

**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Feb. 16th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

We are taught to keep the commandments, for behaving faithfully is within our power.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul warns believers against basing their faith on human wisdom instead of God's wisdom

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus did not reject the Jewish scriptures but brought them back to basics: Love of God and of neighbor. Our lives should reflect this love.

WEEKDAY MASSES February 11 - 14

Tues: 5:00 pm +Isabelle Fetsch

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +John E. Delvo

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Romaine Schaan

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +George & Nelda Marcotte

WEEKEND MASSES February 15 & 16

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +Betty Laternus

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Oscar, Peggy & Greg Beauchamp

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 +Mike Sauer

Reader: George Podhradsky

EMHC: Bev Otto

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Duane & Bev Otto

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 February 2, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$9,011.83
Plate	\$265.71
Total	\$9,268.54

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There is clarity in Jesus' teaching about the need to be his witnesses; to be bearers of light. Jesus calls his followers to proudly stand up and be bold in sharing the new life that they find in him. To know Jesus is to be living in the light, and this light cannot be hidden. The analogies that Jesus uses are very clear. It's all about visibility brought about through loving service. Those good works, which followers of Christ would naturally want to engage in, will be a beacon for others.

Today's Gospel reading is preceded in Matthew by the Beatitudes, Jesus' revolutionary teaching about how we are called to see ourselves in the way that God sees us. Jesus shows us that those who, in the eyes of the world, live in the darkness are in fact those who are truly blessed. These are the ones who share in the sufferings of Christ. These are the ones who have the light. This light is a light to be shared so that safe harbor may be found by all and thus fitting praise be given to God our loving Father. Taken from The Living Word

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"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

CD of the Week: The Ventures of Faith – St. John Henry Newman – Following Christ can entail fear, risk, and uncertainty. But as St. John Henry Newman boldly preaches, this reality reveals how crucially important and worthwhile it is to undertake such a venture. "No one among us knows for certain that he himself will persevere; yet every one among us, to give himself even a chance of success at all, must make a venture...and in this consists the excellence and nobleness of faith." **Now is a great time to stock up on CDs and/or books for the upcoming Lenten season. Thank you for your generous donations!**

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.

Calvary Cemetery - Langdon would like to "Thank You" for your donations in the past. If you are interested in making a donation for the upkeep, maintenance and the purchasing of flowers for Calvary Cemetery there are envelopes at the back of the church. Make checks payable to Calvary Cemetery. You can mail them to Calvary Cemetery, c/o Jack Wild at 11021 Highway 66, Osnabrock, ND 58269 or drop them off with Jackie at the Parish Office or drop in the collection box marked Calvary Cemetery.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Cemetery – Mount Carmel would like to thank you for your donations in 2019, we appreciate you keeping us in your gift giving decisions through Memorials, bequest, and donations. Your gift helps us to offset the cost of improvements and general maintenance to keep our Cemetery a beautiful resting place for your loved ones. We ask that you consider making a donation in 2020 to continue keeping our Cemetery beautiful.

St. Michael's Cemetery - Wales thanks you for your past donations. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of our cemetery, donations can be sent to St. Michael's Cemetery c/o Marc Greening 9891 93rd Avenue NE, Wales, ND 58281

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Our Sympathy to the family of Emil Lorenz who was called home last week. May he rest in the love of the Father.

Knights of Columbus will have a Ham, Eggs & Hashbrowns breakfast on Sunday, February 9th (today) from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend

Parish Mission: A Second Collection will be taken at Masses next weekend for the expenses of the Parish Mission.

Knights of Columbus will have a supper and meeting at the Eagles on Tuesday, February 11th with social at 6:30pm and meal at 7:00pm. Regular meeting following supper. Spouses and widows of past members are welcome.

Meeting Date Change – Timeline Bible Study – Due to the parish mission we will not meet on Sunday, Feb. 16th instead we will meet on Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 2:00PM.

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 11th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a retreat next Sunday (Feb. 9th). 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. 23rd** 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.

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 - 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 12th 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 Sunday, 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 25th 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

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.