

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 5, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for July 12<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thank God for the rains watering the earth, for food.

Invite God's grace to accomplish his purpose in your life.

*Romans 8:18-23*

What sufferings have tested your hope lately?

What "agonies" of the world do you long to be freed from?

*Matthew 13:1-23*

How receptive is your "soil" to the Word of God?

What fruit or blessing have you experienced from God's grace?

**WEEKDAY MASSES July 7 - 10**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Buddy & Robbie Howell & +Sonia (Chaput) Heinle

Wed: 8:40 am +Jerry & Mac Machacek & +Julia Reis Erickson

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Agnes Biewer & +Felix Essler & In Honor of Judy Essler

Fri: 10:15 am Living & Deceased Members of Frank & Kathryn Shablow Family &  
+Rallon Beck

**WEEKEND MASSES July 11 - 12**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Darrell, Cherry & Keith Ballweg

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Mac & Jerry Machacek

**Reader:** Corey Stremick

**EMHC:** Holly Lyons

**Servers:** Regner Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of Marvin &

**Reader:** Jackie Thom Bernadine Mikkelsen Family

**EMHC:** Harvey Metzger

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

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

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

**Reader:** Terian Chaput

**EMHC:** Darlene Rutledge

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Wil & Sue 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 28, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes \$2,784.00

Intentional Givers \$330.00

Plate \$134.07

**Total \$3,248.07**

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus uses the word “yoke” in both senses. He is concerned about people “who labor and are overburdened”. He had in mind some of the strict followers of the Jewish faith, whose religious life had become a burden. Scholars enumerated 613 laws which they enjoined people to keep. The idea was that by striving to keep all these laws you made yourself pleasing to God. Jesus spoke harsh words about those scribes and Pharisees who “tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they!”

The overburdened people awaited a savior. And Jesus, who, in the words of the prophet Zechariah, would come “triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey” (a mystical way of describing the incarnation, his sharing of our human life), invited those overburdened people, who had no hope of observing all the laws, to “Come to me”. Come to me and follow me, rather than all those rules and regulations devised by the religious leaders. “Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Those beautiful words sum up the ultimate purpose of our Catholic life; it is to find rest for our souls. And to underline it, Jesus adds, “Yes, my yoke [with the emphasis on ‘my’] is easy and my burden light.” His yoke is not the heavy yoke of innumerable laws, but the easy yoke of joyfully following him to do his will.

Taken from The Living Word

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” - MATTHEW 11:30*

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

### **Here’s a little back-story on your new pastor.**

Born Sept 5, 1963, oldest of 5 kids. Mom and Dad are Tom and Carol, who hopefully will be paying us a visit at the end of the summer.

Grew up in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, between Akron and Cleveland. 1-8 gr at Immaculate Heart of Mary school; public high school; Catholic liberal arts college in Virginia. After building a house with a buddy, took my earnings and backpacked Europe for 3 months (my graduation present was a roundtrip ticket to Luxembourg and a 2-month Eurail pass). There I met monks. Returned, taught 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> gr at a Catholic school in Greenbelt, MD. Unsure of my future direction and needing some discipline and time to think, joined the U.S. Army serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, 1986-89. During that time, I explored different religious communities, but finally decided at the end of my military service to join a monastery of Benedictines in France, 1990-1992. Studied theology in Rome, met Bishop Sullivan of Fargo, who sent me to Washington, D.C. for further studies. Ordained a priest in 1997, I served 2 yrs as director of the diocesan office of catechesis while helping at St. Mary’s Cathedral; 1999-03 on the faculty at the Pontifical College Josephinum (Columbus, OH); 2004-09 pastor in Harvey-Selz; 2009-14 spiritual director at the North American College, Rome; 2014-20 pastor in Bottineau-Westhope. It’s a bit sparse, but the following years will give us plenty of time to fill in the blanks. So honored to be on this journey with you.

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](http://www.trinityyouthcampnd.com)

**St. Edward’s Church cleaning for July/August** – Sharlene McGregor, Vicki Kubat & Kathy Skjervheim

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**OFFICE HOURS: The week starting July 6<sup>th</sup> - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.**

There will be NO daily Masses on July 14, 15, 16 and 17 – Fr. Hickin will be at a retreat.

The Mass scheduled for Sunday; July 19<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been cancelled. Plan to see you next year

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for July** - 11 – Steph Fetsch & Monica Heck; 18 - Min Gette & Barb Hill; 24 - Emily Benoit & Carol Mikkelsen

Once again St. Alphonsus will be holding their annual rummage sale on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-6:00 and on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00. No clothing, no encyclopedias, no electronics, no magazines. If you have questions, contact Carrie Hope 256-2354.

**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

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

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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](http://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.

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](http://fargodiocese.org/youth-1) Then scroll down until you see Young Women's Summer Retreat.

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.