

**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

**MARCH 8, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for March 15<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**

*Exodus 17:3-7*

How do you handle grumblers? Are you one?  
What is your greatest "thirst" here in this "desert"?

*Romans 5:1-8*

What disappointment is testing your hope?  
Do you believe you are cleansed by Jesus' death?

*John 4:5-42*

What would you ask Jesus if he appeared personally?  
Pray for "living water", God's Holy Spirit.

**WEEKDAY MASSES March 10 - 13**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Msgr Wiederholt

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Emil Schluender

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Shankar

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +John B. & Julianna Kram

**WEEKEND MASSES March 14 & 15**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus**

Living & Deceased Members of Medric & Laura  
**Reader:** Holly Lyons Chaput Family  
**EMHC:** Holly Lyons  
**Servers:** Muhs Family  
**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus**

Living & Deceased Members of Clarence, Genevieve  
**Reader:** Gary Metzger Lorraine Ballweg Families  
**EMHC:** Harvey Metzger  
**Servers:** Volunteer  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Dorothy Schroeder  
**Reader:** Dennis Horpestad  
**EMHC:** Diane Schill  
**Servers:** Sean Gette  
**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 March 1, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,211.00
Intentional Givers	\$100.00
Plate	\$573.00
Fuel	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,984.00</b>

## Second Sunday of Lent

Truth, compassion and kindness feature very strongly in the life of Jesus, and so does climbing mountains. Last week we heard how the devil took him up a “very high mountain” to tempt him. And in the Gospel today Jesus led Peter, James and John up a “high mountain” – not any old mountain but a high one. High mountains are dangerous, people die on them; climbers need stamina, determination and strength. Was Jesus making the same point as Brian Blessed? That life is about challenges and that a life of ease is no life at all? And that it should be combined with compassion and caring for people? In its own way caring can involve hardships, and in the long term may be as difficult as climbing Everest. St. Paul urges us to bear hardships for the sake of the Gospel, but he adds, “relying on the power of God”. God our Father asks us to reach out for his help.

Abraham was called by God to an adventure even more challenging than Brian Blessed’s expedition into the jungles of Venezuela. The Lord told Abraham to leave his homeland and his family, and travel into the unknown. It was to be a life involving great hardships and sacrifice. How could he be sure it was the voice of God and not some imaginings of his own mind? He acted in faith. But the hardest part is always summoning the courage and trust to get on and do it, “relying on the power of God”. The apostles had a similar call, and told Jesus, “We have left everything and followed you.” It is the same struggle that many Christians grapple with as they seek their vocation in life.

Taken from The Living Word

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

*“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” GENESIS 12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

### CD of the Week: Love - Sacrifice - Trust – Fr. Mike Schmitz - Fr. Mike Schmitz

shares important insights on the meaning of the Christ’s cross. He shows how God’s rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross in order to reestablish trust in the Father and the understanding that love requires sacrifice.

Stations of the Cross - includes reflections on the Lord’s passion and death, accompanied by moving audio dramatizations from the Truth and Life Audio Bible. **Be sure to check out all the new titles in the kiosk!**

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

[March 8<sup>th</sup>](#) – St Alphonsus

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

[March 15<sup>th</sup>](#) – United Methodist Church

March 29<sup>th</sup> – New Hope

[April 5<sup>th</sup>](#) (Palm Sunday - Concert) – Emmanuel

Do you or do you know someone who struggles with painful periods, irregular cycles, miscarriages, infertility or want to avoid a pregnancy? Are you ready to use a system of fertility awareness that is 100% natural and can be used to help with all the issues listed above? Jen Lagein, FCPI offers an instructional course in the Creighton Model System of FertilityCare, scientifically proven to be as effective as any hormonal birth control in avoiding pregnancy and three times more effective than IVF in achieving pregnancy. An Introductory Session is scheduled at St. Joachim’s Religious Education Center in Rolla from 7pm to 9pm on March 10<sup>th</sup>. To register, call Jen Lagein at 701-367-6386. No Fee for Introductory Session.

**Donations for Easter Flowers** can be made by filling out the below form and may be placed in the collection marked “flowers” or brought to the parish office by Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

In Memory of/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

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

Join Deacon Eric Seitz for **How to Read the Bible**. Deacon Eric will explore how the Church reads the Bible and cover some of the most difficult and confusing Biblical passages. Meet in the Parish Center at 6:30PM on the following Wednesdays: March 18<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and April 15<sup>th</sup>."

**Cavalier County Friends for Life** would like to thank everyone who joined us for the 33rd Annual Brunch. A huge thank you to all the workers who volunteered their time and hard work, we couldn't have done it without you! Also, a big thank you to everyone who gave monetary donations, food donations, and to all who attended the brunch!

2nd Collection will be taken for the Langdon Ministerial Association this weekend. 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. If you are not ready to make a contribution today, you may put your donation in the collection next week (indicate it's for the Ministerial Association) or stop in the Parish Office. Thank you!

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** - 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

**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](http://FargoDiocese.org/RedeemedWomen) or 701-356-7900.