

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 9, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for August 16th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1-7

Are you living the way the Lord wants you to live so he can bring you to his?
Holy Mountain, his house of prayer?

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

What ministry has God called you to do?
How has God shown mercy in your life?

Matthew 15:21-28

This "food" was the grace, love and power of the Spirit to heal her daughter.
Are you seeking this food? Do you have a great faith, or starving faith?

WEEKDAY MASSES August 11 - 14

Tues: 5:00 pm +Rose Lorenz

Wed: 8:40 am +Dick Perius

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Dennis Lyons

Fri: 10:15 am +Charles & Lucille Marcotte (Mass will be at the church)

Sat: 9:00 am +Gerry Waltz (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

WEEKEND MASSES August 15 - 16

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Art, Lena, Lloyd & Bernard Ottesen

Reader: Michael Nuebert

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch

Reader: Greg Fetsch

EMHC: Harvey Metzger

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Jim Bachman

Reader: Terian Chaput

EMHC: Dennis Schill

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue 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 August 2, 2020: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,093.00
Intentional Givers	\$100.00
Plate	\$376.00
Total	\$4,574.00

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today in the Gospel we find Peter being invited by Jesus to do something no other human being had done before or after, to walk on the waters of a stormy lake. Here there was no lengthy preparation; no team of collaborators: just Jesus and a crew of frightened disciples. Nevertheless, Peter had to put his faith in Jesus. He had heard the wonderful teaching of Jesus. He had witnessed many miracles of healing and casting out demons. Recently he had witnessed how Jesus had fed more than five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish. But now the act of faith was personal. For him it was a matter of life or death. So long as he kept his gaze on Jesus, he was safe. Once he looked around and saw the stormy waters and heard the sound of the wind, his faith weakened and he began to sink. Fortunately, Jesus was there to take him by the hand and bring him safely into the boat, enabling all the disciples to declare their new-found faith, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

In our first reading, we find the prophet Elijah hiding from his enemies, Ahab and Jezebel, who want to kill him. He is on his own. He is disillusioned with the life and work of a prophet. He is angry with God for putting him in this situation. Maybe he wants to see God act with power, but God reveals himself not in the wind or the earthquake or the fire. God is revealed in the whisper of a gentle breeze.
Taken from The Living Word

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

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.

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

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 10th - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Mass will be held at 9:00am on Saturday, August 15th – the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, being it falls on a Saturday

Our Sympathy to the family of Ione Gross and Kathryn Shablow who were called home last week. May they rest in the love of the Father.

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.

The parish has subscribed to a publication, *The Word Among Us*, for a 3-month period, Sept-Nov. We will be receiving 30 copies. These are intended mostly for Daily Mass attendees so that we can recite together the Antiphons proper to each Mass. The booklets are not to remain in the pews for health reasons. Parishioners are asked to keep *The Word Among Us* and bring it to Mass as an aid to prayer. Enjoy. Any feedback on this booklet is welcomed.

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.

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.