

**TWENTY-FOUR SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for September 20<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Isaiah 55:6-9*

For what thoughts or deeds do you need to turn to God for mercy?  
Pray Psalm 145, "The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

*Philippians 1:20-27*

What would you still like to accomplish before you die?  
What productive toil are you now doing for Christ?

*Matthew 20:1-16*

What injustice have you felt in your work conditions and pay?  
When have you felt envy at seeing another's good fortune?

**WEEKDAY MASSES September 15 - 18**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Howard Doherty

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Bob Baker

Thurs: 5:00 pm +EdiAnn Otto

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Ralph & Antoinette Marcotte (No Public is Allowed)

**WEEKEND MASSES September 19 - 20**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Philip & Agnes Waslaski

**Reader:** Colin Fetsch

**EMHC:** Bernadette Fetsch

**Servers:** Regner Family

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Bill Schefter

**Reader:** Judy Eppinette

**EMHC:** Daryl Kempel

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Elizabeth Schaan

**Reader:** Dennis Horpestad

**EMHC:** Dennis Horpestad

**Servers:** Volunteer

**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 September 6, 2020:** This week's reflection of the  
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$5,996.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,056.67
Plate	\$312.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Improvements	\$5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,389.67</b>

## Twenty-Four Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christian morality is the morality of heaven. We are not just concerned with how we live with each other on this earth, but with the life of the world to come. The shape of this new world is determined by how we live in this world. It is present, too, in the sacraments, in prayer, in those moments of peace that God alone can give. What really connects us to heaven is mercy. Nothing in Christian thought makes sense without the idea of the forgiveness of sin. The incarnation is for the sake of the forgiveness of sin.

The servant in the Gospel parable is asked to be like God to his fellow servants by forgiving them. It is not just God saying, "I forgave you, therefore you should forgive others," but God saying, "I forgive all human beings, but I wish to forgive some of them through you. Their debt to you is yours and theirs, but the forgiveness, is mine. And I want you to be ministers of that forgiveness.

Taken from The Living Word

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."* – ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the life that He intended for you.

### Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Catholic Church – Devils Lake 10:30am – 1:30pm

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Alphonsus – Langdon – **NO FALL SUPPER THIS YEAR**

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.

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)

**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, Osnaprock, 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. Donations may be mailed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery, c/o Bev Metzger 10242 103<sup>rd</sup> Street NE, Wales, ND 58281

**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 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE, Wales, ND 58281

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.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Catholic Daughters meeting on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the cafeteria. Members please pay your dues.

Marian Hoffarth is retiring from her position as Business Manager at St Alphonsus Parish after many years of service. Please show your appreciation for a job well done and join her for a cupcake and coffee reception in the fellowship hall after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, September 20.

After much discussion the Altar Society has decided to cancel their plans for the fall supper this year due to concerns about the health and safety of the school children with whom the space is shared.

**Singing in Church.** In September we will begin singing a bit more. Singing is discouraged because of the droplets released. In order to bring back a little bit of singing, please be attentive to this. Droplets can be avoided if we wear masks, which are still strongly encouraged, and if we sing softly.

We will begin with reintroducing the Mass parts (Gloria; Alleluia; Holy, Holy, Holy; Great Amen; Our Father; Lamb of God). Let's see how that goes first. Thanks to Bob and our exceptional choir for the great work they do to uplift our hearts while we worship.

Religious Ed is in need of a kindergarten teacher, if two parents would like to team up on teaching that would be great. Please let Carla know if you would be willing to teach.

**CALL TO FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP** - Participating in the political process is an important way we live out our Christian calling. Following Jesus overflows into shaping our surroundings with the values of the Gospel. In this weekend's edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*, journalist David Mills tackles a tough subject. You can tell by the title. In case we run out of copies of the OSV newspaper, here's the article online:

<https://osvnews.com/2020/08/25/the-church-does-not-tell-us-who-we-can-and-cant-vote-for-and-heres-why/> It's actually a straightforward application of what the Church has held for years. For a quick video summary of the bishops' teaching, see <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/videos-for-faithful-citizenship>.

**CONFESSIONAL** - IN response to a note I received, we've reconfigured the area behind the altar used for Confessions. There is now a screen and the opportunity for anonymity in celebrating Jesus' Mercy.

**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

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.

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for September** - 13-19 Rachel Schaefer & Sara Pritchard, 20-26 Patty Howatt & Kathy Borgen, 27-October 3 Karrie Mikkelsen & Whitney Bachman