

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JUNE 28, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for July 5th Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10

How did you show Christ like meekness recently?

How have you helped to “proclaim peace” lately?”

Romans 8:9-13

What “deeds of flesh” must you still “put to death?”

Do you believe the Spirit dwells in you presently?

Matthew 11:25-30

What blessings has God revealed to you lately?

What burden do you wish Jesus to lighten?

WEEKDAY MASSES June 30 – July 3

Tues: 5:00 pm +Dennis Lyons

Wed: 8:40 am +Mary Mann

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Ella & Joe Kram

Fri: 10:15 am +Rose Lorenz (Mass will be at the church)

WEEKEND MASSES July 4 - 5

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus

Living & Deceased Member of Christopher

Reader: Nancy Kram Lamping Family

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +John, Mary & Marian Balbier

Reader: Greg Fetsch

EMHC: Daryl Kempel

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Soon Yae Park

Reader: Zach Schaefer

EMHC: Bev Otto

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Duane & Bev Otto

Fr. Phil's cell phone: 701-740-7593

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 21, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,730.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,663.67
Plate	\$347.00
Total	\$6,740.67

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The letter to the Hebrews tells us: “remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it”. From Abraham and Sarah onwards, the scriptures show how people who extend hospitality to strangers are often the ones who actually end up receiving the hospitality of God. In today’s first reading, the prophet Elisha wants to give some kind of recompense to the unnamed woman who is so generous in her welcome to the holy man and his companion. She declines his offer, saying that she has everything she needs. Her generosity is not given for any hope of reward but simply as an expression of her kindness, of the sort of person that she is. However, the prophet is able to promise her the one thing that she truly desires: the gift of a son. In the Gospel, Jesus intensifies this teaching on the importance of welcome and hospitality. Christ identifies so closely with his disciples that he states that anything done to help them will be regarded as done to him personally – even something as trivial as offering a cup of water. And by welcoming him, we welcome the Father who sent him. God is never outdone in hospitality. We give different names to that hospitality: salvation, eternal life, wholeness, healing, mercy, redemption, forgiveness, holiness. These are the ways in which we experience the hospitality of God. Always, when we welcome God into our lives – in our prayer, in our service of others, in faithfulness to our calling – we find ourselves blessed, enriched by that encounter. Taken from The Living Word

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“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”

MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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.

Calvary Cemetery - Langdon would like to “Thank You” for your donations in the past. If you are interested in making a donation for the upkeep, maintenance and the purchasing of flowers for Calvary Cemetery there are envelopes at the back of the church. Make checks payable to Calvary Cemetery. You can mail them to Calvary Cemetery, c/o Jack Wild at 11021 Highway 66, Osna Brock, ND 58269 or drop them off with Jackie at the Parish Office or drop in the collection box marked Calvary Cemetery.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Cemetery – Mount Carmel would like to thank you for your donations in the past; we appreciate you keeping us in your gift giving decisions through Memorials, bequest, and donations. Your gift helps us to offset the cost of improvements and general maintenance to keep our Cemetery a beautiful resting place for your loved ones.

St. Michael’s Cemetery - Wales thanks you for your past donations. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of our cemetery, donations can be sent to St. Michael’s Cemetery c/o Marc Greening 9891 93rd Avenue NE, Wales, ND 58281

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting June 29th - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Welcome, Fr Hickin! The parishes of St Alphonsus, St Edward's and St Michael's extend their welcome and congratulations. May God bless you as you begin your priestly ministry to our parishes.

No Eucharistic Adoration Friday, July 3rd.

Here are addresses for Fr. Phil, Fr. Will and Dcn Eric

Our Addresses:

Fr Phil Ackerman
Holy Cross Church
2711 7th Street East
West Fargo, ND 58078

Fr. Will Ovsak
720 North 5th Street
Breckenridge, MN 56526

Dcn Eric Seitz
St. John's Church
115 North 2nd Street
Wahpeton, ND 58075

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 door #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!

Trinity Youth Camp directors and staff are looking forward to our summer 2020 camp sessions! Come to one of our two camp sessions this summer to discover what it means to BE a saint and how we are all called to BE saints! The camps offered this summer are: July 15-19 at Camp of the Cross near Garrison, ND and July 22-26 at Pelican Lake near Bottineau, ND. Register your camper (youth entering grades 4 - 8 in the fall) now for a great Catholic camping experience at: www.trinityyouthcampnd.com

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 repercussion 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 Box Tops, Our Family Brand UPC codes, used printer ink cartridges and Coca-Cola bottle 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.

