

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for January 17th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

What has God spoken to you lately, in prayer?
How have you shown your willingness to listen?

1 Corinthians 6:13-20

What bodily sins do you need to stop committing?
Pray to the Holy Spirit, that your body may glorify God.

John 1:35-42

What are you looking for, as a follower of Jesus?
How have you shared your discovery of Christ with family?

WEEKDAY MASSES January 12 - 15

Tues: 5:00 pm +Willard Karas

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Albert & Theresa

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Joe & Edna Berger Muhs Family

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Lina Hamann (No Public is Allowed)

WEEKEND MASSES January 16 – 17

Sat: St. Edward's - Nekoma NO MASS AT NEKOMA TODAY

5:00 pm St. Alphonsus +Aelred Dettler & +Mary Beth Sexton
Reader: Colin Fetsch
EMHC: Bernadette Fetsch

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Frank Hoffarth & People of the Parishes
Reader: Gary Metzger
EMHC: Daryl Metzger
Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Ronald Mikkelsen
Reader: Dennis Horpestad
EMHC: Dennis Horpestad
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 New Year's Day & January 3, 2021: This week's
reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$5,715.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,056.67
Plate	\$348.00
Fuel	\$40.00
Children's	\$25.11
Total	\$9184.78

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus grew up in the backwater town of Nazareth in Galilee. When news reached him that John was baptizing in the Jordan near Jericho, he seems to have interpreted it as a sign that the time had come for his public ministry to begin. When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and Mark records that the Spirit descended like a dove upon him. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on you." We learn that Jesus is sent by God and the "Beloved" of God.

As Jesus begins his public ministry, we are granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. At this moment we see for the first time the union of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Trinity are participating in this baptismal ritual. But we see something else as well. We see Jesus accepting baptism by John, mingling with those who have come to confess their sins, be baptized and receive forgiveness. He joins the queue of people for baptism, wanting to share the joys and sorrows of his people. Jesus shows that he intends to engage with humanity in all of its struggles, limitations and problems.

Taken from The Living Word

Baptism of the Lord

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" - MARK 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

Giving Hearts Day: St. Alphonsus School will participate in its first Giving Hearts Day in February. Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour fundraising event for non-profits in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Since the first event in 2008, generous donors have given more than \$90 million – 100% of which goes directly to participating charities.

Wanted! Match donors. We are looking for up to 7 donors for our \$7,000 match pool, please contact Carrie at 256-2354 or email at carrie.hope@k12.nd.us.

Wanted! Giving Hearts Day donors! Donate online any time on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 at givingheartsday.org. Checks are also welcome on the day of the event, they must be dated February 11 and can be dropped off at our school. We will reserve special parking spots in front of our school for Giving Hearts Day donors who wish to donate in person.

Cavalier County Health District will be moving to the next priority group for COVID vaccination starting next week, pending vaccine allocations. This group will be individuals 75+ years of age. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** Find clinic dates and set up an appointment at

<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=21255189&calendarID=4901212>

Or call for assistance with online scheduling: 256-3911—Cavalier County Emergency Manager. Masks are required to attend. *Limited number of doses available. Allocations are determined one week before clinics. Appointments are pending weekly vaccine delivery.

100th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee: We are starting a committee to plan our big 100th celebration weekend in July of 2021. We know that plans can change, but we want to be prepared to welcome alumni home if we are able to do so. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Carrie at 256-2354 or email at carrie.hope@k12.nd.us.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for January – 16 - Becky Overby & Pam Paulson,
23- RuthAnn Olson & Lori Benoit, 30 - Brooke Downs & Gael Balsdon

Discover what every couple needs to know and what every woman has the right to know! Do you or do you know someone who struggles with painful periods, irregular cycles, miscarriages, infertility or wants to avoid a pregnancy? Are you ready to use a system of fertility awareness that is 100% natural and can be used to help with all the issues listed above? Jen Lagein, FCPI offers an instructional course in the Creighton Model System of FertilityCare, scientifically proven to be as effective as any hormonal birth control in avoiding pregnancy and three times more effective than IVF in achieving pregnancy. Call Jen Lagein at 701-367-6386 for an Introductory Session.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

For those who have not received your weekly church envelopes – sorry, have spoken to the company twice, they have been mailed (bulk mailing). Just waiting to be delivered. If you would like you can use a plain envelope with your name on it or a check.

There will be an Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Constitution will be read at this meeting.

Lector and EMHC Schedule is in the sacristy. Please take your copy; it will not be mailed out.

The Business Office is looking for a medium sized safe. If anyone has one they would donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

St. Alphonsus School Preschool registration being open on Tuesday, January 12 at 8:00am. Registration will take place in Mrs. Hope's office on the second floor. There is a registration form and \$30.00 registration fee due at the time of registration. Preschool-3 year old group (must be 3 by July 31 and fully potty trained) Pre-K- 4 year old group. (very limited spots open must be 4 by July 31)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD recalls another manifestation or 'epiphany'. Jesus descended into the River Jordan to identify himself with sinners. It is the beginning of a new creation. The Holy Spirit hovers over the waters as in the opening page of Genesis. The Son emerges out of the waters and the voice of the Father acknowledges him. The true and eternal religion of salvation enters upon the world's stage. After His death and resurrection, Jesus would send out the disciples to baptize all nations in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

This Feast closes the Christmas Season and causes each of us to reflect on the impact my Baptism has on my life. A few decorations will linger until Feb 2, the Presentation or Candlemas Day. This Feast celebrates Mary and Joseph's bringing of Jesus to the Temple 40 days after His birth for the traditional purification rites for the Mother and the dedication of the first born son.

SLEEPING JOSEPH - One Christmas decoration that will remain is the small statue of Sleeping Joseph.

This week, most of us witnessed shocking images from the Nation's Capital. A mob pressed upon and stormed the U.S. Capitol, sending assembled legislators to scramble for safety, interrupting their work to ensure a peaceful transfer of power at the highest level of government. The nation watched with horror the stuff of nightmares.

One of Joseph's dreams involved fleeing for safety as Herod sought to kill the Christ Child—the sad sequel to the visit of the Magi. The Holy Family too knew turmoil, even to the point of life on the run.

As I watched on Wednesday the sad spectacle unfold in D.C., my heart was breaking. I teared up and held an open hand toward the screen to pray.

In this Year of St. Joseph, declared by Pope Francis in December, we have many reasons to turn to this quiet man of God. We can each give him a chance to teach us how to move the plan of God forward in our own lives. Imitating him, our Nation will be blessed and quietly educated.

O Saint Joseph, the Angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams. As you slept, you received warnings and guidance about how to care for the Holy Family. Silent and strong, loyal and courageous, you protected what was entrusted to you.

As you rest in the Lord, I entrust to you my dreams and cares _____ .
Help me to listen. Give me a share in your great confidence in the Lord's power and goodness. With your help, I arise to undertake my responsibilities with love for the praise of God. Amen.

St. Alphonsus School is collecting Box Tops, Our Family Brand UPC codes, loaves4learning UPC codes on the Dakota Heart products, 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.