**WEEKDAY MASSES November 26 – 29**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Mike & Laurie Sauer

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Margaret Kartes Holman

Wed: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** Rose Lorenz **Note change of day**

Thurs: 9:00 am +Brenda Kay Kartes – **Thanksgiving Mass – Note change of time**

Fri: **Maple Manor No Mass today - see Wednesday above**

**WEEKEND MASSES November 30 – December 1**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** Pray for David Zeis Jr.

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Mark & Della Metzger

**Reader:** Michael Nuebert

**EMHC:** Bernadette Fetsch

**Servers:** Muhs Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of Albert & Theresa

**Reader:** Darlene Brooks

Muhs Family

**EMHC:** Bill Brooks

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Francis & Loran Illerbrunn

**Reader:** Pat Wheeler

**EMHC:** Pat Wheeler

**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 November 17, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,258.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,153.67
Plate	\$280.50
Fuel	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,742.17</b>

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today's Mass readings also use imagery to describe Christ's unique kind of kingship. We hear about David, the shepherd king, an image that Jesus himself found inspiring. He had no doubt watched shepherds leading their sheep, placing their own bodies at night across the doorway of the sheepfold to protect them. It was a lonely, dangerous life, and Jesus identified strongly with that role. Our second reading uses the image of a head, indivisible from the rest of the body, but sustaining and guiding it. St. Paul sees the Church as a body with Christ as its head, reconciling and unifying all creation in himself.

Our Gospel reading offers a more powerful image still. St. Luke describes a scene of execution, with Jesus hanging on the cross between two criminals. Undefended against an unjust conviction; humiliated at the hands of his enemies; dying an agonizing death – there could not be a more vivid image of a servant king bearing the suffering of those who look to him for rescue. This was not a kind of leadership the Jewish high priest or Roman procurator Pontius Pilate could easily comprehend. They enjoyed wealth and status, and were prepared to exercise power corruptly in order to keep it. A proper king, they assumed, would use his regal status to further his own interests. This was the test they put to Jesus: "If you are king of the Jews, save yourself." They could not understand that the test of a true king is not whether he can save himself, but whether he is willing to save his people. Taken from the Living Word

## **Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*"... giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." - COLOSSIANS 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

**Book of the Month: Prayer Primer: Igniting a Fire Within – Fr. Thomas Dubay, S.M.,** a renowned spiritual director and author, presents a profound and practical book on the most important of all human activities, communion with God. In this four-part work, Fr. Dubay addresses the questions of many lay people and provides answers on how to pray while still living in the world. He addresses essential questions on why we ought to pray, how we ought to pray, different types of prayer within the Church, and liturgical and family prayers with clarity and insight. The last section of the book addresses common questions from his experience as a spiritual director about types of prayer encountered outside of the Church, and how to use solid discernment with the guidance of the Church when encountering these things. Using foundation stones from the Bible, the Catechism, and the writings of the saints, Fr. Dubay builds a work to help beginners in prayer and encourage them on their ascent to God. **Donations keep new CDs, books, DVDs, etc. coming!**

**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.

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

**Welcome** Grady Patrick Hedger, son of Mathew & Ashton who was baptized last weekend. May he continue to be filled with grace.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held this Thursday at 9:00AM Mass.

**Happy Thanksgiving!** We are so blessed! We have so much to be thankful for. We are free to worship God as we choose in our country. We pray in thanksgiving for the many gifts that God gives us. The offertory collection on Thanksgiving Day will be given to the poor of Chimbote, Peru.

Please Note: Mass at Maple Manor Care will be held on Wednesday, November 27th at 10:15 AM (moved from Friday).

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

NO Religious Ed Classes and CYO on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome Home, Deacon Eric Seitz! He will be returning from his Deacon Formation Program on Saturday, November 30th.

"Journey to the Inn:" The Knights of Columbus are hosting a special prayer service as we begin the Season of Advent. "Journey to the Inn" is about one hour in length and will be held next Sunday, December 1st at 2:00 PM at St Alphonsus Church. We hope you can join us.

**Altar Society Position Open** - The St. Alphonsus Altar Society is in need of a co-chair to fill the vacated position of Bev Metzger. Or if you have someone you would like to work with, there is the option to take over both co-chairs for all business other than the fall supper, which Bev and Lisa would still be in head of. If you are interested or know of anyone who would be a good fit for the job, please contact Lisa Howatt at 256-3757 or Bev Metzger at 256-5803. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this matter.

The Catholic Daughter Gift Case has Advent Candles as well as one Advent Wreath for sale in the Gift Case.

**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.

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for November** – 23 – Wanda Howatt & Denise Otto

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Alphonsus School's annual "Festival of Trees" will be held on **Sunday, December 8th**. This year's theme is "A Journey to Bethlehem." Come and enjoy joyful Christmas music, food, silent auction, beautiful themed trees, and a walk-through Bethlehem. If you are interested in donating a silent auction basket, decorating a tree, etc, please contact Sue Bata @ 256-2354 ext. 128. More information to come as time draws near!

**St. Alphonsus School is currently selling raffle tickets for the following prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>:** \$1,500.00 Cash; **2<sup>nd</sup>:** \$1,000.00 Cash; **3<sup>rd</sup>:** 500.00 Cash. Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at SAS Christmas Tree Festival (need not be present to win). Tickets can be purchased from any family that has a student attending SAS, any school board member  
or by stopping at the SAS School office. Ticket price is \$10.00.

**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

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.

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.