

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for November 21st Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe**

Daniel 7:13-14

How have you given glory to God this week?

What area of your life is still not under God's dominion?

Revelation 1:5-8

How are you giving witness to Christ to others?

How is your work giving service to God?

John 18:33-37

How are you preparing for life in the kingdom of heaven?

How are you bringing God's Kingdom on earth?

WEEKDAY MASSES November 16 - 19

Tues: 5:00 pm +Anna Hoffarth

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Danny Hoffarth

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Oscar, Peggy & Greg Beauchamp

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Jack Bisenius **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES November 20 – 21

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Bernadine Mikkelsen

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Peter Girodat

Reader: Gary Metzger Family

EMHC: Daryl Kempel

Musicians: Bob & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Stanley Schneider

Reader: Zack Schaefer Family

EMHC: Darlene Rutledge

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue Schill

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Website for St. Alphonsus Parish – <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>

**Confessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or
by appointment**

Weekly Reflection for November 7, 2021: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$5,195.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,435.00
Plate	\$279.00
Fuel	\$5.00
Improvements	\$55.00
Children	\$26.05
Total	\$7,995.05

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Gospel passage today is of the type of writing most easily misunderstood in the Bible: it is known as “apocalyptic”, and the last book of the Christian scriptures is often called “Apocalypse”, which means “Revelation”. It is set at the end of time, and describes the natural and human upheavals which will accompany the second coming of Christ and the establishing of God’s eternal kingdom. However, this particular literary genre has a definite purpose: it is to encourage the community to stand firm in the face of persecution. The book of Daniel urges the Jewish faithful to resist the determined, cruel attempts by their overlord to replace their traditional religion and culture with that of the Greek empire; the book of Revelation and apocalyptic passages in the gospels tell the Christian disciples that the Roman empire will not prevail forever, that God will rescue and vindicate those who remain faithful – eventually.

The main difficulty with this type of writing is that people can take it literally. Some will say, “It’s the word of God, therefore it must be literally true.” There are two ways in which such a misunderstanding of the literary form of apocalyptic can have unintended consequences or be misused. The first is that some people see in natural events, such as earthquakes, floods and the like, signs that the end of the world is imminent. This can cause panic, especially when a significant date is looming, such as the turn of the century.

A second, and more serious, misinterpretation of apocalyptic writing is thinking that we can actually hasten, or at least facilitate, the coming of the kingdom. Some fundamentalist Christians, who take the biblical text literally, see in natural disasters, and in some political movements and developments, clear signs of the arrival of the kingdom: this can lead to their opposing initiatives to tackle global problems such as the climate emergency, or even to supporting government policies which could lead to nuclear war, as such a conflagration would correspond to many of the details described in the Gospel reading today. These may be extreme examples, but they are none the less real.

Taken from The Living Word

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” (MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news – it is never too late to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

Fall Supper Nov. 14th at the Pain Reliever in Nekoma – Nekoma Churches - 12:00 – 3:00

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - A couple from St. Joseph’s, Devils Lake, presented at our last Parish Council meeting introduced the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It’s a beautiful challenge.

It’s not a constant stream, but every month, the parish is met with a variety of needs. The pastor usually takes care of these, but not always with the thoroughness needed. He’d love some help. The Holy Spirit knows there are people touched with the gift of ‘outreach’. Please ask yourself if that might be ‘you’.

Just so you know, there are people in our midst who need help with travel to doctors’ appointments, items for infants, children’s winter clothes, meal deliveries, electric and water bills. Certainly there are others. Help us name them.

We want to be that place in the heart of Cavalier County where people can confidently turn for help when serious needs arise.

Pilgrimage to the East Coast shrines with Bishop Folda, Sept 10-14, 2022

Join a Pilgrimage to Washington D.C, Emmitsburg and Philadelphia with Bishop Folda, September 10-14, 2022. Travel with the bishop to some of his favorite shrines in the USA! Sites include the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, St. John Paul II National Shrine, Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, and the saints in Philadelphia; St. John Neumann and St. Katherine Drexel along with many other historical sites. Pilgrimage cost based on double rooms: \$2195.00. Deadline to register is January 20, 2022. Visit Fargodiocese.org/events for more details and registration link. Or call the Diocese of Fargo for registration form, 356-7900. Organized by Peter’s Way Tours.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome Theodore Paul Carwile, son of Ken & Kathryn who was baptized last weekend. May he continue to be filled with grace.

The Religious Ed Department is looking for someone to teach 5th grade RE on Wednesday nights for the rest of the school year. If interested please call Carla at 370-0594.

You're invited to join us on Wednesdays at 12:05pm as we pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn.

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage & French Toast breakfast on Sunday, November 21st (**Please note the day has changed**) serving from 9:00am till noon in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

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 November - 13 – Megan Hartz & Jane Hayen; 20 Kari Blake & Helen Berg; 27 – Kathy Borgen & Patty Fetsch

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

Grieving? Know someone who is please join us for Surviving the Holidays on Sunday, November 14th at 7:00pm at the United Methodist Church

THE ROCK - Of the stone before the tomb of Jesus, in light of concerns women had who wanted to anoint his body, St Mark wrote, "it was very large."

Same is said for the beautiful gift given to us by Alyssa Plummer, which now sits, in all its glory, outside the East door of the elementary school. Thank you, Alyssa, for sending it our way and arranging to have Mikkelson's make the delivery.

SYNOD – *syn- (together) + -od (way)*. Pope Francis opened a 2-year path to the 2023 Synod with the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission". This world-wide assembly of the People of God is set to mark Christianity forever.

This week, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Fargo sent a message that Bishop Folda is requiring each parish/cluster to host at least one open meeting related to the Synod.

2nd installment of Pope Francis' opening address from Oct 10, 2021, building on the Gospel of the day about the rich young man and unfolds the passage in light of the coming world-wide Synod.

As we initiate this process, we too are called to become experts in the *art of encounter*. Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another. Time to devote to prayer and to adoration – that form of prayer that we so often neglect – devoting time to adoration, and to hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries. Every encounter – as we know – calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. If at times we would rather take refuge in formality or presenting the proper image – the clerical and courtly spirit, where I am more *Monsieur l'abbé* than *Father* – the experience of encounter changes us; frequently it opens up new and unexpected possibilities. Following today's Angelus, I will meet with a group of street people who came together simply because a group of people made an effort to listen to them, sometimes just to listen to them. And from that listening they succeeded in setting out on a new path. So often God points out new paths in just this way. He invites us to leave our old habits behind. Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with him and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are.