

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

**MARCH 1, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for March 8<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent**

*Genesis 12:1-4*

What special blessing have you received from God lately?  
Ask God's help in any significant changes (work, residence, etc.)

*2 Timothy 1:8-10*

What is your greatest hardship or challenge at this time?  
Ask for the grace to live a holy life, according to God's plan.

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Take a special time "on the mountain" in prayer, soak in God's glory.  
What "cross" do you expect to bear tomorrow: Ask Jesus' help to face it.

**WEEKDAY MASSES March 3 - 6**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Eddie Perius  
Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Justin Kruk  
Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Ann Hall  
Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Gerry Waltz

**WEEKEND MASSES March 7 & 8**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Tom Fischer  
**Reader:** Nancy Kram  
**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth  
**Servers:** Regner Family  
**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Wayne Gendreau  
**Reader:** Carleen Schill  
**EMHC:** Daryl Kempel  
**Servers:** Volunteer  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales** +Tony & Clara Forest Family

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Jerry Dunmire  
**Reader:** George Podhradsky  
**EMHC:** Bev Otto  
**Servers:** Volunteer  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** LaVern & Margaret Chaput

**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 23, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,014.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,813.67
Plate	\$233.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,060.67</b>

# First Sunday of Lent

We cannot turn on and off the joy of worship, like hitting the switch on the electricity, or turning a tap. We go to church to be inspired, and this means we depend on the power of the Holy Spirit. The great writers on prayer warn us that prayer does not always generate a great deal of feeling. The power of the Holy Spirit penetrates the whole human being, and there is more to a human being than feeling.

Yet we seek peace in prayer and worship. The trick is to try to be indifferent to feelings, not to be continually looking for “highs”, which might be followed by very deep “lows”. Instead we follow Our Lord into the desert, to trust in God alone, to live by God’s word. We should remember, though, that Jesus also sang hymns at the Last Supper before he went to Gethsemane. Good music is a part of the worship of God, and the Psalms are fundamentally songs. The singing does not need to be perfect; it just needs to be sincere.

Above all, we should remember how important worship is. In the story of Christ’s temptations in the wilderness, which we heard as today’s Gospel, the devil was trying to disrupt Jesus’ worship. It speaks volumes that the devil saw worship as the most important thing to disrupt in a human life. The devil wanted to be worshipped, not for its own sake, but because idolatry is the best way to stop people worshipping God. Taken from The Living Word

## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”*

*MATTHEW 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

**CD of the Week: The Hidden Power of Forgiveness - Jeff Cavins** unmask the trap of unforgiveness that prevents so many from living in the freedom of God’s peace and halts spiritual progress. He explains with clarity how forgiveness frees not only the one who is forgiven, but the forgiver. The importance of this is shown in Christ’s words, “As you forgive others, so I will forgive you.” Matt. 6:14. **Donations keep the kiosks updated with new CDs and books!**

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

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Presbyterian Church

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** – St Alphonsus

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Langdon United Methodist Church

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – United Lutheran

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – New Hope

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** (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.

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.

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 Mary Spaeth who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

First Saturday of the month Mass will be held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Church. The Mass intention is for +Gerry Waltz

2nd Collection next weekend on March 7th and 8th will be taken for the Langdon Ministerial Association. Each year during Lent, we take a collection to help those in need right here in our community. The money received stays here to help those who need assistance with food and other needs. We pay for motel rooms for people in need. Your generous contribution will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to St Alphonsus Church.

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

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. 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.

The World Day of Prayer will be held on March 6 at 2:00pm at the Presbyterian Church.

**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.

Last weekend was our parish Commitment Weekend for the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. We would like 100% participation in sharing Christ's mission in the Diocese of Fargo.

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>

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for March - 6 -** Marla Zeis & Candace Bimler; 13 – Janine Witzel & Penny Hoffarth; 20 – Deb Lutman & Andrea Moser; 27 Barb Crockett & Carla Horpestad

Rejoice! On Laetare Sunday, March 22nd, St. Edward's Church in Drayton is hosting a classical piano performance by Jay Hershberger, professor of piano at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. It will feature Chopin and Schubert. The performance will begin at 2:00 PM with a dessert buffet and beverages to follow. There will be gluten-free deserts available, too. A free-will offering is being asked for to help with the cost of major repairs to our geothermal system.

**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