

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 11, 2021**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for July 18<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

Which "scattered sheep" might you visit and help to bring back?

Pray for the shepherds of the church, for Christ like example and leadership.

*Ephesians 2:13-18*

Do you have a barrier of hostility keeping you apart from anyone?

Ask God for the gift of reconciliation through the blood of Christ.

*Mark 6:30-34*

Are you seeking quiet place for rest and prayer daily?

How Christ like are you when people demand your time an attention?

**WEEKDAY MASSES July 13 - 16**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Alcid & Georgianna Chaput

Wed: 8:40 am +Julia Reis

Thurs: 5:00 pm +DC & Betty McKenzie

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Richard Lorenz (No Public is Allowed)

**WEEKEND MASSES July 17 - 18**

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

**4:00 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Justin Kruk **NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME**

**Reader:**

Michael Nuebert

**EMHC:**

Carol Hoffarth

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Art & Fern Spanier & The People of the Parishes

**Reader:**

Carleen Schill

**EMHC:**

Alan Schill

**Musicians:**

Bob & Cantor

**St. Michael's - Wales**

**NO MASS AT WALES TODAY**

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Elizabeth Schaan

**Reader:**

Zack Schaefer

**EMHC:**

Bev Otto

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

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

Adult Envelopes	\$4,015.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,876.67
Plate	\$350.00
Children	\$33.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,274.67</b>

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's beautiful second reading offers us the affirmation that we have been blessed with "all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ". It shows us the path from hesitation to affirmation, the path from uncertainty to freedom, and reassures us that we have been chosen in Christ to live "through love in his presence". This free gift of love from God, which finds its fullness in Christ's total self-giving love on the cross, is what will enable each one of us to be transformed, to leave our doubts and fears behind, worry less about our qualifications and to be able to say "yes" to what seems impossible.

We are to be partakers in the mystery of God's plan, to bear God's Good News to our world of today. As a song reminds us, "Love, love changes everything". For new parents, their child's first loving gaze may fill their hearts with awe and wonder. Their love for this tiny individual enables and disarms, overcomes and enthuses, inspires them and makes all things possible. And so the couple is affirmed in their love for one another and for this precious new life.

This love then becomes transformative, in that it changes the lives of those around them. It was a transformative love like this which enabled the disciples in today's Gospel to go out to preach, to anoint and to heal. The disciples themselves had experienced Jesus' love, a love so powerful that it had caused some of them to drop their nets and follow him, a love that saw their humanity and neediness, and loved them unconditionally just the same. This love is expressed in healing, compassion and goodness. Given authority by Jesus himself, the disciples could extend this transformative love to others, offer to others the promise of new life and move beyond the familiar to the unknown in faith and hope. They had moved from Amos-like hesitation to finding affirmation in Christ's love and to such transformation within that they became apostles of healing, on mission for Christ. Taken from The Living Word

### **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." ~ MARK 6:8*

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

### **A NOTE FROM BISHOP FOLDA:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now you may have heard that the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan, after an investigation, found accusations of sexual abuse of minors by Bishop James Sullivan, the sixth Bishop of Fargo, to be credible. The accusations allege that these events took place several decades ago when Bishop Sullivan was a priest of the Diocese of Lansing. There have been no allegations made against Bishop Sullivan during his time as Bishop of Fargo or after his retirement. Bishop Sullivan died in 2006, and obviously cannot respond to these allegations.

As a result of these allegations, the Diocese of Fargo has added Bishop Sullivan's name to its list of clergy who served or ever lived in the Diocese of Fargo and who are on the list of another diocese or religious order. Sullivan Middle School in Fargo was named after Bishop Sullivan. Due to this situation, Sullivan Middle School has been renamed Sacred Heart Middle School.

Of course, we are all saddened at this report about Bishop Sullivan. I ask that we all join in prayer for healing and continue in our resolve and efforts to protect those who are served by the Church, especially children and young people. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ, +John T. Folda, Bishop of Fargo

**Trinity Youth Camp** - "Who Do You Say That I am?" is our theme and we invite you to join us as we explore how our words and actions can show others who Christ is today. More information & registration can be found on our NEW website: [trinityyouthcampnd.com](http://trinityyouthcampnd.com) Dates and Locations for 2021: July 14-18 Pelican Lake | Bottineau, ND July 28-August 1 Pelican Lake | Bottineau, ND

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS: The week starting July 12<sup>th</sup> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm**

**ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL** - We are very pleased to welcome Bishop Folda next Saturday, July 17, to celebrate Mass for us at 4:00pm. PLEASE NOTE: this is the ONLY MASS SATURDAY EVENING. We are canceling 5:00pm at Nekoma and 7:30pm in Langdon. **ONE VIGIL MASS NEXT SATURDAY, JULY 17 AT 4:00PM**, followed by a pig roast.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. All Knights, their families and spouses of deceased Knights are welcome to attend. Meeting to follow.

Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel will be having Mass & Corpus Christi procession. Coffee and Donuts to follow. Everyone welcome

The St. Alphonsus School will hold its 5th Annual Rummage Sale in the Parish Center on **Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00-6:00 and on **Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-12:00. If you wish to donate items for this event, items can be dropped off on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-4:00. Please **DO NOT DONATE** the following items: exercise equipment, electronics, clothing, Tupperware, or damaged goods. If you have any questions about the sale, please contact Carol Girodat @ 370-8527, Sue Bata @ 370-1458, or Carrie Hope @ 370-9848.

**SPEAKING OF THE BISHOP**, he's received a few anonymous letters from someone speaking on behalf of a group of St. A's parishioners asking that I "be moved or get out of the priesthood."

Since these folks appear well-informed on how I dress and spend my time, I'm sure this invitation will somehow reach them: *Please come and talk with me*. We can visit about the problems you see. I can make adjustments or maybe clear up some misunderstandings. Also, I'd be happy to offer some advice on how to submit a more effective letter of complaint.

I take this strange opportunity to communicate to the whole flock entrusted to my care that I love being a priest and especially being your priest. No doubt there are some challenges, but Jesus is worth it, and then some! Peace to my special detractors and to all.

**CROSS OUTREACH** is a Catholic Ministry that partners with bishops, priests, religious and lay workers to provide food, water, housing, education, orphan support, medical care, microenterprise and disaster relief — and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ — to the poorest of the poor in over 30 countries around the world.

Father James Quinlan of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish in two weeks, when I go to Ohio for my niece's wedding. He will speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Father Quinlan was ordained May 12, 1976 in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was associate pastor at various Illinois parishes until he became pastor of a multi-cultural parish in Maywood, Illinois for twenty-one years. In addition, he designed the layout, organization and procedures for Special Pre-Cana Programs for the Archdiocese.

Since moving to Florida, Fr. Quinlan has continued his vocational service by teaching religion to recovery classes at Broward Outreach Center, a homeless shelter, as well as serving as associate pastor at a parish in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

Fr. Quinlan brings his excellent teaching and auditory skills to Cross Catholic Outreach where he continues God's work on behalf of the poorest of the poor.

**GLACIER BACKPACKING** - The first week in August, I've been asked to be the chaplain for a group of young adults hiking in Glacier National Park. They're both men and women, and there's room for one more young man, 18+ yrs of age. If interested, please see: <https://idretreats.org/2021-idretreats/glacier-backpacking/>.

**St. Edward's Church cleaning for July/August** – Cheryl Wilhelmi & Judy Hammer