

**SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Leviticus 19:1-2*

The Lord commissions his people to imitate him in holiness, and shows that love is the heart of both divine and human law.

*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

The heart of St. Paul's teaching is the indwelling of the Trinity within us. Here he uses the illustration of our bodies being temples of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 5:38-48*

Jesus renews the call to holiness and shows some of the practical applications necessary.

**WEEKDAY MASSES February 18 - 21**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Marvin Mikkelsen

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Betty Muhs

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Shankar

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Rita Crockett

**WEEKEND MASSES February 22 & 23**

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

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

**Reader:** Colin Fetsch

**EMHC:** Holly Lyons

**Servers:** Regner Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Richard & Evelyn Schill

**Reader:** Greg Fetsch

**EMHC:** Dennis Karsky

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales** +Elmer Schneider

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Edna Kakela

**Reader:** Jenny Chaput

**EMHC:** Dennis Schill

**Servers:** Volunteer

**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 February 9, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$6,858.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,211.67
Plate	\$242.10
Fuel	\$45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,356.77</b>

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus brings us back to the basics of our faith: love of God and love of neighbor. Jesus says he is not contradicting the Jewish scriptures and the Ten Commandments, which give a framework of discipline and order. However, he is opposed to the legalistic type of religion the scribes and Pharisees have built upon them, full of petty rules which have little to do with God's Law. "If your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven," he warns.

Jesus healed on the Sabbath, which was against the Law. He spoke to women in public, which was taboo. Jesus says that the Pharisees have so defined the Law in their own terms that they have missed the point. And so he begins to expound the Law as it pertains to six subjects: murder, adultery, divorce, oath-taking, retaliation, and love for one's enemy. Instead of a litany of more commandments, Jesus looks to the spirit of the Law. The presence of God's life within us is the real reason the Law commands us not to kill others, and not to lie about them or steal from them. In other words, we are called to love like God loves. It is the challenge presented by the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus himself lived up to this ideal. His life of love and compassion is the kind of life we are called to live. Taken from  
The Living Word

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

**CD of the Week: 13 Reasons Why You Matter – Noelle Garcia** – Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for youth and young adults. Yet despite the many TV shows, movies, and articles on this topic, suicide, depression, self-harm, and loneliness remain difficult subjects for adults of any age to discuss. Speaking with honesty, humor, and personal experience, Noelle Garcia tackles these issues head-on, encouraging those who are struggling (or know someone who is) that God's mercy and love are waiting for them; that you, and your life, truly matter. **This is a great follow up and resource to the movie "Suicide: The Ripple Effect" that was shown at the Roxy on February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

***Decora ~ Discover Your Feminine Genius ~ Mind-Body-Spirit a day for high school and college age women Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-4:00pm at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church, Fargo, ND.*** Come and enjoy inspiring speakers, fun breakouts, delicious food, fashion show, time for personal prayer/reflection, and a guy panel! Free for students. \$35 for non-students (Includes meals and materials) Information and registration -- [bisoncatholic.org](http://bisoncatholic.org) (Click on the banner.) Registration deadline February 23. Questions: [decorafargo@gmail.com](mailto:decorafargo@gmail.com) Note: High school women are encouraged, but not required, to share this special day with their mom or female mentor.

**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

**There is a box at the back of the Church to recycle old palms for Ash Wednesday**

**Parish Mission:** A Second Collection will be taken at this weekend's Masses for the expenses of the Parish Mission.

**Meeting Date Change – Timeline Bible Study** – Due to the parish mission we will not meet on Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> instead we will meet on Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

This weekend, February 16-17, is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. Please bring the personalized commitment card you received in the mail to Mass with you as we join together to support our Catholic Church. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket.

**The 33rd Annual Friends for Life Brunch** will be held **Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

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

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 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

Theology on Tap for Young Adults 21 & Up is Sunday, Feb 23 at Fargo Brewing Company (610 N University, Fargo). 5pm Social Hour with FREE Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, & Salad. 6pm Guest Speaker Jonathon Spaid (FOCUS Team Director at NDSU) presentation, "St. Augustine - A talk about conversion, friendship, finding your true self, and moms". For more info, contact Jeff Benda [jeffinfargo@gmail.com](mailto:jeffinfargo@gmail.com).

**Women's Redeemed Conference 2020: Trusted Sisters, Friday & Saturday, March 27-28, Fargo Avalon Events Center.** What does authentic sisterhood in Christ look like? All of us desire a sense of community. We desire friendships where we can be strengthened and provide support for one another. A community of trusted sisters. This year's women's conference delves into what it looks like to live as a beloved daughter of the Father while growing in love as trusted sisters of one another. The conference begins Friday evening with adoration and confession, with music and testimonies led by The Vigil Project. Saturday will include keynotes, (Dr. Helen Alvare, Dr. James Link, Nell O'Leary) time to meet with other women, and Mass with Bishop Folda. Concludes with a social. Space is limited, registration required. FargoDiocese.org/RedeemedWomen or 701-356-7900. Early bird registration discount ends March 1.

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.