

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 2, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for August 9th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9-13

How have you seen God's power at work?

How have you found God in silence?

Romans 9:1-5

Are you praying for family who have "left church"?

Pray for churches which have failed to nurture faith in Christ.

Matthew 14:22-33

What storms have caused your faith to falter?

Allow Jesus to stretch his hand toward you, to lift you up.

WEEKDAY MASSES August 2 - 7

Tues: 5:00 pm +Gerry Waltz

Wed: 8:40 am +Gerald & Marge Mikkelsen

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Bob & Flora Howell

Fri: 10:15 am +Gerry Tholkes (Mass will be at the church)

WEEKEND MASSES August 8 - 9

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Dorothy Muhs

Reader: Holly Lyons

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Servers: Regner Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Francis Muhs

Reader: Gary Metzger

EMHC: Dennis Karsky

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Frank & Lucy Agnes

Reader: Zach Schaefer

EMHC: Darlene Rutledge

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Duane & Bev Otto

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 26, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,969.00
Intentional Givers	\$330.00
Plate	\$233.00
Total	\$3,532.00

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus teaches and heals, but he also feeds those who come to him. The feeding is both metaphorical, in the sense that he feeds his listeners with the word of God, but he also feeds the crowds that come to him in a real way, providing them with more than enough food for their needs. Why does he do this? It is as though he is both looking back and looking forward. He looks back to the way God fed the people in the Old Testament, especially with the manna in the desert, when again there was more than enough for the people's needs Jesus is taking over the role as the one who provides for us in abundance.

Looking forward, he is anticipating the time when he will no longer be with us in the flesh but will continue to feed us. The final act he performs with his disciples is to eat with them at the Last Supper and he leaves them with the instruction to repeat that action in memory of him. That action is not so much to remember the Last Supper. It is the bloodless way of remembering and making present the sacrifice that Jesus makes through his death on the cross. But that, too, is not the end of the story, for among his risen appearances to his disciples we find him revealing his presence through the breaking of the bread as he journeys with them to Emmaus and he also feeds them once again after a night of fruitless fishing. It is as though he wants to reinforce his message that he is the food of life and it is in coming to receive him that we are transformed from our sinfulness into others Christs. Taken from The Living Word

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." - MATTHEW 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

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 August 3rd - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

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

CALL FOR FIELD STONE. In the next few wks, we will be working on the downspouts around St. Alphonsus church. Once completed, we will lay a band of rock that extends to the sidewalk on the south side and a similar distance on the north side. As a small retaining wall, we would like to use area field stone. There are also areas around the rectory that I would like to use field stone as a decorative barrier for small gardens. If you'd like to donate any rock piles to this cause, please contact Fr. Michael.

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.

Pillow Cleaning will take place on Thursday, August 20th from 7:00am – 3:00pm. Please use door #1 (3rd street) of the Parish Center

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTER GIFT CASE WILL BE ORDERING SOON - - If there is anything you would like ordered please notify Bev Otto or Margaret Chaput. If you would like to make a purchase call one of us, Bev at 256-2646 or Margaret at 256-2901. Thank You.

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.

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.

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.