

**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 10, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 17th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Have you asked for the gift of the Holy Spirit?
Do you expect the things Philip did to happen today?

1 Peter 3:15-18

Can you speak gently and respectfully, confident of salvation?
Is your conscience clear, so none can dispute your Christianity?

John 14:15-21

Are you obeying God's commands, so you can expect the Spirit?
How do you recognize God's Spirit working in you?

WEEKDAY MASSES May 12 - 15

Tues: 5:00 pm +Tom, Josie, Jean & Garth Downey
Wed: 8:40 am Living & Deceased Members of Lou & Ann Jakoubek Family
Thurs: 5:00 pm +Gerry Waltz
Fri: 10:15 am +Rose Lorenz (**Mass will be at the church**)

WEEKEND MASSES May 16 - 17

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Felix Essler & In honor Judy Essler

Reader: Colin Fetsch
EMHC: Not at this time
Servers: Regner Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Oscar, Peggy & Greg Beauchamp

Reader: Gary Metzger
EMHC: Not at this time
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Dorothy Schroeder

Reader: Dennis Horpestad
EMHC: Not at this time
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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 May 3, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,648.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,211.67
Plate	\$20.00
Fuel	\$5.00
Total	\$5,884.67

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Thomas is like that young child. He asks a very similar question after Jesus has spoken to the disciples about leaving them and about preparing a place from them to follow. Jesus will soon be executed. He is preparing them for the traumatic shock they will soon experience and these are among his final words before his death. Thomas was one of the bemused disciples. He was trying to trust Jesus' words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me," but Thomas didn't really understand what Jesus was talking about. Jesus calls his disciples back to the fundamental relationship of trust and assures them that he is not abandoning them. Rather, he is returning to his Father, and he tells them that this is also their final destination. There are many dwellings in his Father's house, and he goes to prepare a place for them, so that they will be with him and dwell with him in his intimate relationship with the Father.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we can trust in God's plan for us without knowing the details. An eternal home is being prepared for us. Jesus' words to the disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled" and "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" are words we can keep in our mind throughout our life journeys.

Taken from The Living Word

5th Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

CD of the Week: Full of Grace – Vinny Flynn - Renowned speaker, author, and musician Vinny Flynn makes the angel's message at the Annunciation come alive with meaning and relevance by delving into Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the writings of St. John Paul II. Vinny helps listeners understand the deeper significance of the words of the Hail Mary prayer and the angel's greeting, offering penetrating insights into the role of our Blessed Mother in God's plan of salvation.

Thank you for your generous support of Augustine Institute and Lighthouse Catholic Media!

St. Ann's Indian Mission in Belcourt – May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you throughout this East Season! We wish to thank you for all your generous support in this past year. Your support has enabled us to keep St. Ann's Indian Mission going. Without your sacrificial offerings none of these vital services could be sustained. Your generosity and prayers are truly helping us to grow closer to Christ and to bring others to Him. May our Lord bless you superabundantly and protect you during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cavalier County Food Pantry would like to thank St. Alphonsus Parish for their generous cash donation. The money will help the families we serve every month. Your willingness to help vulnerable families is even more critical now that we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. This provides nutritional meals to families in our area. Thank you again!

St. Edward's Church cleaning for May/June – Sharlene McGregor, Vicki Kubat & Kathy Skjervheim

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

Our webpage has updated information. It is a good way to connect during this challenging time of social distance. We invite you to check our website regularly.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Please check out our parish website www.stalphonsuslangdon.com For the following: Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 10:30am, Homilies, Sunday celebration guide, talks and up to date information.

Tuckpointing update: the project is almost completed; they will return next week to finish their work.

Property Purchase: The house and 2 lots just west of the Church is available for purchase. Our parish has made several attempts to buy the property for several years. Those efforts helped pave the way to making the purchase possible. I have been in communication with the owner. She is asking for the assessed tax value of the property: \$32,000.00. I asked the Parish Council for their approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase at our April 21 meeting (via Zoom). The money to pay for it would come out of our Reserve Fund. I wrote a letter to Bishop Folda requesting permission to buy the property. I am proposing this location would be where a new rectory be built. It would give us room to expand the Fellowship Hall someday in the distant future.

Altar Server, Lector, EMHC Schedules are in the sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out.

Confessions: our weekly schedule – Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00PM, Saturdays 4:00-5:00PM will be held in the Adoration Chapel.

Sunday Masses at 10:30AM will be live-streamed each week during the pandemic. Go to our website, stalphonsuslangdon.com. It can also be viewed any time after the live broadcast.

Reminder: our new Donation Contribution Boxes are installed. They are located at the main entrance of the church, the handicapped entrance and the front door in the school.

Wreaths and Flowers may be placed at Calvary Cemetery in Langdon and St. Edward's Cemetery in Nekoma from Sunday, May 17th through Sunday, May 31st.

Due to COVID-19, the St. Alphonsus School Foundation annual meeting will not be held this year. If you have any questions you may contact Holly Lyons at 256-3717.

The Board, Staff and Volunteers of the Pregnancy Help Center wish to thank you and every member of your congregation for your extreme generosity in responding to the 2020 Baby Bottle Campaign! Once again, the Campaign has been an overwhelming success and we cannot thank you enough for being part of this life-affirming ministry by your willingness to participate in this endeavor! Happy Spring!

Real Presence Radio is holding their annual Spring Feed My Sheep fundraising event on May 12 - 15. Tune in to hear amazing stories of renewal of faith, returning to and growing your faith. We will also be sharing wonderful stories about some of the incredible priests and parishes in our dioceses, hear from some of our supporters about how Real Presence Radio has made a difference in their lives and....daily contests! You can support the Real Presence Radio fundraising event in two ways: Call 877-795-0122 – 7AM – 7PM CST - May 12-15 or Donate online at www.realpresenceradio.com Your donation supports one of the greatest resources we have to find answers about the Catholic faith and grow in your companionship with Jesus.

NOTICE: We are planning to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Alphonsus School next summer (2021) 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

