

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**MAY 24, 2020**

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 31<sup>st</sup> Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 2:1-11*

Imagine yourself in the upper room at the first Pentecost

Imagine yourself in the crowd hearing Peter in your own tongue.

*1 Corinthians 12:3-13*

What special gifts of the Holy Spirit have you received?

How have you used your gifts for the good of the Church?

*John 20:19-23*

What fears do you have? Ask Jesus to free you from them.

Are you holding someone in sin by not forgiving them?

## WEEKDAY MASSES May 25 - 29

Mon: 9:00 am +Gerald & Marge Mikkelsen **Memorial Day Mass**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Mary Beth Sexton

Wed: 8:40 am +Edi Ann Otto

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Philip & Agnes Waslaski

Fri: 10:15 am +Bea Delvo (Mass will be at the church)

## WEEKEND MASSES May 30 - 31

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

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

**Reader:** Holly Lyons

**EMHC:** Not at this time

**Servers:** Regner Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of Art Spanier Family

**Reader:** Carleen Schill

**EMHC:** Not at this time

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

**9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales** +Jean Kartes

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Francis & Loran Illerbrunn

**Reader:** Zach Schaefer

**EMHC:** Not at the time

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

**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 May 17, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,448.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,683.67
Plate	\$247.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,378.67</b>

# The Ascension of the Lord

All these lives can be entrusted to God who redeems the world and promises the creation of a new heaven and a new earth. This feast is full of hope and joy. The Ascension of the Lord is a feast on which to pray for them because God promises an eternal future in heaven. Jesus' ascension is the promise of an inheritance which is given to those who believe in him, whether throughout their lives or only at the very end. We can enter into the mystery of Christ's death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father.

When Jesus ascends into heaven, there is the temptation to think that he has left us. We might then think of absence rather than presence. The mystery of this feast is that it is more about presence than absence. Jesus ascends into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. The Holy Spirit is sent into our hearts so that we can respond to the invitation of God and follow Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. Christ remains ever present to us through the Holy Spirit and walks with us on our pilgrimage of life. He is closer to us than ourselves. Christ remains present in his body which is the Church. He gives us his word in the scriptures and tradition of the Church and is close to us whenever we read the Bible. He is most closely present to us in his body and blood in Holy Communion. Today we can rejoice in his presence rather than lament his absence. His final command to his disciples is to go forth and spread the Gospel to the ends of the world. At baptism we become members of the Church, members of his body and are promised an inheritance with the saints in heaven.

Taken from The Living Word

## **The Ascension of the Lord**

*"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17: 9*

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given 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 2020 High School Graduates**

Brooke Bakke, Raquel Bata, Calyn Crockett, Jackson Delvo,  
Jesse Fetsch, Sean Gette, Regan Hoffarth, Wyatt Kartes,  
Justin Pengilly, Elise Ramberg, Kaitlynn Scherr, Corissa Tetrault

## **Congratulations 2020**

### **St. Alphonsus Catholic School Kindergarten Graduates**

Maxton Almen, Aurora Anderson, Clyde Anderson,  
Parker Domres, Ryker Domres, Malachi Economy, Hudson Hoffman,  
Bohdyn Hope, Ellis Meidinger, Jessica Muhs, Raiden Wagner  
Graduation will follow at a later date

## **Congratulations 2020**

### **St. Alphonsus Catholic School Eighth Grade Graduate**

Elliana Eisenzimmer  
Graduation will follow at a later date

**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.

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS:** The week starting May 25<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

**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.**

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Dorothy Kroetsch, Dick Perius and Dorothy Muhs who were called home last week. May they rest in the love of the Father.

On this Memorial Weekend, we remember all who have died in service to our country. Let us also pray for all who are in the military and others who serve our country to keep us safe and free.

The Memorial Day Mass will be held at St Alphonsus Church at 9:00 AM, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Catholic Daughters Meeting on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the cafeteria. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00pm. Meeting will follow at 7:00pm

Confirmation/First Eucharist: We have not scheduled Confirmation/First Eucharist yet. Bishop Folda is giving permission for the local pastor to administer Confirmation if a request is made. We do not know when we will be able to have more people in church. The guidelines change weekly. When things “open up,” we will schedule a date. It may be later in the summer or the beginning of the school year. We will notify our families so they have adequate time to plan. Let us keep our children in our prayers.

There will be no Mass on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Phil will be attending the Chrism Mass in Fargo

### **Announcement from Bishop Folda regarding new priestly assignments:**

Fr Phil Ackerman has been assigned for a 6-year term as the new Pastor of Holy Cross Church, West Fargo effective June 24<sup>th</sup>. He has completed his 6-year term at St Alphonsus, St Edward’s and St Michael’s.

Fr Michael Hickin of Bottineau has been assigned for a 6-year term as the new pastor of St Alphonsus, St Edward’s and St Michael’s effective June 24<sup>th</sup>. There will not be an associate pastor assigned. Fr Hickin will serve here as the only priest.

Fr Will Osvak has been granted retirement status beginning June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dcn Eric Seitz has been assigned to St John’s Church Wahpeton effective June 24<sup>th</sup>. He will begin there as a deacon until his ordination on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Then he will continue their as an associate pastor.

**Farewell Party for Fr Phil, Fr Will and Dcn Eric** will be on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We don’t have details on how it will be done due to the restrictions from the ND Department of Public Health. As we get closer to the date, more information will be available. Mark your calendars!

**Wreaths and Flowers** may be placed at Calvary Cemetery in Langdon, St. Edward’s Cemetery in Nekoma and St. Michael’s Cemetery in Wales from Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.