

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

MARCH 14, 2021

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for March 21st Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

How have you broken covenant with God lately?
Are you still remembering sins God has already forgotten?

Hebrews 5:7-9

What suffering is "perfecting" you at this time?
Offer your supplication, cries and tears to God.

John 12:20-33

How have you experienced "dying" process in bodily life lately?
How have you "risen" or grown in your spiritual life?

WEEKDAY MASSES March 16 - 19

Tues: 5:00 pm +Msgr. Joseph Senger Doherty Family
Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Howard & Shirley
Thurs: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Marvin & Bernadine Mikkelsen Family
Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Rallan Beck **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES March 20 - 21

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

6:00 pm St. Alphonsus +Fr. John Fallon **NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**
Reader: Confirmation Students
EMHC: Priests - Confirmation

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Agnes Biewer & The People of the Parishes
Reader: Greg Fetsch
EMHC: Dennis Karsky
Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Ignatius Gette
Reader: George Podhradsky Family
EMHC: Carla Horpestad
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 March 7, 2021: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,581.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,976.67
Plate	\$250.00
Children	\$33.00
Fuel	\$25.00
Total	\$6,865.67

Fourth Sunday of Lent

In the Gospel Jesus refers to an ancient story that would be well known to his Jewish audience. It tells how the people of Israel, while trudging through the desert on their way to the Promised Land, were beset by poisonous snakes that caused many deaths. Moses was inspired to fashion a snake in bronze and set it on a standard, promising that whoever looked up at it with faith would be healed. Today Jesus declares that he himself, the "Son of Man", must be lifted up just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert. As Christians, it's hard for us to hear those words without our thoughts immediately switching to Calvary and to the cross of crucifixion. Upon it there hangs not a lifeless symbol, like the bronze snake, but the living, tortured body of God's only Son, and there is a divine promise that whoever looks towards him in faith will enjoy eternal life.

The scene on Calvary speaks eloquently of how much God loves us. In the simple yet powerful words of John, the Gospel writer, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." Calvary is the supreme proof that our God is a God of love, a God who in the person of God's Son came into this world not to condemn but to save. What Jesus came to save us from is sin. Sin – it's such a tiny word, but, like an infinitesimally small virus, it represents a hidden enemy which is capable of causing catastrophic damage and, in the end, can leave us skulking forever in the dark instead of living in the joy of the light.

Taken from The Living Word

4th Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

CD of the Week: Hope After Suicide – Fr. Chris Alar MIC - Death by suicide is sadly at pandemic proportions, killing more people every year than war and homicide combined. While many people know that the Church condemns suicide as a grave sin, few people know that the Church does not teach that a person who commits suicide is automatically condemned to hell. As Fr. Chris Alar, MIC shares in this insightful talk (based upon his book, *After Suicide*, given an imprimatur), while suicide remains grave and tragic, we must never despair of God's mercy, and we must know that our prayers can powerfully help those who have taken their own lives, and those who have been left behind. **Thank you for your generosity in supporting our media stands!**

Lenten Book and CD Sale: We are running a promotion on our Books and CD's that we have for sale in the kiosks in the gathering space and in the north (circle) entrance. Our normal price of the books is \$5. Books this Lent are for sale 3 for \$10. CD's usually sell for \$4 each or 3 for \$10. That are now on sale for 5 for \$10. We have some great titles in both books and CD's.

The **Catholic Daughter Gift Case Close Out Sale** is returning March 13-14th and 20-21st before and after all weekend Masses. **EVERYTHING WILL BE HALF PRICE.** We want to clearance out everything. If anyone is interested in the display cases, offer us a price as they need to go.

A Rosary Rally will be held Saturday, March 20 in front of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church at 12:00 noon. Please join us in praying for our nation and traditional marriage. Please contact Lisa Bodnar at 370-8599 for more information. I especially invite our young people to come join us.

Donations for Easter Flowers can be made by filling out the below form and may be placed in the collection marked "flowers" or brought to the parish office by Monday, March 22nd. Thank You.

In Memory of/honor of _____

From _____

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday, 7:00pm We are trying a new version of *The Way of the Cross* by Clarence Enzler. It is a simple dialogue between Christ and the reader. Jesus urges each of us to carry on his unfinished business. Please join us.

Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry every Friday during lent. Serving from 5:00 – 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Everyone welcome. Takeout available and Delivery is available by calling 256-2354 extension 115

BISHOP FOLDA ARRIVES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST on Saturday, March 20, 6:00pm. This will be the only Mass this Saturday evening.

Please keep in your love and prayers the following confirmands and their families: AryAnna Schaefer, Kynlee Pengilly, Porter Pritchard, Colby Forest, Gavin Rime, Stella Busse, Tycen Restad and ones from Walhalla & Cavalier.

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, Mar. 14th from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE, Thursday, March 25, 5:30pm. We welcome Fr John Kizito, Fr William McDermott, Fr Brian Moen who will be for us channels of God's Infinite Mercy.

ST. MICHAEL'S, WALES had an All-Parish meeting Wednesday, March 3. Nine attended and discussed funds, inventory, and the windows. Two motions were passed pertaining 1.) To formally beginning the process of closure, and 2.) To approve offering their furnishings to St. Alphonsus church.

ST A'S PARISH COUNCIL met on Tuesday, March 9. The Council made a motion to complete the work in the church basement, laying drain tiles. A proposal was submitted by Chris Plummer and is pending approval from Bishop Folda. Another motion regarded gathering prices for the various pieces of the project.

It was suggested that we communicate that the Parish Center is entirely paid off. It has been so for some time, but perhaps some parishioners were unaware of this blessed milestone. Again, great thanks to all who participated in this undertaking.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH - On March 10, we began a novena to Saint Joseph, using the prayer below. Please cut it out or bring your bulletin with you to recite this prayer together at the end of Masses between now and March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph.

*Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow,
you supported Jesus and Mary.*

*Teach us to collaborate patiently with perseverance,
seeing Christ in all our co-workers.*

*Help us look with the eyes of faith upon the work ahead,
as an extension of God's creating hands
and Christ's loving heart.*

*With you, let us build something beautiful
that honors our roots and reaches into future generations.*

*Work with us that all we do
be for God's glory and the salvation of His People. Amen!*

CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF FARGO TO SAINT JOSEPH - Bishop Folda is asking each pastor to consecrate his parish to St. Joseph during this Year of St. Joseph. We will do this at the Sunday Masses on March 21.

Bishop Folda will consecrate the whole diocese to St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, at Devils Lake, March 19.

GOD'S GIFT APPEAL - Our theme this year is *Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope*.

The God's Gift Appeal provides more than 50% of the annual funding for more than 40 different ministries that provide services throughout the diocese. This appeal is an opportunity for each Catholic household to help further the mission of the Church.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for March – 13 – Megan Overby & McKinzie Sivertson; 20 – Marie Mack & Lia Olson; 27 – Lori Roy & Mauri Roy