

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

**MAY 23, 2021**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 30<sup>th</sup> The Most Holy Trinity**

*Deuteronomy 4:32-40*

Have you heard God speak to you in prayer? What has He told you?  
What recent sign of God's power have you experienced?

*Roman 8:14-17*

To what do you feel enslaved? Cry out in prayer for help from the Holy Spirit.  
What suffering are you or your family experiencing? Give it to God as a sacrifice.

*Matthew 28:16-20*

How are you helping to spread Jesus' Gospel, to make disciples of others?  
Do you have any doubt that Jesus is with you at this moment? Why or why not?

## **WEEKDAY MASSES May 25 - 28**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Pat Schuler

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Justin Kruk

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Gerry Waltz

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Elaine Machacek **(No Public is Allowed)**

## **WEEKEND MASSES May 29 - 30**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Lea Waltz

**Reader:** Holly Lyons

**EMHC:** Holly Lyons

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of Art Spanier Family

**Reader:** Carleen Schill

**EMHC:** Alan Schill

**Musicians:** Bob & Cantor

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of Marvin &

**Reader:** George Podhradsky Bernadine Mikkelsen Family

**EMHC:** Diane Schill

**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: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or  
by appointment**

**Weekly Reflection for May 16, 2021:** This week's reflection of the  
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,382.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,823.67
Plate	\$684.00
Children	\$48.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,937.67</b>

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The Gospel today is the promise that Jesus makes to send the Holy Spirit – and Pentecost is the fulfillment of that promise. At Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and were able to proclaim the truth of Jesus. Jesus also teaches the connection between the gift of the Spirit and the truth. Without the divine inspiration that comes from God we are unable to fully express the richness of God's being and love.

This giving of the Holy Spirit takes place on two levels, the collective and the personal. At the collective level the Spirit empowered the apostles to speak many different languages, and also to speak the truth about the love and goodness of God. They were able to convince people of the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On an individual level we receive the Spirit at baptism, and we are given the gifts of faith, hope and charity. As St. Paul puts it, we become temples of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to know and love God and to bear witness to the saving truth.

At the annunciation the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary so she could give birth to the human body of Christ; at Pentecost the Holy Spirit hovers over the Church to give birth to the mystical body of Christ. At our baptism the Holy Spirit comes to us to empower us. This is a participation in the life of the Trinity.

Taken from The Living Word

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*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6*

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

## **Congratulations 2021 St. Alphonsus Catholic School Kindergarten Graduates**

Aiden Chaput, Zoe Economy, Mason Hansel, Remy Karsky,  
Kayden Mattila, Owen Plummer, Kenastyn Pritchard  
You are invited to the St. Alphonsus Catholic School Kindergarten  
Graduation on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:40am School Mass  
with a reception and slide show to follow in the Parish Center

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for May** - 22- Jane Hart & Sharon Livingood; 29 - Peggy Gross & Andrea Moser

**MAY AS MARY'S MONTH** - In 2002, St. John Paul wrote a letter about the Rosary. Here's how he began:

"The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints. Simple yet profound, it remains at the dawn of this third millennium a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to 'set out into the deep' in order once more to proclaim before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, 'the way, and the truth and the life' (Jn 14:6), and the goal of human history."

As the month of May unfolds, we remember the Rosary as a super simple way to stay in touch with the Gospel, literally, right at our fingertips. **PRAY THE ROSARY!**

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.

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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Mary Bisenius who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

St. Alphonsus School Kindergarten Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the 8:40am School Mass.

**Wreaths and Flowers** may be placed at Calvary Cemetery in Langdon, St. Edward's Cemetery in Nekoma and St. Michael's Cemetery in Wales from Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**PENTECOST** - In Baptism and Confirmation, we have been born again through water and the Holy Spirit.

On the vigil of Pentecost, the Church proclaims this Gospel: "Jesus stood up and exclaimed, 'Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within whoever believes.' He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive" (Jn 7:37-38). Earlier in John's Gospel, with the Samaritan woman, Jesus speaks of a water that he will give that will make her live forever.

Belief in eternal life means that no matter how old we get, we're still at the very, very, very beginning. Living by the Spirit, we see aging and eventually dying as arriving at the threshold of Life Everlasting.

Pentecost will come and go, like any good shower. But the resulting growth, like rings on a tree, will leave a trace.

Someday Jesus will count the rings and tell our story. For now, however, let's just count on celebrating Pentecost by soaking in the Spirit that makes us grow young together.

**SALUTE TO SENIORS** - This weekend, we lay a blessing upon the Langdon Area High School Class of 2021. Graduates from our parishes will receive a Cross with the medal of St. Benedict embedded into it.

During his life, St. Benedict worked many miracles using the power of the Holy Cross. Among these included heroic flights from temptation and escapes from traps set to harm him.

Saint Benedict became known for his power over the evil one, with the Holy Cross as his instrument to make the devil flee. The St. Benedict medal recalls these traditions through 6<sup>th</sup> century stories captured by a series of abbreviations. The medal was made in 1880 to commemorate the fourteenth centenary anniversary of St. Benedict's birth.

We pray that our Youth, no matter what paths they follow, will find strength and safety in the power of the Cross. They go with our love and blessings.

**FAMILY VISIT** - Although brief, Mom & Dad and sister Cathy had a really fantastic visit. They loved getting to meet lots of people and we enjoyed great meals, provided by several different parishioners. Thank you so much for your warm hospitality. You made them feel very welcome.

As some of you heard, before their arrival Mom was diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia, an enflamed nerve along the side of her head and face. She began treatment with a medication called gabapentin which gave her enough relief to sustain the trip. Keep her, please, in your prayers. She also has a polyp on her small intestine that needs to be taken care of soon. If all goes well, the folks hope to return in the Fall. Thanks again for all your TLC.

**PRAYER TO ST. ISIDORE** - Last week, we blessed and distributed crosses for your fields and gardens. If you like, some people attach/staple the following to the cross:

**Lord of Heaven & Earth,  
through the intercession  
of Saints Isidore and Maria,  
bless the work of our hands  
and the fruits of our labors.  
Amen.**

**St. Edward's Church cleaning for May/June** – Joan Viger, Carol Novacek & Geri Newgard