

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for October 3rd 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24

Married couples: How have you shared unity this week?

Single or widow: How have you shared God's creative love?

Hebrews 2:9-11

What suffering is perfecting you right now?

Offer prayer for those who are suffering in your family and community.

Mark 10:2-16

Marrieds: What threats to unity have you had to overcome?

All: How have you helped bring children to Jesus?

WEEKDAY MASSES September 28 – October 1

Tues: **NO MASS** – Fr. is out of town for meetings

Wed: **NO MASS** – Fr. is out of town for meetings

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Rose, Ed, Margy & Pat Perius

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

WEEKEND MASSES October 2 - 3

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Ruth & Stacey Chaput

Reader: Holly Lyons

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of

Reader: Carleen Schill Columbus

EMHC: Alan Schill

Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Imelda Chaput & William Stevens

Reader: George Podhradsky

EMHC: Volunteer

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 September 19, 2021: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,727.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,053.67
Plate	\$249.25
Children	\$19.00
Fuel	\$25.00
Total	\$7,073.92

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Throughout the Gospels the disciples are often pictured as getting the wrong end of the stick. It is usually for very human reasons on their part. It is at times when they feel threatened, physically as in the storm at sea, but also when they feel their position of importance is being challenged. They are upset by the attempts of the twin sons of Zebedee to steal a march on the others in their claim to positions of celebrity in the kingdom and they are keen to know what their rewards will be for being faithful followers of Jesus. Jesus uses such moments to bring them to a more accurate awareness of what being a disciple means.

In today's Gospel we have the story of a man who is not one of the disciples casting out devils in the name of Jesus. The disciples stop him because he is not one of them. Jesus replies that this is irrelevant. What matters is what the man is doing. If what he is doing shows support for the mission of the kingdom, then they should rejoice that this work is happening. There is an echo of what Moses says to Joshua when Eldad and Medad are found prophesying though they have not been officially registered. As Jesus might say, it is not calling yourself a child of Abraham that matters. It is what you are doing with your life. By their fruits you shall know and acknowledge them. Taken from The Living Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - MARK 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that is the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

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

Oct. 3rd at St. Boniface Catholic Church – Walhalla 2:00 – 5:00pm

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

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for September - 25 – Judy Lill & Delores Weiner

1st Annual Nepomuk Narly: Gravel Grinder Bike Race - Pisek, ND Saturday, October 2, 2021

Sponsored by St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church **Choose Your Adventure:**

GOLD Division: 10:00 AM start, 50 Miles, a few hundred feet of climbing, 95% Dirt, 100% good times. \$5,500 in REAL GOLD for top seven finishers.

SILVER Division: 11:00 AM start, 25 Miles, less climbing :), - still an epic challenge, just a bit shorter. Over \$1,000 in REAL SILVER for top six finishers.

Ice Cream Divison: 12:00 PM start, 6 miles out and back with ice cream at the J-Mart for all! This ride is perfect for riders of all skill levels.

Families are welcomed! This is a family affair with Food Trucks, Craft Booths, and Jump for Joy Inflatables for Children COME have a MEMORABLE DAY in Pisek, ND !!!! \$7,000 Prize Purse REAL Gold & Silver (REAL ICE CREAM, TOO)!!! Post-race party - recover and relive the adventure with friends old and new while enjoying great local food and drinks. We can't wait to hang out with you all in Pisek, North Dakota!! **Contact: bikereg.com/nepomuk-narly or Fr. Lefor (701) 520-0369**

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

This **Wednesday, Sept 29, 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**, we'll watch the first episode from Robert Barron's *Catholicism*. Come and see if this might be for you.

ALTAR SERVERS AND GREETERS - Sign-up sheets at the entryways of the church. They are slowly growing. This is week 4 of their presence. Please prayerfully consider to help us at the altar and at the door.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY, SEPT 25-26 - This weekend we view a video from Catholic Charities ND, "Planting Seeds for Our Future". Please support CCND. They do excellent work building and strengthening the lives of individuals, couples, and families across our State. With programs for children, families, adults with intellectual disabilities, and others in need, CCND serves Catholics and non-Catholics alike. This past year, they've served over 2,500 local individuals in 49 of ND's 53 counties.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday & Wednesday September 28 & 29. Fr. will be out of town for training.

40 Day for Life – the Rosary will be said at 12:05 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at the church park, unless of bad weather it will be held in the church

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Next Sunday(Oct. 2nd), during the 10:30am Mass, Laura Preble will lead any children who wish in a Liturgy of the Word in the Fellowship Hall. I look forward to seeing how this goes and the gift it will be to our young people.

St. Edward's Country Store donations are due (\$75.00). Put in collection plate with "Country Store" on the check or envelope.

Knights of Columbus Knight of the month for August is Dennis Karsky; for September is Dennis Horpestad.

Religious Education has started but you can still register. It's not too late, Class is from 6:30 to 7:30pm on Wednesday nights. For more information you can contact Carla Horpestad at 701-370-0594.

St. Alphonsus Altar Society Fall Supper will be on Sunday, October 17th at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. Serving will be from 4:00-7:00pm with ham, turkey and all the trimmings. The cake walk starts at 4:00pm. Prices are \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 students (K-6), \$3.00 preschool and Take-Outs \$13.00. Raffles tickets are being sold.

ON SEPT 15, Paige Stransky, a liturgical design consultant, spoke to a generous turnout. Thanks again to all who attended and shared. This begins the process of gathering input so our Parish Council can make the decisions necessary to move our renovation forward.

In last week's summary, I highlighted what we heard: we are a Eucharistic community and evangelizing. That means, we gather around Jesus' Real Presence and we share what we know about him, our Savoir, our Friend, the Healer of All. In the homily last weekend, I mentioned a national event that'll be kicked off in 2022.

Twin Cities' Auxiliary Bishop Andrew Cozzens, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, detailed a 3-year "National Eucharistic Revival" initiative that aims to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus.

Bishop Cozzens described the Revival as "a movement of Catholics across the U.S., healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist — and sent out on mission for the life of the world."

The Revival is designed to impact every level of the Church. The 1st year, starting next summer, begins with a focus on renewal movements and apostolates in every diocese.

2nd year would involve parishes and include small groups and training of eucharistic missionaries through parish lay leaders.

3rd year will include a national event, followed by efforts to strengthen missionaries sending them out to invite people into our eucharistic communities.

The revival was prompted in part by a 2019 Pew Research study that found 69% of Catholics don't believe the Church's teaching that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

The plan for the Revival includes five pillars: 1.) to foster encounters with Jesus through a proclamation of the Good News and experiences of eucharistic devotion; 2.) to contemplate and proclaim the doctrine of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist through the truth of the Church's teaching, beauty of the Church's worship and goodness of a life of service; 3.) to empower grassroots creativity by partnering with a variety of Church movements; 4.) to reach the smallest unit: parish small groups and families; 5.) to learn from the various rich intercultural eucharistic traditions.

This is about joining the words and actions of Jesus heard in the Gospels to actual encounters with the living person of Jesus. It's less about starting programs, and more about enkindling a missionary fire across our country. But like any fire it needs to start with a spark.

Each of us can be that spark. Will you offer yourself for that? It is an awesome stroke of Providence that our church renovation project coincides with this national movement. It will breathe meaning and purpose into the work of our hands.