

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JULY 19, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for July 26th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5-12

Pray for understanding, to know right from wrong.

Pray for our President and legislators, for godly wisdom.

Romans 8:28-30

What "goods" have you received from God lately?

What difficulties has God helped you work through?

Matthew 13:44-52

What is your most valuable possession?

What is useless, and could be thrown away?

WEEKDAY MASSES July 21 - 24

Tues: 5:00 pm +Gerry Tholkes

Wed: 8:40 am +Dorothy Muhs

Thurs: 5:00 pm Recovery for Les Hoffarth

Fri: 10:15 am +Gerald & Marge Mikkelsen (Mass will be at the church)

WEEKEND MASSES July 25 - 26

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Kathy Kram

Reader: Nancy Kram

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Servers: Regner Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Clarence,

Reader: Darlene Brooks Genevieve & Lorraine Ballweg Families

EMHC: Darlene Brooks

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of the Zeis Family

Reader: Dennis Horpestad

EMHC: Dennis Horpestad

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: LaVern & Margaret Chaput

Website for St. Alphonsus Parish – <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>

Confessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays after Mass or by appointment

Weekly Reflection for July 12, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes \$2,190.00

Plate \$154.00

Improvements \$20.00

Total \$2,364.00

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One interpretation of the parable of the wheat and the darnel is that it is about inclusivity. Darnel is a weed that closely resembles wheat and the difference is evident only when the plants mature and the ears appear. When the owner's servants discover weeds in the wheat field, the question is not only where they could have come from, but also what should be done about them. To their surprise the owner tells them not to weed the field but to let the wheat and the darnel grow together. When both are mature at harvest time the sorting will be done. The wheat will be gathered up and stored; the darnel will be burned.

Jesus explains that the parable is about good and evil thriving alongside each other in the world. It is not always easy to tell the weeds from the wheat and their roots are intertwined below ground. Judgment is left to God's angels. We see the inclusive nature of Jesus' vision. He explains that the power of the kingdom of God is like the growth potential of a tiny mustard seed, or the transforming qualities of yeast. The tiny seeds and yeast spores have a dynamic potential for change that is out of all proportion to their size. With the metaphors of the mustard seed and the yeast, Jesus asks us to trust our inner energies and the power of the Holy Spirit. We can all be agents of change in our world.

Taken from The Living Word

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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

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

Fr. Damien Schill has completed the third volume of his trilogy of cookbooks entitled: "Cooking and Eating with Father Damien and Friends." This volume is the desserts volume. They are available from Hurley's Religious Goods in Fargo, their number is: 1-800-437-4338. They are also available from Saint Patrick's Guild in St. Paul, their number is: 1-651-690-1506. There are still some copies of volume two, and the entrees volume, at both locations.

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, Osnabrock, 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 July 20th - Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Father would like to make the basement space of the rectory a bit more usable. It is very damp down there and we are looking for a dehumidifier to be used to help with that situation. If anyone has one that they are not using and would like to donate, please let Father know. Thank you.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for July - 18 - Min Gette & Barb Hill; 24 - Emily Benoit & Carol Mikkelsen

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). **“Masks are required”** 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. **“Masks are required”**

NOTICE: We are planning to celebrate the 100th 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 or call us at 701-370-5266.

Thank you . . . Bill & Darlene Brooks

Reboot a life-changing event featuring internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host Chris Stefanick on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd 7:00 – 9:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Church (1018 18th Avenue South) Grand Forks. Tickets \$25.00 for info/purchase tickets call 701-746-1454 or RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot

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.

Putt 4 a Purpose – Bishops charity golf classic on Monday, August 3rd at Rose Creek Golf course. Registration 11:00, Shotgun start 12:30. More information on the back-bulletin board

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.

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.

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493