

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

MARCH 15, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for March 22nd Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Do you see yourself as “anointed by God”? Has the Lord’s Spirit rushed upon you?
What are you chosen for?

Ephesians 5:8-14

In what ways are you “in the dark”?
In what ways have you awakened?

John 9:1-41

For what sins do you think you might deserve misfortune?
What goodness have you failed to see in yourself?

WEEKDAY MASSES March 17 - 20

Tues: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Howard & Shirley Doherty Family

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

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Joy Koropatnicki

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Edna Rose

WEEKEND MASSES March 21 & 22

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Sonia (Chaput) Heinle

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Bernadette Fetsch

Servers: Regner Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Shirley Doherty

Reader: Greg Fetsch

EMHC: Dennis Karsky

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael’s – Wales +Alex & Delina Chaput

10:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Marvin &

Reader: Jenny Chaput Bernadine Mikkelsen Family

EMHC: Carla Horpestad

Servers: Volunteer

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 March 8, 2020: This week’s reflection of the parishioner’s relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,131.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,211.67
Plate	\$239.25
Improvements	\$5.00
Total	\$6,586.92

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Although they worshipped the same God, and shared many of the same beliefs, Jews despised Samaritans, in large part because the Samaritans believed that Mount Gerizim, rather than the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, was the correct place to worship the Lord. Many Jews avoided traveling through Samaria. Jesus, however, felt impelled to go there. The verse just before our Gospel reading says, "he had to cross Samaria". That intensity of desire to win back the people of Samaria reminded the Gospel writer, perhaps, of Jacob's unquenchable love for Rachel. Jacob's well was deep, as wells are in that region, and it was the hottest hour of the day. What a perfect setting for the story of God's burning love for us and of our deep need for God.

One can imagine the travel-weary Jesus asking humbly for hospitality wherever he went, including on his journey through Samaria. No doubt he often encountered people at wells. Samaritans might be reluctant to talk to a Jew, but Jesus could quickly turn everyday chatter into heart-to-heart encounters. We hear echoes of such conversations in today's Gospel. He started off by asking for a drink; soon Jesus was saying, in effect: "Come to know the living God. Let God's Spirit become a source of life within you."

The Samaritan women in our story evidently had a colorful past, which Jesus was quick to recognize. The meeting with Jesus turned out to be no brief encounter, but a love that would never die. The woman at the well, who was probably looked down on by the other residents of her town because of her troubled marital history, would go on to take Jesus' words of life and love to them. And as the Gospel writer tells us, "Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on strength of the woman's testimony. Taken from The Living Word

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"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

CD of the Week: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues – Bishop Robert Barron -

Join noted Professor of Theology and author, Fr. Robert Barron, in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the Seven Deadly Sins - those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others - and the antidote to them, the Seven Lively Virtues! Fr. Barron uses Dante's DIVINE COMEDY to expose these sinful patterns in our lives and show how they are effectively counteracted by the cultivation of virtue through the development of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness and holiness. **Donations keep new CDs, books, DVDs, etc. coming!**

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

March 15th – United Methodist

March 22nd – United Lutheran

March 29th – New Hope

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

*Congratulations to our Second Graders
who received their First Reconciliation*

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 30th. Thank You.

In Memory of/honor of _____

From _____

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Our Sympathy to the family of Jean Kartes who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

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

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 18th, March 25th, April 1st, and April 15th."

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

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 God's Gift Appeal. St. Alphonsus is 19% towards our goal of \$36,334.00, St. Edward's is 8% towards our goal of \$2,782.00 and St. Michael's is 15% towards our goal of \$3,033.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the entry of the church. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

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.

One week left to register for the REDEEMED Women's Conference! *Sunday, March 22 marks your last chance to register for this exciting event.* After that, registration will close. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet in Fargo on March 27-28 together with women from across our region. We will have the chance to encounter Christ deeply, aided by the stirring music of *The Vigil Project* during Eucharistic adoration; to be refreshed through powerful keynotes by Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, and others; and to grow in friendship as Trusted Sisters in Christ. Visit www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen to find all the details and get registered now.

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 or call us at 701-370-5266. Thank you . . . Bill & Darlene Brooks

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.

St. Alphonsus School is collecting Box Tops, Our Family Brand UPC codes, used printer ink cartridges and Coca-Cola bottle and box lids. The Coca-Cola box codes are on the little flap that you pull off the top. The codes consist of lots of number and letters. All these items can be dropped off at the entrance of the school and church and at the Bread Pan Bakery. We turn in these items to get money for our school. Thank you for your continued support.