

**SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**MAY 17, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 24<sup>th</sup> The Ascension of the Lord**

*Acts 1:1-11*

Are you waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit?

Do you see yourself as a witness?

*Ephesians 1:17-23*

The Holy Spirit has been made available to all who will accept.

Will you obey His guidance?

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Are you confident that Jesus is with you always?

**WEEKDAY MASSES May 19 - 22**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Edmund Hoffarth

Wed: 8:40 am +Dennis Lyons

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Joe J. Kram

Fri: 10:15 am +Mary Ann Geisen (Mass will be at the church)

**WEEKEND MASSES May 23 - 24**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +David Fetsch

**Reader:** Nancy Kram

**EMHC:** Not at this time

**Servers:** Muhs Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Bette Bata

**Reader:** Greg Fetsch

**EMHC:** Not at this time

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

**9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales** +Alex & Delina Chaput

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Elizabeth Schaan

**Reader:** Jenny Chaput

**EMHC:** Not at the time

**Servers:** Sean Gette

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

**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 May 10, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes \$3,427.00

Intentional Givers \$100.00

Plate \$152.00

**Total \$3,679.00**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

The event of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday evening is well documented by the evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke. They tell us about Jesus transforming the bread and wine into his body and blood, but it is John who goes to great lengths to recall the lengthy conversation Jesus had with his disciples during the meal. Indeed, John devotes five whole chapters to that conversation, which culminates in our being able to eavesdrop on Jesus praying to his Father, a prayer which centers on us all being "one". Today's Gospel passage is part of the earlier conversation where we hear Jesus encouraging the disciples to enter into this relationship which he has with the Father. The key to our understanding will be the gift of the Spirit, who enables us to see what is going on. When we reflect on what we are being invited to consider, it is truly astonishing. We are being invited to dine with God and thereby share the very life of God. Just as it was through the Spirit that Christ was conceived by Mary and came among us, so now the Spirit will continue to make him present so that he may live in us; through the Eucharist we become the body of Christ.

Down through the centuries much Christian spirituality has concentrated on our personal relationship with God, but today greater emphasis is being given to a more expansive vision, which embraces not just our relationship with God or even with one another, but also with the whole of creation. The New Testament is clear that Christ's salvation is not limited: it is for all men and women of all time and indeed for the whole of creation. We hear today of Philip reaching out to the people of the Samaritan town and his effects are followed up by Peter and John who make sure that they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then they too will have the wisdom to understand what God is doing for them. Likewise, in his letter, Peter is at pains to ensure that the early Christian community gives no cause for scandal, but lives with a clear conscience.

Taken from The Living Word

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured; God has a better plan in store for you.

### **CD of the Week: True Femininity (Getting to Know Mary) – Noelle Garcia** –

Femininity today can be confusing. What is it? What is it not? Are the stereotypes true? With humor, personal stories, and profound insights from the life of Mary and the writings of St. John Paul II, speaker Noelle Garcia shares how by growing in relationship with Mary, we can heal our understanding and relationships as women-as daughters, mothers, friends, and wives-and discover the beauty, joy, and gift of true, God-given femininity.

Congratulations to the high school seniors of our parishes: Brooke Bakke, Raquel Bata, Calyn Crockett, Jackson Delvo, Jesse Fetsch, Sean Gette, Regan Hoffarth, Wyatt Kartes, Justin Pengilly, Elise Ramberg, Kaitlynn Scherr, Corissa Tetrault. We are so pleased we could honor you at our 10:30 AM Graduation Mass today. May God bless you now and always!

**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.

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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Please check out our parish website [www.stalphonsuslangdon.com](http://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.

We will have our next Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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!

**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!

**NOTICE:** We are planning to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dbbrooks@utma.com) or call us at 701-370-5266.

Thank you . . . Bill & Darlene Brooks