

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 23, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for August 30<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

What experience of “scorn and reproach” have you had?

Have you ever felt “duped” by God? How?

*Romans 12:1-2*

How are you offering your body in sacrifice to God?

How are you letting your mind be transformed above “this age”?

*Matthew 16:21-27*

How have you denied your own pleasure to follow Christ?

Do you recognize the special role Christ gave Peter and his successors?

**WEEKDAY MASSES August 25 - 28**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Dan Dosmann

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Justin Kruk

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Jerry Kram

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock +Mary Mann (No Public is Allowed)**

**WEEKEND MASSES August 29 - 30**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Gerry Tholkes

**Reader:** Nancy Kram

**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth

**Servers:** Muhs Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Wayne Gendreau

**Reader:** Carleen Schill

**EMHC:** Alan Schill

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch

**Reader:** Dennis Horpestad

**EMHC:** Carla Horpestad

**Servers:** Sean Gette

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

**Fellowship Hall Host:** LaVern & Margaret Chaput

**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 16, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,243.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,663.67
Plate	\$201.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,107.77</b>

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew tells us in today's Gospel that Simon Peter replied to Jesus' question without hesitation, fear or doubt. After the previous answers given by the disciples were passed over by Jesus, it might have been understandable if Simon Peter had been reticent with his answer. We might well imagine the apostle needing time to think about the answer to this most direct and personal question posed by Jesus, "But you... who do you say that I am? But, according to Matthew's account, Simon Peter simply "spoke up" and responded immediately, and he calmly and with utter certainty said, "You are the Christ... the Son of the living God."

The statement, or more properly the proclamation made by Peter, is a strong one and some of his friends and contemporaries might well have been taken aback. It would seem that Peter had truly been inspired and this inspiration could not and must not be kept hidden or remain silent. Now that it was out in the open, Jesus responded, telling Simon, son of Jonah, how blessed he was. In this Gospel we see the crowning glory being given by Jesus to Peter: the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Peter is entrusted by the Lord to receive authority that is beyond his imagination, the authority that has been passed from one generation to another, down to this present age. Taken from The Living Word

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

Tuesday Evening, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm, meeting in the church about Eucharistic Adoration. This would be for those currently engaged subs and those considering. With the return to Mass after the COVID lockdown, Bishop Folda has lifted the Sunday obligation. It's understandable many still feel unsure about returning to church. For those not attending, it's also understandable that *you're missing Jesus*. Ideally, we'd like 2 people per hour of Adoration. Join someone already on the schedule or gather some friends and share a weekly Holy Hour with them and Jesus. It's a time to be creative. Join us & see.

**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.

**You can make a difference.** Pay it forward with joining the St. Alphonsus Church 125<sup>th</sup> Club. The annual dues are \$125.00 due on the feast day of St. Alphonsus, August 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### *125<sup>th</sup> Club - St. Alphonsus Church*

**2020 Membership due August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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: When school is in session Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Mike Gellner who was called home last week. May he rest in the love of the Father.

St. Alphonsus Altar Society **WILL** be having the Fall Supper. **We will be doing take outs only, with serving time from 3:00 to 6:30. There will be NO cake walk this year. More details to follow.**

**FRIDAY MASSES.** Beginning next week (August 21<sup>st</sup>), we will no longer be having Friday Mass at the church. I will be alternating Mass between Maple Manor and the Osnabrock Living Center. Unfortunately, for the time being, these Masses are only for residents and not open to the public.

**SETH AND ERIC.** On August 8, I went to Fargo, where Seth Skjervheim was officially received as a candidate for Holy Orders. There was a reception afterwards, where I enjoyed visiting with his family. He left to begin his theological studies at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland. On Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> Dcn Eric Seitz was ordained a priest; he will be serving at St. John's parish in Wahpeton. Please keep Seth and Fr. Eric in your prayers along with all those young men who are responding to the Spirit's stirring in their souls.

**FUNERALS AND DAILY MASS.** On days that we celebrate Funeral Masses, we will **NOT** be having the regularly scheduled daily Mass. There will be exceptions along the way. When possible, we will note exceptions in the bulletin.

**FIELD STONE.** A few folks have dropped off some rocks. Thanks! What gems! We will need quite a bit to accomplish the task ahead. The thing with rocks, you don't want to have to move them more than is necessary. If you are bringing some in, feel free to give me a call. We can discuss where would be the best place to pile them.

**Altar Server, Lector, EMHC Schedules are in the sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out.**

Interested in gardening? Interested in a ministry to help the parish? How about helping out with the upkeep of the landscaping around the Parish Center. We are looking for someone who would like to help out with keeping our landscaping looking nice or someone who would like to be in charge of finding people to help out with that duty. For more details please contact Father Michael or Lisa Howatt at 256-3757

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.

I could use some lawn and garden tools. If there was someone who had an edger and/or a flat spade shovel to either donate or loan to the parish, I could use those. Also need are some tree-trimming tools, especially a small chain saw. I'd like to make some inroads on cleaning up the new yard we acquired before the leaves begin to fall.

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

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.