

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**DECEMBER 29, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord**  
*Isaiah 60:1-6*

How have you radiated light, hope, joy to someone this week?  
What gift of prayer and praise have you given to God this week?

*Ephesians 3:3-6*

Whom have you scorned, and need to recognize as co-heir in grace?  
Think of, and pray for, someone you have misjudged or resented.

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Have you ever traveled far for a religious event? Recall its blessings.  
How have you given homage to Christ during the Christmas season?

**WEEKDAY MASSES December 30 – January 3**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Fr. Gerald McCarthy Holy Day of Obligation  
Wed: 9:00 am +Jim Bachman Holy Day of Obligation  
Thurs: 5:00 pm +Dan & Kenny Dosmann  
Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Lawrence Kartes

**WEEKEND MASSES January 4 & 5**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Edna Rose  
Reader: Corey Stremick  
EMHC: Carol Hoffarth  
Servers: Muhs Family  
Musicians:

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Gerry Waltz  
Reader: Darlene Brooks  
EMHC: Dennis Karsky  
Servers: Volunteer  
Musicians: Bob & Choir

**9:00 am St. Michael's – Wales** +Fr. Larry Haas

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Dorothy Schroeder  
Reader: Terian Chaput  
EMHC: Bev Otto  
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 6:45pm

**Weekly Reflection for December 22, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,040.00
Intentional Givers	\$330.00
Plate	\$369.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,739.00</b>

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's Gospel provides two accounts of important journeys. The Holy Family flee for their lives to Egypt because of the persecution of King Herod who is about to slaughter the Holy Innocents. Joseph shows his trust in God when he listens to the angel who appears to him in a dream and takes action to protect his family. Mary and Joseph, with their vulnerable child, Jesus, head south by the coastal road towards Gaza, the desert and Egypt. Parents will be able to imagine the fear of Mary for her child. Their future is unknown and they can depend only on each other and God. Their example serves to encourage and strengthen families who flee for their lives. Later they travel back to Nazareth, the home town of Mary. Life is to be more stable and Joseph will work as a carpenter. Perhaps he worked as a carpenter on the large Roman construction site at Sepphoris near Nazareth. He would be like so many of the people in the Church who have travelled to find work in the building trade and on construction sites. Faithfully Mary and Joseph handed on the Jewish faith to Jesus who learnt his prayers and celebrated the feasts of his faith.

The flight into Egypt is a reminder that Joseph, the dreamer and man of the multicolored coat, was sold into slavery by his brothers and found new life in the kingdom of the Pharaohs. Although this Joseph was a victim of betrayal in his family, God protected him and later reunited his family around him. As God brought Moses and his chosen people out of the slavery of Egypt, so God will lead Jesus and his family back to Nazareth. There he will grow and mature to become the one who will proclaim the kingdom of God and form a new people of God around him, later the Church. As the baptized, we are called into his family and to serve, love and build our families in faith and prayer.

Taken from The Living Word

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*"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." COLOSSIANS 3:18-21*

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

**Book of the Month: A World of Wonder: The Adventures of Nick & Sam** - Signs and Wonders Are Everywhere! In A World of Wonder, the fifth book in the Adventures of Nick and Sam series, the Perry twins take part in the Great Easter Monday Snowball Battle, learn of an amazing mystery revealed in a church fire, and become the subject of a science project. These experiences teach Nick and Sam that God, like the world he created, is mysterious and wonderful. **Be sure to check out all the titles for the Youth, CDs and books!!!**

**Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages** - Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally **February 7-9, 2020** in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at [RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:RedRiverRetrouvaille@fargodiocese.org).

**WOMEN – THIS ONE IS FOR YOU!** Redeemed 2020 Conference – *Trusted Sisters: Blessed to be a Blessing; Becoming the Woman God Created You to Be!* The conference begins Friday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Fargo Avalon Events Center. The Vigil Project, through sacred music and personal testimonies, will guide you in worshipping Our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a social hour. Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, you will gain a new perspective on your femininity in relation to God and others through speakers, as well as Mass with Bishop Folda, confession, and fellowship with other women. For details and to register go to [fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen](http://fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen). Register by March 1, \$50 (after March 1, \$75). All food and refreshments included.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

January 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation, Masses for Mary, the Holy Mother of God are: Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am.

Altar Server, Reader and EMHC Schedules lists are in the church sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out.

**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1. Have a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

There is a sign-up sheet for Altar Servers, Readers and EMHC's New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses at the back of the church.

We will be having an Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. The Constitution will be read at this meeting.

**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.

**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 January** – 3 – Jayla Askvig & Jaime Zeis; 10 – Julie Regner & Nancy Downs; 17 – Lori Roy & Mauri Roy; 24 – Sally Kram & Marie Mack; 31 – Vicki Samuelson & Diane Schill

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.

**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.

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

You're invited to join us on Wednesdays at 12:05 PM as we pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn. It will take place at the Church unless there is an afternoon funeral scheduled.

**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.

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.