

**TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 29, 2021

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for September 5th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7

What are you most frightened of right now?

Invite God to come and heal this fear.

James 2:1-5

In what way are you guilty of favoritism? Discrimination?

Are you growing richer or poorer in faith?

Mark 7:31-37

What wonders have you experienced lately?

Pray for someone in need of healing of illness.

WEEKDAY MASSES August 31 – September 3

Tues: 5:00 pm +Gerry Tholkes

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Brayden Schwartz

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mac & Jerry Machacek

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Mary Bisenius (**No Public is Allowed**)

WEEKEND MASSES September 4 - 5

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+Art, Lena, Lloyd, & Bernard Ottesen

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus

+George & Eileen Branesky

Reader: Kitty Bachman

EMHC: Dennis Karsky

Musicians: Bob & Choir

St. Michael's – Wales

NO MASS AT WALES TODAY

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Willard Karas

Reader: George Podhradsky

EMHC: Bev Otto

Musicians: Bob & Choir

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 August 22, 2021: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,772.25
Intentional Givers	\$330.00
Plate	\$291.00
Children	\$38.00
Total	\$3,431.25

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Old Testament allowed signs but not images. What is the difference between a sign and an image? An image may be a sign, like a traffic sign, but it is not the resemblance that makes it a sign. It is the fact that the sign points to something other than itself that makes it a sign. All the signs of the Old Testament, however odd and demanding they might seem, pointed to God. With the coming of Christ, the signs became irrelevant, because he himself in his humanity was the greatest sign of all, a sign that pointed to God. The humanity of Christ, his human words, human actions and his human birth and death are all one great sign which reveals the presence of God. So the many signs by which Judaism lived become irrelevant. Instead we have Christ. Since his humanity is perceptible to our senses, we use images to represent his humanity. At the same time, Christ is risen into a world beyond our imagination, so we use signs in the sacraments to make the presence of both his humanity and his divinity visible and indeed tangible to us. We can imagine Christ in his earthly life but the resurrection stories make it clear that we can't quite imagine the risen Christ except inasmuch as he allows himself to be seen as an ordinary human being.

This does not mean that the criticism of the Jews in the Gospel does not apply to us. We can use the sacraments while our hearts are far from God, or we can pray and preach but not really allow God to be close. The unclean heart is the heart that does not allow God to enter. Taken from The Living Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." ~ JAMES 1:22

It is easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

Sept. 12th at St. Jude's Catholic Church – Thompson 12:00 – 5:00pm – Take Out Only
Oct. 17th at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church - Langdon 4:00 – 7:00pm

Calvary Cemetery - Langdon would like to "Thank You" for your donations in the past. If you are interested in making a donation for the upkeep, maintenance and the purchasing of flowers for Calvary Cemetery there are envelopes at the back of the church. Make checks payable to Calvary Cemetery. You can mail them to Calvary Cemetery, c/o Jack Wild at 11021 Highway 66, Osnabrock, ND 58269 or drop them off with Jackie at the Parish Office or drop in the collection box marked Calvary Cemetery.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Cemetery – Mount Carmel would like to thank you for your donations in the past; we appreciate you keeping us in your gift giving decisions through Memorials, bequest, and donations. Your gift helps us to offset the cost of improvements and general maintenance to keep our Cemetery a beautiful resting place for your loved ones. Donations may be mailed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery, c/o Bev Metzger 10242 103rd Street NE, Wales, ND 58281

St. Michael's Cemetery - Wales thanks you for your past donations. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of our cemetery, donations can be sent to St. Michael's Cemetery c/o Marc Greening 9891 93rd Avenue NE, Wales, ND 58281

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.

Knights of Columbus will be collecting non perishable food items for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. There is a basket at the back of the church.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: When school is in session Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars - St. Alphonsus Altar Society Fall Supper will be on Sunday, October 17th at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. Raffles tickets are being sold.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for August - 28 – Janet Hall & Kim Schneider

The St. Alphonsus Religious Education Department is in need of volunteer teachers for this upcoming year. Classes will be starting on Wednesday, September 22nd. We are in need of 2 teachers. Please contact Carla Horpestad @ 370-0594 for more information. Teachers can pick up the Teacher's Manuals in the RE Office on Wednesday's in September. Thank you and God Bless.

SEPTEMBER 15 – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Wednesday evening, September 15, Paige Stransky, a liturgical design consultant from Colorado Springs, CO will make a presentation for our parish. Bishop Folda recommended her. She visited St. Alphonsus in April. Building on her observations, she will discuss the spiritual and catechetical foundations of church design.

This is an IMPORTANT MEETING for us to listen both to the speaker and to one another. Out of this will come the way forward for our community.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) is the process by which adults become members of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church accepts any baptism in which the minister pours water and baptizes in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Most mainline Christian churches use this formula. Baptism is celebrated once in a person's life time. Entering the Catholic Church often means a period of instruction, at the end of which the person receives the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. In the past, I've used Bishop Barron's *Catholicism* series, 10 DVDs exploring the beauty and teachings of the Church.

Anyone in your life showing interest or signs of interest? Initially, there is simply a time of inquiry, no commitment. Test the waters. See if what is offered corresponds to the person's desires. Later, at the start of Lent comes the time to make a choice. Direct any questions to parish office or Fr. Michael.

FOR OUR CHILDREN - Parish Council has discussed the possibility of a special Liturgy of the Word for Children. We need someone to lead the children into the Fellowship Hall after we sing the Gloria until after the homily. In the Hall, there would be a simpler form of the readings with an age-appropriate instruction. It would need some coordination and guidance. Anyone, adult or Youth Group member, interested in this ministry, please contact the parish office or Fr. Michael.

ALTAR SERVERS AND GREETERS - These two ministries have been missing for some time. Stay tuned for further information.

Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Fall Rummage Sale – Sept. 14 – 18 at the Langdon American Legion Downtown Building. **NOTE NEW START TIME FOR DROP OFF AND SALE Donation Drop Off:** Sunday & Monday Sept. 12 & 13 10:00am – 6:00pm. (No Exercise Equipment, Computers, Printers or TV's) **SALE:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18) 10:00am – 6:00pm (Friday & Saturday – Bargain Bag Time). Volunteers Welcome

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

St. Edward's Church cleaning for September/October – Sharlene McGregor & Vicki Kubat