

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 10, 2021

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for October 17th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11

A wise ruler asks God for the most priceless gift of all.
Can anything on earth match the spirit of Wisdom?

Hebrews 4:14-16

We are reminded of God's word.
Does its penetrating power prompt us to honesty before God and stir us to true conversion?

Mark 10:35-45

The disciples' role is not to allow possessions or relationships to become more important than discipleship. What is important to me?

WEEKDAY MASSES October 12 - 15

Tues: 5:00 pm +Eddie Perius
Wed: 8:40 am +Lina Hamann
Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Kroestch
Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Sylvia Fetsch **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES October 16 - 17

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Deceased Members of the Lester Stevens Family
Reader: Corey Stremick
EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of the Lou & Ann
Reader: Jackie Thom Jakoubek Family
EMHC: Linda Kempel
Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Francis & Loran Illerbrunn
Reader: Zack Schaefer
EMHC: Darlene Rutledge
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 October 3, 2021: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,766.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,210.00
Plate	\$378.00
Children	\$14.00
Fuel	\$25.00
Total	\$6,393.00

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The wealthy man in today's Gospel was short-sighted. He had always tried to live a God-centered life, but his routine prevented him from realizing that his vision of life was blurred. Jesus recognized someone who generously shared his riches but perhaps was less ready to share his heart. If only the young man would share his heart, he could permanently transform his life.

As is was, the young man already had a niggling sense that he could do something over and above the good deeds in which he was involved. If this were not so, he wouldn't have asked Jesus' advice on what else he needed to do in order to gain eternal life. He had asked the right question, but he wasn't prepared for the answer. The young man wasn't ready to make the changes necessary to follow Jesus' difficult and itinerant, crowd-filled lifestyle. Hitherto, he had lived in a comfortable home – but now Jesus was suggesting that he should, instead, go into the highways and byways, deliberately searching for those who needed his compassion, people whom he might otherwise never have seen. The man wasn't ready for such a sacrifice. He wanted to be good on his own terms. He chose to remain short-sighted rather than to follow Jesus' prescription and to get new lenses.

Taken from The Living Word

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY - Last week, we viewed Catholic Charities ND, "Planting Seeds for Our Future". Please support CCND. They are sending envelopes which I'll put out as soon as they arrive.

The story of Mike Bossert meeting his birth family was very moving. Here's more information about those services.

Post Adoption Search and Disclosure services are offered to adopted adults, birth parents, and biological siblings of adopted adults whose adoptions were completed through Catholic Charities North Dakota. CCND social workers share in this emotional journey with clients as they learn non-identifying information, obtain updated medical information, and/or explore new relationships with their birth families.

Who May Search?

An adopted adult who is 18 years of age or older; a birth parent who has terminated parental rights to a child and that child has reached twenty-one years of age; birth siblings after the adopted individual is twenty-one years old with the written consent of the mutual birth parent; the adult child of a deceased adopted adult.

Types of Searches:

Non-Identifying: CCND will provide a letter containing information such as physical description, education, interests, health, race, and ethnicity of the birth family. This information is typically provided to the agency at the time of the adoption. Fee: \$100

Identifying: CCND will attempt to contact the individual to ask if they would be willing to provide updated medical information and/or if they are open to contact with the searcher either directly or indirectly through the agency. Fee: \$500 (includes non-identifying search)

To learn more about the post adoption search and disclosure process or to request the forms needed to begin the process, contact Kris Haycraft at #701-235-4457 or via email at ppas@catholiccharitiesnd.org.

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>

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Altar Society meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Last Sunday, during the 10:30 Mass, we began a meeting with children in the Fellowship Hall during the Readings and homily at Mass. So far, so good.

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

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ND 12:05 Rosary, Tuesday thru Saturday, in the KC Park.

"All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect" Pope Francis.

Despite the Pope's personal plea for clemency last week, Earnest Johnson, born with fetal alcohol syndrome and mentally disabled, was executed in Missouri for crimes committed in 1994.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for October - 9 – Julie Fisk & Lori Roy; 16 – Nancy Downs; 23 – Diane Schill & Sue Schill; 30 – Marie Mack & Vicki Samuelson

PARISHIONER INPUT ON INTERIOR DESIGN - Last week's bulletin carried a long explanation of the process of soliciting input from parishioners. Copies of last week's bulletin are available online at our website.

We are still asking for your feedback. Images up for discussion are located in the Fellowship Hall. Sheets are available for your comments and a box to put them in.

After this weekend, we will begin to collate the responses and see where things stand. Parish Council will then announce our next steps.

Thank you to those who have responded thus far. We value your thoughts and appreciate the opportunity to learn from you.

Again, I quote the great words of Pope St. John XXIII, who opened the Second Vatican Council, "**In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, and in all things, charity.**"

FR. DALE KINZLER returned home to Cooperstown on Tuesday. He is working with others to make sure the rectory suits him for accessibility. He is not celebrating Masses yet, but happy to be doing physical therapy at home, rather than in the hospital.

Another priest of our diocese, Fr. John Aerts, was in ICU with COVID. He's now back in Rugby, doing fine, but with some residual weariness.

ALTAR SERVERS AND GREETERS - A good number of people have signed up to be greeters. Thank you! Let's give it another week or two, then we can gather to discuss how we wish to carry out this ministry.

We will make an appeal at Religious Ed and St. A's School for Altar Servers also in the coming weeks. Thanks.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS - We ended up blessing 5 dogs and 1 kitty last Sun & Mon (guess I confused some people on the day by the way I announced it, sorry).

Animals are our companions on Earth—house pets, domesticated livestock or wild creatures. We receive much from them: comfort, protection and wonder, as well as labor, food and clothing. When we bless them, we're asking God to help us remember our dependence on these creatures, great and small, and to make us wise in caring for them properly. Each animal uniquely reveals God's loving presence.

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