

**SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**APRIL 11, 2021**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for April 18th Third Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 3:13-19*

In what way have you disowned Jesus and participated in crucifying him?  
What area of life would you turn over to God for reform?

*1 John 2:1-5*

For what sins must you ask Jesus' intercession & Father's mercy?  
Are you seeking to keep commands and grow perfect in God's love?

*Luke 24:35-48*

Does touching Christ in Eucharist give you joy and wonder?  
Have you opened your mind to understanding of the Scriptures?

**WEEKDAY MASSES April 13 - 16**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Gerry Waltz

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Blanche Karas Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of Marvin & Bernadine Mikkelsen

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Lea Waltz (No Public is Allowed)

**WEEKEND MASSES April 17 - 18**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** Olaf & +Verona Erickson

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Paul Kram  
**Reader:** Nancy Kram  
**EMHC:** Bernadette Fetsch

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** People of the Parishes  
**Reader:** Gary Metzger  
**EMHC:** Linda Kempel  
**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Loran & Francis Illerbrunn  
**Reader:** Jenny Chaput  
**EMHC:** Bev Otto  
**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: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or  
by appointment**

**Weekly Reflection for April 4, 2021:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$5,625.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,326.67
Plate	\$1,437.00
Children	\$170.00
Fuel	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,559.42</b>

## Second Sunday of Easter

The intimate scene of encounter between the risen Christ and St. Thomas is remarkable. When Jesus had appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, the one who was crucified stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They saw the wounds in his hands and side and believed he had risen from the dead. Thomas, who was not present on that first Sunday, did not accept the word of the others. He was perhaps skeptical or maybe proud. Yet Jesus continues to desire to speak to him and bring forth his belief. The mercy of Jesus is so powerful that he does not abandon him but seeks another way to speak into his heart. Jesus will always keep trying to find a way into the hardened heart and never gives up on anyone. When he appears in front of Thomas, he invites him to touch his hands with his finger and put his hand into his side. Such an intimate gesture is a sign of profound love. We hear Thomas' profound profession of faith, "My Lord and my God!"

Taken from the Living Word

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

### *Congratulations Third Graders on your Confirmation and First Holy Communion.*

*Stella Busse*

*Colby Forest*

*Kynlee Pengilly*

*Tycen Restad*

*Gavin Rime*

*AryAnna Schaefer*

*Porter Pritchard*

**CD of the Week: How to Love Yourself – Chris Stefanick** - The words that we speak to ourselves shape our self-perception; how we see ourselves, and how we act. Despite being told perhaps more than any other generation to love and believe in themselves, this generation struggles more than any other with anxiety, self-loathing, and low self-esteem. In this talk, speaker and author Chris Stefanick tackles the lies which hold us captive to these struggles, and boldly shares the Good News of Jesus Christ—that Love Himself has come to redeem us, and destined us for eternal glory. **Thank you for your generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media and Augustine Institute!**

**Easter 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.

**ROCKS** - It's that time again. Please drop off rocks either behind the rectory or on the property west of the church with the empty green house. I'll find a place for them. If you want me to come out to your farm and clear off some rock piles (not boulders!, but 10-75 lbs), just give me directions and I'll be there.

**A Big Thanks** to everyone who made purchases at the **Catholic Daughter close out sale**, you have helped us to reduce our inventory. We will not have items in the entry of the church any longer, but the remainder of what we have left is in one gift case in the **Fellowship Hall and still is half price**. If you are interested in making a purchase call **Bev Otto 256-2646 or Margaret Chaput 256-2901**.

Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Spring Rummage Sale – April 27 – May 1 at the Langdon American Legion Downtown Building. **Donation Drop Off:** Sunday & Monday April 25 & 26 from 9:00am – 6:00pm. (No Exercise Equipment, Computers, Printers or TV's) **SALE:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (April 27, 28, 29, 30 & May 1) 9:00am – 6:00pm (Friday & Saturday – Bargain Bag Time).  
Volunteers Welcome!!

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for April** - 10 - Whitney Bachman & Jessica Pengilly; 17 - Sarah Pritchard & Rachel Schaefer; 24 - Kathy Borgen & Patty Fetsch

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**NOTE: CHANGE IN SATURDAY MASS TIME:** 5:00 p.m. Mass in Nekoma and 7:30 p.m. Mass in Langdon.

**Our Sympathy** to the families of Rita Waslaski & Rosemarie Hamann who were called home last week. May they rest in the love of the Father.

Altar Society meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11<sup>th</sup>) – there will be Adoration from 2:00 – 3:00 with confession during this time. At 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet, with benediction to follow.

**SECURED BY MERCY** - What a luxury that our church is unlocked. Even in rural ND, many turn to the need for high security. Alarm systems are as common as the kitchen table.

It's common to jump in a vehicle and zip off to another city or state. Air travel gets us anywhere in the country within hours. It works both ways: we can get elsewhere easier and strangers can get to us.

With ease of travel comes increased fear, hence more security. There are ripple effects. Fear of what others might do to us or our property affects us without our even realizing it. We take strong locks or remotely controlled security systems for granted.

In other ways too, we might withdraw from people we perceive to be critical. We're slow to open up if we think someone will judge us. We hesitate to share ideas or get involved because we're scared of getting shot down. Fear of others often stunts our growth.

In the Gospel, the disciples lock themselves in a room. They were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Even Magdalene's thrilling news about the empty tomb and her encounter with Jesus were not enough to overcome their fear. What had been done to Jesus could be done to them. So they hid.

Jesus broke into their self-imposed confinement. The closed doors could not bar Mercy. A movement of overcoming fear began the moment he breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. He filled them with new energy. In liberating them, he released them to share in his mission. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." Thus began the movement of Mercy.

No locked doors can keep Mercy out. The *Novena to Divine Mercy* celebrates this—not only for folks of Faith but for the whole world.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** - On Good Friday we began the Divine Mercy Novena that culminates next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus himself requested, in a 1931 visit to Sister Faustina Kowalska, that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy.... By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls" (*Diary* 1209, 796).

Sister Faustina came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of education, and could barely write. Hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, Jesus chose her to receive extraordinary messages, asking her to record these experiences. She compiled them into notebooks, known today as her *Diary*. In 1936, Jesus said to her, "My Daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My Divine Mercy, I will make up for what you lack." Faustina died, age 33, October 5, 1938. She was canonized a Saint April 30, 2000.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** - Free copies of *Give Us This Day*, April edition only.

**CLERGY SPRING EDUCATION DAY** - Monday, April 12, the clergy of the Diocese of Fargo will gather for a day of continuing education. In the morning, we will hear two professionals address The Role of Faith Based Communities in Suicide Prevention. In the afternoon, Mary Hanbury, head of the diocesan Office for Catechesis, will speak to the priests about Family Faith Formation.

**St. Alphonsus School Foundation annual meeting will be on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out to members soon.**

**Food Pantry** – There's a bushel basket in the vestibule of the church for depositing food stuffs that will be transported to the Cavalier County Food Pantry. Thanks in advance for your contributions.