

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for September 19th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Wisdom 2:12-20*

How has your gentleness and patience been tested lately?  
How have you confronted injustice lately?

*James 3:16-4:3*

How have you solved a conflict or dispute lately?  
How have you envied what you cannot acquire?

*Mark 9:30-37*

How have you "fought over your rank" with others?  
How have you learned to be childlike again?

**WEEKDAY MASSES September 14 - 17**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Jack Bisenius

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Howard Doherty

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Elizabeth Schaan

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

**WEEKEND MASSES September 18 - 19**

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

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Kathryn Shablow  
**Reader:** Colin Fetsch  
**EMHC:** Bernadette Fetsch

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Bill Scheffer  
**Reader:** Judy Eppinette  
**EMHC:** Daryl Kempel  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Sally Stremick  
**Reader:** Jenny Chaput  
**EMHC:** Dennis Schill  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**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 September 5, 2021:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,729.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,660.00
Plate	\$336.00
Children	\$91.00
Fuel	\$10.00
Improvement	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,926.00</b>

## Twenty-Four Sunday in Ordinary Time

So what's the moral of that story? Well, perhaps it's quite simple. People are not good at seeing what is right under their noses. This is very apparent in the readings we have for today's liturgy. First, there is the anonymous servant of the Lord from Isaiah, the figure from the exile in Babylon, who is the servant of the Lord, but whom the people eventually kill and only then recognize that he was God's prophet, God's messenger. This servant appears in four passages in the section of Isaiah which scholars usually call Second Isaiah, set in Babylon during the time of exile, somewhere between 586 and 538 BC. The tragedy is that people were aware of this anonymous figure, but they chose to ignore him and his message, to the extent that in the fourth and last of the songs of this servant, the people eventually watch him being killed and do nothing to stop this. After his death they realize how wrong they were and that this was a powerful prophet from God. Only then, and of course much too late, do they feel remorse.

The story of this servant comes to life again in the life and death of Jesus. Just as the anonymous servant in Babylon is misunderstood, so too is Jesus. On his journey in the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus poses two questions to his disciples. First, he asks, "Who do people say I am?" His disciples tell him. Apparently the people think he is John the Baptist, or perhaps Elijah, or at least one of the prophets from of old. Then Jesus drops a bombshell of a question, saying to the disciples, "But who do you say I am?" Silence is all around; no one is prepared to express an opinion. Eventually Peter breaks the silence: "You are the Christ," says Peter. Well done, Peter, or so it seems, but as soon as Jesus speaks of the inescapable fate of his suffering and death, Peter gives a classic example of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. He takes Jesus aside and gives him some advice, "This must not happen to you." Peter is rewarded with Jesus' famous rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan!" Peter is not thinking as God thinks.

Taken from The Living Word

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*  
- MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

### **Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details**

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude's Catholic Church – Thompson 12:00 – 5:00pm – Take Out Only

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Catholic Church – Devils Lake 10:30am – 1:30pm

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's Catholic Church – Park River 11:15am – 1:15pm

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church - Langdon 4:00 – 7:00pm

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for September** - 11 – Jenny Chaput & Val Darling; 18 – Stephanie Fetsch & Min Gette; 25 – Judy Lill & Delores Weiner

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

The Diocese of Fargo is excited to announce the return of its annual Middle School Youth Rally. Each year, youth from across the diocese come together for a day of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The theme for this year's rally is called Relit and will take place on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND. The rally will go from 9:30 am – 6:30 pm and will cost \$50.00/person. NEW to the 2021 Youth Rally: 1) Praise and Worship Band, 2) Recharge social break with inflatable games, obstacle courses, and other activities, 3) high ropes course, and 4) door prizes (grand prize: Apple Air pods). To learn more about the youth rally speak with your parish priest, DRE, Youth Minister or visit, <https://fargodiocese.net/middle-school-youth-rally>

**Welcome** Scout Hamilton Zeis, son of Brett & Jaime who was baptized last weekend. May he continue to be filled with grace.

Catholic Daughters meeting on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the KC Room. Dues are due and booklets will be handed out.

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

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

The St. Alphonsus Religious Education Department is in need of volunteer teachers to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for this upcoming year. Classes will be starting on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Carla Horpestad @ 370-0594 for more information.

**THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15, 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH**, Paige Stransky, at the recommendation of Bishop Folda, will speak about the spiritual and catechetical foundations of church design. Paige is a liturgical design consultant from Colorado Springs, CO.

Last week, Jesus healed a man who was deaf. It was an occasion for us to ask Jesus to be open to listening to one another.

Your pastor is counting on as many people as possible to come to this meeting.

The St. Alphonsus community has a rich faith tradition stretching back more than 130 years. In that time, the church has gone through many make-overs, 5-6 at least, starting in a room above a bar in the 1880s. The Good Lord has called us together at this particular time to set the stage for the next generation, or two or three. It is both a daunting and a joyful call. It is our moment.

The church building is one thing. The living stones of this believing community is another. Let's each do all we can to hear one another out, rise to the occasion of coming to a well thought-out plan, and then get behind our Parish Council as we put our plan into action. What's vital is that we do this together, prayerfully. We do it for the Glory of God and to serve the future souls of our parish.

This meeting will begin something great for our community. Please be part of shaping our future and the beautiful Catholic tradition we stand for and are proud to hand on.

St. Joseph, Pray for us. St Alphonsus, Pray for us.

**9/11: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REMEMBERS.** 911—for years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of Sept 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil.

Oct 2001, U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution designating that every September 11th be observed as "Patriot Day." The resolution requests that U.S. government entities and interested organizations display the flag of the United States at half-staff on Patriot Day and that the people of the United States observe a moment of silence in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Patriot Day is also a "National Day of Service," when Americans are called to participate in community service in honor of those our Nation lost.

**SOME THOUGHTS:**

"Tom was a hero on Flight 93. He and his fellow passengers were drafted unknowingly as the first citizen-soldiers in the war on terrorism." —Beverly and Thomas Burnett, Sr., parents of Tom Burnett

"I still try to figure out what God was thinking and why I deserved to be spared twice that day." —Kenneth Zaveckas, New York City firefighter

"I did not see the devil's face at Ground Zero. I saw the face of God in the people working, caring, sweating, crying, rescuing, recovering and being very spiritual in their very humanness. —Franciscan Father Joseph Bayne, chief chaplain of New York's Erie County Emergency Services

"I thought 'what is God like?' God is like the firefighter who rushes into a burning building to save someone. That's how much God loves us." —Jesuit Father James Martin

**A PRAYER:**

Foundations once thought secure have been shaken. Your Wisdom reminds us, Lord, of the illusion of Earthly security. In commemorating the 9-11 tragedy, we thank You God for your presence in our time of need.

Give us the grace to work for peace, ever ready to serve friend and foe alike.

We who worship You in Spirit and in truth, believing all the more that You remain in Wisdom and in love our matchless Guide and Guardian. Amen.