

**PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 58:7-10*

What corporal work of mercy have you done for family and neighbor?

What have you done for the hungry, naked, homeless or oppressed?

What false accusation or malicious speech are you guilty of?

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

How are you putting your faith in God's power rather than human wisdom?

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Where have you "gone flat" in your Christian life?

What good example did you show someone this week?

**WEEKDAY MASSES February 4 - 7**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Jack Bisenius

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Betty (Wilhelmi) Bata

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Ruth & Stacey Chaput Family

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** Sr. Donna Jean Chaput

**WEEKEND MASSES February 8 & 9**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Lawrence Schiestel

**Reader:** Holly Lyons

**EMHC:** Holly Lyons

**Servers:** Regner Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Rose Lorenz

**Reader:** Jackie Thom

**EMHC:** Linda Kempel

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**St. Michael's - Wales** **NO MASS TODAY**

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Young Ja Kim

**Reader:** Dennis Horpestad

**EMHC:** Carla Horpestad

**Servers:** Volunteer

**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 January 26, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$11,767.15
Intentional Givers	\$430.00
Plate	\$292.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,489.15</b>

# The Presentation of the Lord

In some traditions today marks the end of Christmastide: indeed, the continental custom of leaving the crib in the church until this feast day is becoming more widespread. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel are effectively a Gospel within a Gospel. They are made up of the infancy narratives, which provide us with the good news that God has become incarnate, but by including the prophetic voices of Simeon and Anna they also introduce us to the passion and resurrection.

The Church reinforces the message of today's feast by using the prophet Malachi to help us see the significance of Jesus entering the Temple, and the letter to the Hebrews prepares our minds for the ultimate sacrifice, culminating in the passion and death which is the destiny of this child. In due course we will hear Jesus inviting us to bridge the gap between his people's history and the importance of the Temple because the new Temple will not be a building but himself.

Taken from The Living Word

## **The Presentation of the Lord**

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

**Book of the Month: More Christianity – Dwight Longenecker** – In a time when thousands of Christian denominations exist, and Protestantism still remains strong in the United States, why be a Catholic? *More Christianity* gives thorough and insightful answers to many of the main questions and hotly contested debates that arise from non-Catholic Christians. Lest someone think Longenecker presumes to piggyback or cash in on C.S. Lewis' work, or set himself up as Lewis' successor, that is not the case. What he does-and does brilliantly-is present the doctrine of the Church with succinct explanations of topics that arise in Catholic/Protestant discussion: common ground in the Scripture, the role of tradition, the Mass the papacy, Marian dogmas, purgatory, the communion of saints, prayer, and more. This abridged edition of his work leaves nothing wanting and invites the reader to consider many of Lewis' greatest triumphs of Christian apologetics as well as some of his deficiencies. In Longenecker's skilled hands, *More Christianity* leads the disciple into knowing that he follows Christ when he follows Peter's successor in the Catholic Church. **Thank you for your thoughtful and generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!**

**Jesus is inviting you to Eucharistic Adoration!** "Could you not spend an hour with me?" Mt. 26:40. If not an hour, could you spare half an hour? 10 minutes? Jesus is pleased with everything you give Him, no matter how small, and he will bless you abundantly! If you long to be loved and filled with God's endless mercy; if you need your cup to overflow with healing and hope, then turn to Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Don't miss this beautiful opportunity. To learn more about Eucharistic Adoration, the "What is Eucharistic Adoration?" brochures are available at both entrances of the church, or connect with Karla Gellner at 256-5496.

**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). Please keep these couples in your prayers throughout the weekend.

NOTICE: Fr. Phil has asked us to work on establishing a data base of all who have attended St. Alphonsus School since 1921 (not necessary to have graduated). If you have a class list or know of someone who does we would appreciate getting that information. Parents, it would be helpful if you could supply information on your children too. Any information would make our job much easier. What we need is name (maiden and married), years attended, living or deceased, address and maybe email. You can email information to us [dbbrooks@utma.com](mailto:dbbrooks@utma.com) or call us at 701-370-5266. Thank you . . . Bill & Darlene Brooks

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Welcome** Kensi Ann Bimler, daughter of Stacey who was baptized last weekend. May she continue to be filled with grace.

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Donald Girodat who was called home last week. May he rest in the love of the Father.

Knights of Columbus will have a Ham, Eggs & Hash browns breakfast on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend

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.

Altar Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a retreat next Sunday (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>). Retreat begins by attending the 10:30AM Mass; followed by the KC Breakfast. Two talks will be given from 12:30 to 2:30PM. We hope you can attend.

**The 33rd Annual Friends for Life Brunch** will be held **Sunday, Feb. 23th** at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria from 9:00am – 1:00pm. If you can help by working, donating food or monetary donations we would be very grateful! Please sign up in the entry of the church. We will be serving potato pancakes, French toast, pancakes, egg bake, sausage, muffins, juice and coffee. Cavalier County Friends for Life - it is time to pay your annual membership dues or you can become a member.

Wales Fire Department Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall (Wales) serving Hickory Hut Sausage, Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs. Free will donation

**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.

**CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE:** St. Alphonsus students and staff will be selling the raffle tickets to support the HOT LUNCH PROGRAM. 100% of the ticket income stays with the school. Catholic United Financial pays for all the prizes. Grand Prize is a 2020 Buick Encore or \$20,000.00. Plus, a lot of other prizes. Your generous support of this fund raiser will be greatly appreciated.

**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!

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for February** - 7 - Kathy Halzle & Jane Hayen; 14 - Patty Fetsch & Andrea Lorenz; 21 - Sheila Beauchamp & Dawn Christianson; 28 - Karie Blake & Helen Berg

**Suicide the Ripple Effect** – A film and a movement for hope and healing. Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Roxy Theater in Langdon. Who should attend: Adults and older teens. Younger teens are recommended to be accompanied by an adult. Free Event! Pop and Popcorn provide by Choice Financial. For more info contact: Cavalier County Health District at 256-2402.

Pork and Dumpling Dinner at St John Nepomucene Church basement, Pisek on February 23rd. Serving 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Free will offering. On the menu: roast pork, dumplings, sauerkraut, cranberries, kolaches. Take-outs available

Mardi Gras Party on Fat Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Parish Center in Grafton from 6:00 – 8:00pm \$40.00 per person. Serving Salad Bar, Choice of Prime Rib or Chicken; Choice of Twice Baked Potato or Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll, Dessert and Beverage (This is an alcohol-free event). For tickets please call Frank 701-520-1730 or St. John's Catholic Church 701-352-1648. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will be donated to St. John's Youth Ministry