

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JULY 26, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for August 2nd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3

What have you spent money on that is not satisfying you?

What free gift from God would you want to ask for?

Romans 8:35-39

What distress or trial has tested your love of Christ?

How has Christ's love helped you overcome this obstacle?

Matthew 14:13-21

Who are the sick you would ask Jesus to cure?

Imagine yourself among the hungry crowd; bring Jesus your loaf.

WEEKDAY MASSES July 28 -31

Tues: 5:00 pm +Bernadine Mikkelsen

Wed: 8:40 am +Mary Shankar

Thurs: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Robert Bata Family

Fri: 10:15 am +Wilfred & Imelda Chaput (Mass will be at the church)

WEEKEND MASSES August 1 - 2

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Roman Michels

Reader: Nancy Kram

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Robert Bata

Reader: Kitty Bachman

EMHC: Linda Kempel

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Romaine Schaan

Reader: Jenny Chaput

EMHC: Diane Schill

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Dennis & Diane Schill

Fr. Michael Hickin's cell phone: 701-891-1238

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

**Confessions: Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or
by appointment**

Weekly Reflection for July 19, 2020: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$1,837.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,803.67
Plate	\$175.00
Total	\$4,815.67

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gold Rush towns were full of lawless, reckless people – not the kind you might expect to find in God’s kingdom, you might think. However, in today’s Gospel we hear a parable about some shady dealings following the discovery of gold, and Jesus is not talking about California, but the kingdom of heaven. Imagine, he says, a man finding buried treasure in a field. Furtively, he puts it back. Then what does he do? Sells everything to buy the field. That treasure must have been worth having, if the man was willing to give up everything he owned, though it does sound rather unethical to keep quiet about the true value of a piece of land in order to secure its purchase. Can Jesus really be saying that God would welcome such an unscrupulous person into the kingdom? He is exaggerating to make a point, perhaps, but the message is clear. It is not respectability that will get us into heaven, but how much we desire to be there.

Jesus’ description of the kingdom overturned expectations. Religious leaders like the Pharisees thought that only pious people deserved the reward of God’s friendship. They hadn’t reckoned on God’s mercy; nor on the deep longing of sinful people for the chance to turn their lives around. Such are the people God desires: those, that is, who truly desire God, especially those for whom God’s friendship matters more than anything else. Taken from *The Living Word*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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

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.

Jesus is inviting you to Eucharistic Adoration! “Could you not spend an hour with me?” Mt. 26:40. If not an hour, could you spare half an hour? 10 minutes? Jesus is pleased with everything you give Him, no matter how small, and he will bless you abundantly! If you long to be loved and filled with God’s endless mercy; if you need your cup to overflow with healing and hope, then turn to Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Don’t miss this beautiful opportunity. To learn more about Eucharistic Adoration, the “What is Eucharistic Adoration?” brochures are available at both entrances of the church, or connect with Karla Gellner at 256-5496.

You can make a difference. Pay it forward with joining the St. Alphonsus Church 125th Club. The annual dues are \$125.00 due on the feast day of St. Alphonsus, August 1st of each year. The dues are invested in the Pariah Endowment fund that are permanently invested earning continues interest. The interest is dispersed for the operation of the parish which supports the parish budget. Please join. Just fill out this form and return it with your check of \$125.00. You can drop it into the donation boxes or collection basket.

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125th Club - St. Alphonsus Church

2020 Membership due August 1st.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

I have enclosed a check payable to the **St. Alphonsus Parish** for Endowment Fund growth and investment.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting July 27th - Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Welcome Annabelle Allison Serrano, daughter of Alex and Cristyne who was baptized last weekend. May she continue to be filled with grace.

Altar Society meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will begin discussing the fall supper.

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 - 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, September 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 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.