

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 11, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for October 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 45:1-6*

How have you experienced the power of God this week?

For which of today's world leaders would you ask God's anointing?

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

How have you demonstrated faith, hope and love this week?

In what way have others given you cause to thank God this week?

*Matthew 22:15-21*

What concerns do you have about paying taxes, now and next year?

How are you giving "to God what is God's" in your life today?

**WEEKDAY MASSES October 13 – 16**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Mary Kroetsch

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +John E. Delvo

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch Ed & Fern Chaput Family

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** Living & Deceased Members of **(No Public is Allowed)**

**WEEKEND MASSES October 17 – 18**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Leo Gette  
Reader: Corey Stremick  
EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Sun: **8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Oscar, Peggy & Greg Beauchamp  
Reader: Jackie Thom  
EMHC: Linda Kempel  
Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Aelred Dettler  
Reader: Catholic Daughters  
EMHC: Catholic Daughters  
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 October 4, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$13,427.50
Intentional Givers	\$3,056.67
Plate	\$384.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,868.17</b>

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Against such a background it is reassuring to know that Jesus himself had problems with invitations. Not that he disliked or refused them; rather the opposite. In the Gospel he accepts invitations whenever offered, is accused by his detractors of dining with public sinners, and even, as is the case with Zacchaeus, engineers an invitation before it has been offered. Nor is he always the easiest of guests. When dining with Pharisees he never misses an opportunity to upbraid them for their behavior, which might seem rather churlish in our polite world of dinner parties.

It is in his parables that Jesus faces up to the big problem in certain invitations. Normally we would be only too eager to accept an invitation to an important event, but he gives examples of kings or lords holding prestigious weddings, and those invited refusing to come. Not only do they refuse to come but can go so far as to maltreat and kill the messengers sent to tell them of the event.

Today's story runs two parables together, one with the conclusion that all are to be invited now that the original guests have refused, the second to do with how we are expected to respond to an invitation with good faith. What Jesus is really exposing is how God constantly invites us to come and celebrate, and how we resolutely refuse.

Taken from The Living Word

### **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"My God will supply whatever you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

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

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

### **Catholic Charities North Dakota Sunday October 24-25!**

Please join us in your parish or online at: [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org) to celebrate Catholic Charities Sunday on October 24-25. This year there has been an increased need for our charity care and other services, and so we especially need your support! Watch our video to learn how we are adapting to reach those in need during the pandemic and increasing outreach by adding a new guardianship program for the elderly and mental health issues, starting telehealth for our counseling services, and expanding our AASK program and adding ND Post-Adopt services! You can help by letting others know about these exciting changes, and assisting your neighbors in need with a generous donation! Learn more, watch the new video, and give securely online at [www.CatholicCharitiesND.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesND.org) or Facebook. Together let's celebrate "US" – United and Strong!

**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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Sally Stremick who was called home recently. May she rest in the love of the Father.

Fr. Michael will be gone from Friday, October 9 through Friday, October 16. Fr. McDermott will be having the weekday Masses.

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00pm at the fellowship hall.

### **Catholic Daughters Gift Shop Close Out Sale**

This will be the Third and last week we will set up CDA Gift Shop items in the entry of the Church, however what is not sold will be put back into the Gift Case and you can make your purchases from there in the Fellowship Hall. We have a few nice Crucifixes left and lots of nice Rosaries, Rosary cases some Statues, Lots of nice Baby gifts. Frames, RCIA gifts and many more items. Call Bev at 256-2646 if you need to come at another time.

**Thanks to all of you who have made purchases and helped us reduce our inventory.**

**ANIMAL BLESSING** - Animals are our companions on Earth, be they house pets, domesticated livestock or wild creatures. We receive much from them: comfort, protection and wonder, as well as labor, food and clothing. So we ask God to help us remember our dependence on these creatures, great and small, and to make us wise enough to care properly for all animals: they too reveal God's loving presence.

Happily, we blessed 8 dogs at this past weekend's ceremony, amidst strong winds, plenty of sunshine, and not a little yipping and barking. Some remained in their vehicles and others profited by uniting in spirit, receiving some form of ricochet-blessing—whatever it takes to recognize these creatures as gifts from God. St. Francis, pray for us!

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP** - Parishes and other church organizations are prohibited from participating in political campaign activity. Thus, certain political activities that are entirely appropriate for individuals may not be undertaken by church organizations or their representatives. The USCCB Office of General Counsel provides detailed guidance on what is allowed and not allowed under the law. In addition, many dioceses and state Catholic conferences provide resources that apply and summarize these guidelines for use by parishes and other church organizations.

For more information on the do's and don'ts, please see <https://www.usccb.org/resources/dos-and-donts-guidelines-during-election-season> . You may also find helpful the US bishops' encouraging document on participating in the political process; just look up "Faithful Citizenship USCCB".

God, please, bless America.

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** - The minutes from St. A's last Parish Council are in a folder in the Fellowship Hall for any who wish to consult them. This was once our tradition that we're now reviving. Eventually, monthly financial reports will also be available in the same way. Also note, new guidelines for funeral receptions and other events (a follow-up to one of our PC agenda items) are also attached. We're grateful to Carrie Hope for putting these together.

**NEW EARTH** - The firm that prints and mails out *New Earth* each month made a printing error. Several faulty copies of *New Earth* were mailed out. The firm reprinted and re-sent the Sept *New Earth* to everyone at no cost to the diocese. Many will receive two issues of the Sept *New Earth*. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - As we try to regroup following our initial cancellation, we will be contacting families to help them continue their children's education until further notice. It is unclear how long at home instruction will last.

40 Days for Life – September 23<sup>rd</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> – we will be praying the rosary on Wednesday's at 12:05pm at the St. Alphonsus Park as long as weather permits. In the case of bad weather it will be moved into the church

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for October** – 11 – Jane Hart & Carol Hoffarth; 18 – Heather Horpestad & Kathy Muhs; 25 – Patty Bata & Peggy Gross

**St. Edward's Church cleaning for September/October** – Cheryl Wilhelmi