

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for November 15<sup>th</sup> 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Proverbs 31:10-31*

What special talents do you bring to marriage?

What special talents does your spouse bring?

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Do you think the “day of the Lord” will come soon?

How are you preparing for eternal life?

*Matthew 25:14-30*

What special talents do you have from God?

How are you using your talents to serve God, church, world?

**WEEKDAY MASSES November 10 – 13**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Aelred Dettler

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Emil Schluender

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Shankar

Fri: 10:30 am Living & Deceased Members of George & Wilma Brooks Family

**WEEKEND MASSES November 14 – 15**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Kathryn Shablow

**Reader:** Nancy Kram

**EMHC:** Bernadette Fetsch

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

**Reader:** Carleen Schill

**EMHC:** Alan Schill

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

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

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

**Reader:** Terian Chaput

**EMHC:** Dennis Horpestad

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Dennis & Diane 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 November 1, 2020:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,447.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,056.67
Plate	\$230.00
Fuel	\$5.00
Improvements	\$5.00
Children	\$60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,803.67</b>

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

But in joining the human race as one like us in all things but sin, Jesus inhabited every aspect of human life. There is no part of our experience, good or bad, where Jesus is absent. So the main message of the parable of the foolish and wise bridesmaids is not just about being alert to the coming of Christ on judgment day, or even on the day of our own death. It's about having the senses of our soul finely tuned in order to detect God's presence in all aspects of our human living. In that sense any and every moment is the one in which the bridegroom announces his arrival to those awake and alert enough to notice and recognize him.

This also means that God's presence around us requires a response on our part. Matthew's Gospel tells us that when Christ demands an account of our lives on judgment day, we will not be asked about our liturgical correctness or our enthusiasm for religious observance. We will be asked if we fed those who were hungry, clothed those who were naked, were compassionate with those sick and in prison and welcomed the stranger. Our capacity to "touch the suffering flesh of Christ in others", as Pope Francis has said, is the proof of our wisdom.

Taken from The Living Word

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

**CAVALIER COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD BANK** So proud of our Youth Group!! Wednesday evening, October 28, instead of going door to door collecting non-perishable foods, because of COVID concerns, we did a telethon—cold calling a number of parishioners. It was very successful. Thanks to all those who responded. If you didn't get a call, we're sorry; we ran out of time. It was not easy to get out of our comfort zone and 'beg', but I think most of the young people who took up the challenge were grateful for the experience. We salute the good people who keep our local Food Pantry going. It is a much appreciated service.

Anyone who still wishes to give, may drop a check (made out to the Cavalier County Emergency Food Bank) in the church collection basket or send a check to PO Box 630, Langdon.

### **What is an endowment?**

An endowment fund is a perpetual fund. It is created by charitable donations in the form of cash, stocks, mutual funds, real property, or other personal property to a foundation, such as the Catholic Development Foundation (CDF), to support a specific ministry such as a parish or cemetery. To learn more about endowments or the Catholic Development Foundation, go to [www.cdfnd.org](http://www.cdfnd.org).

### **Did you know?**

Did you know that St. Alphonsus Catholic Church has a permanent endowment fund? YES – we do! In partnership with the Catholic Development Foundation, our parish established this fund to help secure our future as a parish family. St. Alphonsus' endowment fund provides a perpetual income stream annually which helps us maintain our church and provides for the necessary ministry our members depend on. Please join me in supporting the St. Alphonsus endowment fund; whether it's a gift today or someday as part of your will/estate plan. May God continue to bless our parish family for years to come. Fr. Michael Hickin

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 repercussions 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](http://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.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**COVID-19, THE SPIKE IN CASES IN CAVALIER COUNTY** have several local churches and institutions temporarily closing their doors. It goes against my instincts to do that with our churches, but the overwhelming input has been to live stream the Mass and ask parishioners to remain home.

I've consulted the Parish Staff and Parish Council as well as calls to the Vicar General, who speaks for the Bishop, and other area priests.

Since Wednesday, I've been quarantining, which remains in effect through Sunday, Nov. 15. I am scheduled to be tested on Tuesday morning. They say you need to wait 7-10 days after close contact with a covid-positive person, then get tested. Next week, I will be better informed to re-evaluate my personal and our parish situation. Updates will be in the bulletin and on KNDK.

We plan to continue publishing the bulletin available for people who stop by the church. **PLEASE STOP BY THE CHURCH!** This is a great opportunity for you and your family to make a visit and open your heart in a 1-on-1 with Jesus.

Jesus is everywhere and always our Good Shepherd. But he is especially present to his flock through the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, the Real Presence, the Bread of Life humbly residing in the tabernacles of the world.

Our hours of Eucharistic Adoration remain intact for now, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. I will keep my hour, Wednesday at Noon, from the choir loft. The church will continue to remain open 24/7. That is such a blessing! Please take advantage of that. Jesus sees. Jesus guides. Jesus responds to our responses. He will continue to bless us. Let's do our part to be present to one another through him. That's the Mystical Body of Christ at work!

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES** from our October 29 meeting are now available in the Fellowship Hall binder. We did consider a suggestion to publish them on our website. It is a worthwhile consideration, but after discussion we decided it was best to keep their availability to the Fellowship Hall binder.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ND - Helping People. Changing Lives.**

Catholic Charities North Dakota serves people in need and advocates for the common good of all. We saw their video 2 weeks ago. To respond to their appeal and belong to their beautiful ministry across our state, please use the envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Thanks!

**ROCKS -** Our plans on the drainage around the church are being re-tooled. I'm quarantined but not crippled. If anyone wants me to pick up rocks on their farm, I'll do what I can. If anybody wants to drop them off, I'll try to find a home for them. Rock on!

**AS OF THIS PRINTING, WE ARE STILL IN LIMBO REGARDING ELECTION RESULTS.** We patiently look to the Lord, the Center and Strength of our lives and our Union. **IN GOD WE TRUST.**

Due to Covid the Altar Society meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. It will be our annual wine and hors d'oeuvres meeting. All Altar Society members are welcome to attend. There will be no meeting in December.

**CONFESSIONS -** In addition to Confessions after Mass Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we'll also have Confessions the first weekend of the month, Saturday evening 6:45-7:15pm and Sunday morning 9:45-10:15am. This will begin December 5-6.

**Advent Communal Penance Service** Thursday, Dec 17, 5:30pm, follows the 5 pm Mass.

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for November** – 8 - Barb Schill & Dar Podhradsky; 14 – Koree Hoffman & Emily Schaefer; 21 – Jody Klindt & Nichole Scheffer; 28 – Marilyn Shephard & Kirsten Gendron

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493

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.