

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Jan. 19th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

How are you serving God at this time?

How have you brought light to another this week?

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Consecrate yourself to God, and pray for holiness.

Call on the name of the Lord for a special intention.

John 1:29-34

Where have you seen Christ this week? What testimony can you?

What evidence of Christ-likeness could John give about you?

WEEKDAY MASSES January 14 - 17

Tues: 5:00 pm +Ron Mikkelsen

Wed: 9:00 am **School Mass** +Vivian Crawford & Rose Mullarkey

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Jack Bisenius

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Edna Rose

WEEKEND MASSES January 18 & 19

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +Tilden, Alma & Richard Crawford

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Paul Kram
Reader: Colin Fetsch
EMHC: Bernadette Fetsch
Servers: Muhs Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Rallan Beck
Reader: Gary Metzger
EMHC: Harvey Metzger
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch
Reader: Dennis Horpestad
EMHC: Dennis Horpestad
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 6:45pm

Weekly Reflection for January 5, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,747.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,931.67
Plate	\$433.15
Fuel	\$5.00
Total	\$7,116.82

The Baptism of the Lord

St. Peter wrote that, after being anointed by the Spirit, Jesus “went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil”. After forty days in the desert, where the devil tempted him to abandon his mission, Jesus began to create the Church (not so much in those days an institution as a movement), “the way” they used to call it; his followers, like him, were committed to “[going] about doing good”. Over the centuries since, religious communities were formed in the Church to go about doing good in extraordinarily selfless ways. All over the world, in the poorest and most desperate places, the followers of Jesus are still to be found, caring, teaching and loving. Nearer home there are, for example, street pastors, and Christians running food banks, hostels and soup kitchens for those who are homeless, caring for people who are sick or elderly, and for children with emotional and physical difficulties.

Yet our baptism is not so much a sign of our commitment to God and to “doing good”, but of God’s commitment to us. The Father’s voice told Jesus, “This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him.” At our baptism God says the same to us. We became God’s beloved sons and daughters, and God’s favor rests on us. When Peter baptized the Roman centurion, Cornelius, he explained that “anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him”. And our Catholic churches are full of people of many nationalities.

Taken from The Living Word

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And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” MATTHEW 3:17

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

CD of the Week: Purgatory: Our Forgotten Family – Dr. Mark Miravalle – What is Purgatory? Does it exist? Does it matter? As professor and speaker Dr. Mark Miravalle explains, not only is the doctrine of Purgatory true, and deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, but the practice of offering prayers and sacrifices for the souls of the dead is a critically important responsibility for every member of the Body of Christ-the family of the Church. **Donations keep the kiosks updated with new 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 or contact us at (701) 356-7962 or via email at 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 27th, 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 28th, 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. Register by March 1, \$50 (after March 1, \$75). All food and refreshments included.

St. Alphonsus School is collecting Box Tops, Our Family Brand UPC codes, loaves4learning UPC codes on the Dakota Heart products, 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 David Fetsch who was called home last week. May he rest in the love of the Father.

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on (today) Sunday, January 12th from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend. All proceeds go to Cavalier County Friends for Life.

Cavalier County Friends for Life - it is time to pay your annual membership dues or you can become a member.

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

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.

If you would like to send a card to Seth Skjervheim his address is St Gregory the Great Seminary, 800 Fletcher Road, Seward, NE 68434.

Our Christmas Dinner was a success again this year. With the take out dinners we served 205 people. I would like to thank all those who helped with the dinner, and who helped us clean up, your help was greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes out to Judy Illerbrunn for her decorating, the parish center looked very inviting, and for all her help. Here's a big Thank you to everyone. Dennis, Carla and Travis Horpestad

Our Parish Mission: will be held February 15-18 here at St Alphonsus Church. Fr Brian Gross of Watford City, ND is our spiritual director. He will preach at the weekend Masses (Feb 15-16). Mission Talks will be given on Sunday, Feb 16 at 2:00 PM; Monday and Tuesday, Feb 17 & 18 at 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendars!

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.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for January – 10 – Julie Regner & Nancy Downs; 17 – Lori Roy & Mauri Roy; 24 – Sally Kram & Marie Mack; 31 – Vicki Samuelson & Diane Schill

Do you or do you know someone who struggles with painful periods, irregular cycles, miscarriages, infertility or want to avoid a pregnancy? Are you ready to use a system of fertility awareness that is 100% natural and can be used to help with all the issues listed above? Jen Lagein, FCPI offers an instructional course in the Creighton Model System of FertilityCare, scientifically proven to be as effective as any hormonal birth control in avoiding pregnancy and three times more effective than IVF in achieving pregnancy. An Introductory Session is scheduled at St. Joachim's Religious Education Center in Rolla from 7pm-9pm on January 16th. To register, call Jen at 701-367-6386. No fee for Introductory Session.

Women's Care Center

As we continue to grow and serve the women and families of the Lake Region, we will be transitioning our Largest Baby Shower to the Women's Care Center Gift Card Drive. Many of you have been so generous throughout the past years and we are very blessed by your continued support! This change will allow us to better stock our store (Crib Club) as we are in need of specific items and allows us to purchase big items that we are unable to store. Walmart and Amazon gift cards are what we are currently in need of. An Amazon wish list has also been created with a few items that we are in need of, in addition to gift cards. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the women and families we serve! Drop off locations are St. Joseph Parish Center, Bethel E Free, River of Life, First United Methodist and Women's Care Center.

Amazon list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LGIGW48TR6E0?ref_=wl_share