

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 24, 2021

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for October 31st 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

The call to love God with all we are is to be written on our hearts.

Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ is the high priest who delivers the people from their sins.

Mark 12:28-34

The greatest commandment is love.

WEEKDAY MASSES October 26 - 29

Tues: **No Mass Fr. is at a retreat**

Wed: **No Mass Fr. is at a retreat**

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Paul Kram & +Shirley Doherty

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** Prayers for Holden Mack (**No Public is Allowed**)

WEEKEND MASSES October 30 – 31

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Mary Bisenius

Reader: Michael Neubert

EMHC: Bernadette Fetsch

Sun: **8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Marvin Mikkelsen

Reader: Judy Eppinette

EMHC: Harvey Metzger

Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Danny Roy

Reader: George Podhradsky

EMHC: Dennis Horpestad

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 October 17, 2021: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$12,169.59
Intentional Givers	\$3053.00
Plate	\$281.00
Children	\$38.00
Total	\$15,542.26

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, sits by the side of the road as the crowds pass by. We see Bartimaeus today sitting in a doorway, or by a lamp post, with a paper coffee cup begging for pennies or needing to find a bed on which to rest. We don't know how Bartimaeus lost his sight, but he feels the loss and wants to see again. More deeply he wants to meet Jesus because he recognizes who he really is and that he can help him. He cries out from his heart, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Many people try to quieten him down and others walk past indifferently; a noisy person on the street is always a nuisance. Jesus hears him, spots him and recognizes him as a person, a human being who is in need, and he speaks to him. He asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" When Jesus restores physical sight to Bartimaeus, he also receives the gift of faith because he gets up and follows Jesus along the road.

The prophet Jeremiah, in the first reading, writes of the Lord gathering the peoples who are lost back to himself. He comforts those who are weeping tears of sadness and sorrow; he consoles those who are desolate; he is a kind father caring for his children. He presents a vision of hope and joy when good days will return. Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Jeremiah because he brings about the kingdom of God where justice, peace and love are to be found. In the world, each person is equal and respected.

In the second reading, the writer of the letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the high priest who knows all our needs and is compassionate towards us. He knows the pain of internal suffering because he has suffered for us on the cross. As Jesus stretches out his hands in prayer to the Father, the Father reaches out in love towards each one of us and desires that we find our home in him and allow his mercy to touch our hearts. Taken from The Living Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but tries to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Fall Supper Nov. 7th at Minto Community Center(Sacred Heart Church)- 11:00 – 2:00pm
Nov. 14th at the Pain Reliever in Nekoma – Nekoma Churches - 12:00 – 3:00

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY Three weeks ago, we viewed Catholic Charities ND, "Planting Seeds for Our Future". Envelopes are in the pews to use to support CCND.

Catholic Charities ND serves all people, regardless of religious affiliation. Nevertheless, the organization is guided by the fundamental principles of Catholic Social teaching, listed here below. It is good to remember that along with doctrines of faith, these social teachings are key to our Christian witness.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person. Every person is precious. People are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation. People have a right and duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of every person, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Rights and Responsibilities. The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected. A healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. To protect the dignity of work, the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative. **Continued on page three**

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

No Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26 & 27 Fr. will be at a retreat.

Welcome Devin Jon Finnson, Andrea Rose Finnson and Dylan Ronald Finnson son's and daughter of Kevin & Marcie who were baptized last weekend. May they continue to be filled with grace.

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

A very heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who helped with the fall supper. God blessed us with a beautiful day and a wonderful crowd. We served 681 people and it took about 175 parishioners to help pull it off. So thank you to each and every one of you. We so much appreciated the work and food provided by the Altar Society ladies, the KC's for setting up and taking down tables and chairs, the men who made dressing, cut meat and helped with the heavy lifting, the kids and other volunteers who pitched in where we were short of help, the ladies who assisted with advertising and cleaning and Father Michael for helping where needed. Also thank you to all those who came to enjoy the meal and the fellowship and to those who purchased raffle tickets and participated in the cake walk. Everyone played a role, no matter how big or small, in the success of the day.

Thank you, Bev Metzger and Lisa Howatt, fall supper co-chairs. Raffle winners were — 1st Lisa Thompson, 2nd Greg Bimler, 3rd Kirsten Hoffarth

Looking for a few volunteers to take communion to the home bound. If you are interested in helping please contact Fr. Michael.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for October - 23 – Diane Schill & Sue Schill; 30 – Marie Mack & Vicki Samuelson

Please pray for Holden James Mack who was injured in a bad traffic accident. Funds to help with medical expenses can be given at Gate City Bank. Thank you

Nekoma Lutheran and St. Edward's Catholic Churches in Nekoma will be putting on their annual Noon meal on Sunday, November 14th serving from 12:00 – 3:00pm at the Pain Reliever. Please bring a dessert and come and help if you can. Thank you

PARISHIONER INPUT ON INTERIOR DESIGN. There is now a spreadsheet indicating feedback from 92 entries. Parish Council has begun to look at the results. The sheets all remain on file. The next step is an interview process with an architect from Craftwell Architecture of Fargo. We need someone to tie all the parts of this project together in a single vision, one who is also skilled in building consensus. Before we meet again as a parish, the Council agrees that it would be helpful to have the expertise of such a person.

ALTAR SERVERS AND GREETERS. This past week, I invited the 4-8th grade students at our School to consider serving at the Altar. Next week, we will ask our Religious Ed program to be a part of this ministry—open to all boys and girls, 4th grade and older. Sign-up sheets remain in the vestibule of the church for both Altar Servers and Greeters.

Fundraiser for Playground Equipment: Pampered Chef Fundraiser is going on right now and closes on Tuesday, October 26. The funds will be put towards the playground equipment in memory of Brayden Schwartz. Web site: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/sasplayground>. Contact Steph Fetsch with questions at 701-382-9863.

Shower Gene & Theresa Marcotte with cards to help them celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on October 25th (317 1st Street)

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Solidarity. We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our love for all of our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

Care for God's Creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.