

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

MARCH 22, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for March 29th Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

What is dying (decreasing) in your spiritual life?

What is rising (increasing) in your spiritual life?

Romans 8:8-11

How are you still living in the “flesh” (sin)?

How are you showing life in the “spirit” (grace)?

John 11:1-45

Are you grieving someone’s death? Pray for them.

Speak to Jesus in prayer, using Martha’s confession

WEEKDAY MASSES March 24 – 27

“Our priests are offering two Masses a day for our intentions.”

- Tues: +Dennis Lyons
+Tilden, Alma & Richard Crawford
- Wed: +John Biewer
+Elmer Schneider
- Thurs: +Vincent Schaan
+Vivian Crawford
- Fri: +Lawrence Kartes
+Gerry Waltz

WEEKEND MASSES March 28 & 29

Sat: St. Alphonsus +David Fetsch

St. Alphonsus People of the Parishes

Sun: St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members Albert & Theresa
Muhs Family

St. Alphonsus +Beatrice Delvo

Weekly Reflection for March 15, 2020: This week’s reflection of the parishioner’s relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,268.00
Plate	\$235.00
Total	\$2,503.00

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

For up to date information please check the parish website at
www.stalphonsuslangdon.com

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We see the process of coming to faith dramatized in today's Gospel. Jesus is in Jerusalem for the feast of Tabernacles. As part of this festival the Jews carried water from the Pool of Siloam to the Temple, which was illuminated by the blaze of four sets of great candles. Against that background Jesus claimed that he was the light of the world. Today the Gospel begins with a healing of a blind man. Jesus puts a mud paste on his eyes and tells him to wash it off in the Pool of Siloam. The man's physical sight is restored. This creates a stir. The man is interrogated about the miracle. When asked who performed it, he gives a factual answer, "The man called Jesus." But the miracle divides the Pharisees. Some recognize God's hand in the healing but others see Jesus as a sinner for breaking the Sabbath. The man is put under pressure, begins to assert himself and recognizes that Jesus must be a prophet. The Pharisees check out his parents to see if he was really born blind but they are afraid; they acknowledge their son, and that he was blind, but won't say any more. So back to the man the Pharisees go. They want him to deny the miracle. Now the man becomes bolder and says, in effect, "Jesus has given me my sight, and surely God doesn't listen to sinners?" But they are blind to the facts and cast out the man.

Finally, Jesus returns to the scene and challenges the man, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" When the man wants to know who he is, Jesus tells him that he can see him now. But it is not just physical sight; he now has the spiritual insight to acknowledge Jesus in faith, "Lord, I believe," he says, and he worships him.

Taken from The Living Word

4th Sunday of Lent

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

CD of the Week: The Healing Power of Confession - Dr. Scott Hahn presents the historical and biblical origins of the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), which is probably the most misunderstood of the Seven Sacraments. He provides an important guide for new Catholics, a source of renewal for "old hands", and a challenge to all of us to deepen our relationship with Christ through regular use of the Sacrament of Penance. **"Thank you for your support of Lighthouse Catholic Media Products!"**

All Lenten Ecumenical Services – scheduled for 7:00 PM on Sunday's have been cancelled (March 22nd, March 29th & April 5th) due to the Coronavirus Pandemic

The Middle School Extravaganza (Rally) is cancelled. This event for students in grades 6-8 was to happen on Saturday, April 18, 2020 in Wimbledon, ND. Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this event this spring.

The SEARCH weekend for April 17-19, 2020 has been cancelled. Again because of the Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having this last weekend of Search for this school year. Stay tuned for next school years SEARCH weekends.

Donations for Easter Flowers can be made by filling out the below form and drop it in the mail (209 10th Avenue) by Monday, March 30th. Thank You.

In Memory of/honor of _____

From _____

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

For up to date information please check the parish website at www.stalphonsuslangdon.com

Observing The Lord's Day at home

Sunday has been observed as The Lord's Day since the time of the apostles. Ordinarily, we attend Mass. However, since for the time being, we are unable to celebrate Mass publicly, it is necessary for us to observe The Lord's Day in our homes. To there are many ways to do this.

1. Find our Sunday Celebrations at Home program on our website (or call the parish for details)
2. Recite the rosary as a family
3. Spend thirty minutes to an hour reflecting on the scriptures of the day
4. **Watch a TV Mass - 10:30am – WDAZ Channel 8/WDAY Channel 6**

Just because the world has shut down doesn't mean or faith shuts down too. We can pay to God under any circumstances.

NO Stations of the Cross until further notice

NO Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's until further notice.

NO Eucharistic Adoration until further notice.

NOT CANCELLED: Rosary on Wednesdays at 12:05 will be held in the church. Men's group (40 Days in the Desert) will go on as planned on Wednesday mornings at 6:30am

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How to read the Bible is now online. Same time, different place. To watch the live events, go to www.stalphonsuslangdon.com: Find the How to read the Bible announcement on the front page(scroll down). Click it. Find the video box on the new page. Click it. Enjoy! The video will go live at 6:20PM, and the program will start at 6:30. All the other videos will be archived underneath. The next broadcast will be on Wednesday, March 25th. If you have questions you would like to have Dcn. Eric answer, just contact Fr. Phil either on the parish line or on his cell phone.

For those who use Discord, we have a chat room set up. Email eric.seitz@fargodiocese.org to receive a room invite. (Not on Discord? Signing up is free and easy to do.)

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>

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the REDEEMED Women's Conference scheduled for March 27-28 has been canceled. Plans are currently underway to reschedule the conference for early 2021. The new dates will be communicated in the weeks to come.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for March - 20 – Deb Lutman & Andrea Moser; 27 - Barb Crockett & Carla Horpestad

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.

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.