

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for March 1st First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9

What temptations are hardest for you to resist?
How do you act when recognizing you have sinned?

Romans 5:12-19

Offer today's fast and abstinence for the world's hungry.
What is your greatest disobedience? Jesus died for this.

Matthew 4:1-11

What acts of fasting or self-denial are you choosing for Lent?
What positive spiritual practice are you choosing this Lent?

WEEKDAY MASSES February 25 - 28

Tues: 5:00 pm +Dorothy Schroeder

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Jon Delvo **ASH WEDNESDAY**
6:30 pm +Edna Kakela **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Idella Moisse

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Jack Bisenius

WEEKEND MASSES February 29 & March 1

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Gerry Waltz

Reader: Michael Neubert
EMHC: Bernadette Fetsch
Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Osyp & Antonia & Leo Bobynskyj

Reader: Greg Fetsch
EMHC: Dennis Karsky
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Mary Mann

Reader: Terian Chaput
EMHC: Dennis Horpestad
Servers: Sean Gette
Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Dorothy Sauer

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 16, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,236.00
Plate	\$313.00
Fuel	\$50.00
Total	\$2,599.00

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus restates this goal of being holy in his teaching, "You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." In order, words, we are called to be configured to the divine life, the eternal love that is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus also gives practical teaching about how to achieve this: love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, break the vicious circle of violence by not striking back violently. Our goodwill and our acts of love cannot be just for those we know and love but should embrace everyone, just as God creates and sustains all that there is.

This can appear to be an impossible goal. With all of the malice and violence in the world, how can we hope to achieve this perfection? Certainly, left to our own devices, it would be impossible. But God gives us the necessary help to configure us to the divine life. In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul explains that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. This not just a pious image; it is the basic reality of our Christian life. When we live in a state of friendship with God, the Holy Spirit dwells within us, to adapt us to the supernatural life that is the life of God. It is not forced on us from outside but is an internal configuration, to help us to become holy, to help us become perfect. Taken from *The Living Word*

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Book of the Month: Trouble with Lent – In the fourth book of "The Adventures of Nick and Sam", the Perry twins are celebrating Lent at school, at church, and with their family. The family discusses what they will be giving up for Lent, and Nick and Sam experience some struggles with their choices throughout the Lenten season. A new boy, Riley, joins their class. He's obsessed with Big Foot, and he and Nick get into some strange adventures seeking the famous creature. Sam enters the school spelling bee, and she struggles with temptation when someone tries to help her cheat. The kids learn about temptations, sacrifices, poverty, and the love Jesus along the way. The chapters follow along the calendar for the season of Lent and lead right into the joy of Easter Sunday.

Read a book or listen to a CD for Lent this year! Thank you for your generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!

Lenten Ecumenical Services - all are at 7:00 PM.

March 1st – Presbyterian Church

March 8th – St Alphonsus

March 15th – Langdon United Methodist Church

March 22nd – United Lutheran

March 29th – New Hope

April 5th (**Palm Sunday - Concert**) – Emmanuel

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.

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 Edi Ann Otto who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

Masses for Ash Wednesday will be Wednesday, February 26th at 8:40am (school Mass) & 6:30pm

COME JOIN US TODAY! The 33rd Annual Cavalier County Friends for Life Brunch is today, Sunday, February 23th at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria from 9:00am – 1:00pm. We will be serving the famous potato pancakes, French toast, pancakes, egg bake, sausage, muffins, juice and coffee! We would love to have you join us!!

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7:00pm during Lent

Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry every Friday during lent. The first one will be on Friday, February 28th. Serving from 5:00 – 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Everyone welcome

Catholic Daughters meeting on Monday, March 2 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Capital Campaign Update: As of January 31, 2020.

Total Legacy pledges \$675,814.41. Total paid Legacy pledges \$456,791.22. Legacy Pledges unpaid \$219,023.19. Please continue to pay your pledges and thank you to all that have paid their pledges in full. Because of your paid pledges we have received the Catholic Extension Grant funds of \$33,000.00 for the church repairs and Hommerding Grant funds of \$43,132.00 for all repairs. From other donations, memorials, etc., we have received \$22,918.73 in contribution to all repairs.

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. Our parish goal is St. Alphonsus \$36,334.00 St Edward's \$2,782.00 and St. Michael's \$3,033.00. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. If you do not have a card, please fill out a commitment card located in the entry of the church. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent...

Instead, you can join us for BEST LENT EVER—a free email program that will help you have a deep, powerful and unforgettable Lent! It's not what you give up. It's who you become. Sign up now at <https://dynamiccatholic/bestlentever>

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. **THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE TICKETS!!**

Fellowship Hall cleaning for February - 21 - Sheila Beauchamp & Dawn Christianson; 28 - Karie Blake & Helen Berg

Cavalier County Memorial Hospital Foundation's Chili Feed & Fixings on Tuesday, February 25th from 5:00 – 7:00pm or until gone at the Eagles Club. There will be a 50/50 raffle and bingo at 7:30pm. Free will offering event proceeds will go towards the continued needs of CCMH & Clinics.

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

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.

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.