

**TWELVE SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JUNE 21, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for June 28th Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4:8-16

How have you shown hospitality to visitors?
How have you welcomed clergy and religious?

Romans 6:3-11

What sins must you still “die” to?

Matthew 10:37-42

How have you helped “lowly ones” of our community?
What acts of kindness have healed you of selfishness?
What is the “reward” of helping a disciple of Jesus?

WEEKDAY MASSES June 23 - 26

Tues: 5:00 pm **NO MASS TODAY**
Wed: 8:40 am **NO MASS TODAY**
Thurs: 5:00 pm **NO MASS TODAY**
Fri: 10:15 am **NO MASS TODAY** (Mass will be at the church)

WEEKEND MASSES June 27 - 28

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Stacey & Ruth Chaput

Reader: Holly Lyons
EMHC: Not at this time
Servers: Regner Family
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Richard & Evelyn

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

St. Michael's – Wales **NO MASS AT WALES TODAY**

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

Reader: Jenny Chaput Bata Family
EMHC: Not at the time
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Dennis & Diane Schill

Website for St. Alphonsus Parish – <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>
Confessions: our weekly schedule – Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00PM,
Saturdays 4:00-5:00PM will be held in the Adoration Chapel.

Weekly Reflection for June 14, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,682.00
Plate	\$348.00
Total	\$4,030.00

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is these real people with their real fears, you and me, that our Lord is addressing in today's Gospel as three times over he bids us not to be afraid. Perhaps we could discern in that threefold "Do not be afraid" a reference to three kinds of fear that commonly trouble human beings.

First, hidden fears, the fears we cannot or will not or dare not share with others – fears about our health, our sinfulness, our future, our dear ones. And Jesus says, "Do not be afraid... everything now hidden will be made clear" – indeed, it is already fully revealed to our Father in heaven; he knows all, understands all and, through his Son Jesus, urges us not to allow fear to get the better of us.

Second, there is fear of dangers from outside: fear of war, the breakdown of law and order, fear of growing violence. And Jesus says, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." We have a Father who cares for us. Think of two tiny sparrows; if one of those tiny creatures falls to the ground, the Father know all about it. And he knows all about us, too, knows us through and through; and we matter to him' why, the very hairs of our head are numbered.

Finally, there's fear not unlike that of the little girl lost in the supermarket, fear that we're so small, so insignificant, so unimportant: we feel lost in the immensity of the universe, lost like a speck of dust amidst the billions of people who inhabit the globe, lost as a drop of water is lost in the ocean. We might not dare to say so, but sometimes we find it hard to believe that God, with this vast busy universe to look after, can afford us anything more than a token of divine attention. Jesus says again, "there is no need to be afraid": as he has told us, our Father knows what befalls tiny sparrows; and then he adds – surely with a gentle smile – "you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows". Taken from The Living Word

12th Sunday of Ordinary Times

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." MATTHEW 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

Congratulations Third Graders on your Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

*Dyson Askvig
Maddux Busse
Benson Fetsch
Lexi Gendron
Gracie Johnston*

*Avery Lorenz
Jonathan Mack
Ethan Muhs
Brennan Schill
Brianna Wild*

Per Bishop Folda and the Convent in Hankinson, we are able to hold our Young Women's (July 15-18) and Young Men's (July 19-22) Summer Retreats. We have wonderful space to do the necessary distancing and still hold these two great retreats. Currently we have more room for young women and young men. This is for ages 13-17. The fee is \$150/person and includes housing, meals, all craft supplies used, fun times outside, Mass each day, reconciliation and adoration. The topics this year for the young women is "Our unfinished love story" and for the young men "To the Cor...Man's Relationship with God". Our young adults who have planned and will present this retreat are absolutely awesome. You will love all of them. Come one, come all...get your registrations and deposit of \$50 into the Diocese at this address: Youth and Young Adult Ministry Department; Diocese of Fargo; 5201 Bishops Blvd, Ste A; Fargo, ND 58104 Make checks out to "Diocese of Fargo". Questions, contact Fr. Jasinski at 701-356-7907. You can find registration forms at fargodiocese.org/youth-1 Then scroll down until you see Young Women's Summer Retreat.

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting June 22nd - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

There will be NO daily Masses the Week of Tuesday, June 23rd – Friday, June 26th

Happy Father's Day! We devote this weekend to all our fathers, living and deceased. Let us pray for them!

Thank you! I am so grateful for the wonderful Open House and Supper last Thursday; and for all your prayers, wishes, cards and gifts. A special thank you to Lisa Howatt and the Altar Society for the wonderful gathering on Thursday; to the Knights of Columbus for their help; to volunteers who helped with packing and moving and to our Parish and School Staff for all they have done. This is a wonderful parish and a great community. I will miss it here so much. I will leave Langdon on Monday. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you!

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St Michael's Church, Wales: Today, the last Sunday Mass is being held until further notice at St Michael's. Thank you, Fr McDermott for being there to offer Masses this weekend at St Edward's, Nekoma and St Michael's, Wales. We appreciate it.

Property Purchase: the purchase of the house and two lots just west of the Church was completed on June 12th. The tax value of the property was assessed at \$32,000.00. That is the amount we paid for it in addition to some closing costs.

Choir Organ: This past week, the organ that was in the former Choir Area of the church was removed. It is in disrepair and does not work well. It hasn't been used in many years. We wanted to clear the area before we install new carpeting later this year. The organ was a kind and generous donation of Alvina Bata. It served us very well for decades. I checked with family members about the organ and they were okay with having it removed and salvaged for wood or parts. We are grateful for the gift that served us and enhanced our liturgies throughout the years. Fr Phil

Once again St. Alphonsus will be holding their annual rummage sale on Wednesday, July 29th from 12:00-6:00 and on Thursday, July 30th from 9:00-12:00 in the Parish Center (please use doors #1 & #2). If you are interested in donating items for the sale, drop off date is on Tuesday, July 28th from 12:00-3:00. No clothing, no encyclopedias, no electronics, no magazines. If you have questions, contact Carrie Hope 256-2354.

Eucharistic Adoration resumed on Monday, June 1st and will be held in the church. This is a time when anyone, for any amount of time can come to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Don't miss this beautiful opportunity!

The coronavirus pandemic has forced thousands of pilgrims to leave the Holy Land. The streets of Bethlehem and Jerusalem are empty for quite some time. The cancellation of pilgrimages having a serious repercussions for many Christian families. In the past, when the Holy Land experienced wartime conditions, some people managed to temporarily find an economic niche outside tourism. However, the pandemic measures have affected all business sectors, including olive wood industry, and everything to shut down. Even we as Holy Land Crafts & Pilgrimage group; are unable to lend them a hand during this difficult time because of the closures here in the U.S. Because our visit to your parish this year is unpredictable, we humbly ask you to visit our website WWW.HOLYLANDCRAFTS.NET and browse through the beautiful hand carved religious items. We value your support through these unprecedented times. May God bless you and keep you safe.

St. Alphonsus School is collecting Our Family Brand UPC codes, used printer ink cartridges and Coca-Cola bottle tops 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.