

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for June 7th The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-9

How have you felt God's goodness and mercy this week?

How have you been "stiff-necked" this week?

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Where is harmony and peace lacking in your life?

Which of your "ways" need "mending"?

John 3:16-18

Review your commitment to Jesus Christ, to believe in him.

What have you done out of great love for your children?

WEEKDAY MASSES June 2 - 5

Tues: 5:00 pm +Rose Lorenz & +Agnes Biewer

Wed: 8:40 am **NO MASS TODAY**

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch

Fri: 10:15 am +Mary Mann (Mass will be at the church)

WEEKEND MASSES June 6 - 7

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +Olga Feil

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Josie, Tom, Jean & Garth Downey

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Not at this time

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Bud & Bette Bata

Reader: Darlene Brooks

EMHC: Not at this time

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales People of the Parishes

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +JoAnn Beauchamp

Reader: Terian Chaput

EMHC: Not at the time

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue Schill

Fr. Phil's cell phone: 701-740-7593 and Fr. Will's cell phone: 701-640-2858

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

Confessions: our weekly schedule – Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00PM,

Saturdays 4:00-5:00PM will be held in the Adoration Chapel.

Weekly Reflection for May 24, 2020: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$1,860.00
Intentional Givers	\$330.00
Plate	\$99.00
Total	\$2,289.00

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Often, we seem to lose our focus on our religious and spiritual lives. It seems to us that if things are not going well for us that God has lost interest and cares little or not at all for us. Today's feast is a reminder to us of what it is all about: The Lord gives the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. It is good to notice that in today's Gospel Jesus says, "Peace be with you" twice. It is possible or conceivable that they would not have heard this message the first time Jesus spoke, as this was the first time, he appeared to them after having risen from the dead? He says it again to make sure that they will get the message and the wonderful gift of the Lord's peace.

After they know that peace is truly theirs, Jesus goes on to gift them with the Holy Spirit. He breathes on them and simply says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This gift is given, then instructions follow; Jesus further gifts the disciples, but this time with authority. The Lord entrusts them with the power to either forgive or withhold forgiveness over sin.

While all this is going on it ought to be recognized that they are looking at the wounds in Jesus' hands and side. They are delighted to know that it is the Lord and they are sure of this because they can see his hands and his side. The man who is giving them peace, giving them the Holy Spirit, giving them authority, is Jesus who was tortured and crucified and died on the cross. This is not a fairy tale, but a real story with a powerful ending, an ending that involves all of us here today. We are here today because this story has been passed down through the generations, gifted by the same Spirit that the disciples received on this feast.

Taken from The Living Word

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*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1
CORINTHIANS 12:7*

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

Book of the Month - Going Deeper: A Reasoned Exploration of God and Truth - Leo Severino

- The vast majority of human beings believe in a higher power, but few can clearly and articulately explain what they believe in or why. When it comes to explaining one's beliefs, most rely on intuition or personal experience, relegating faith to the realm of subjective judgment as opposed to objective truth. In *Going Deeper: A Reasoned Exploration of God and Truth*, Leo Severino presents a systematic, easy-to-understand, journey that grounds the certitude of faith in logic and reason. The author maps out a train of thought that begins with everyday events, reasons its way through proofs of the existence of God, then goes on to describe the deep purpose inscribed in every human heart. For those not well versed in theology or philosophy, this book is an accessible way to tether matters of faith to demonstrable premises and logical conclusions. For those with deeper theological formation, this book will provide fresh perspectives on the classic arguments that demonstrate how faith and reason go hand in hand.

Fr. Damien Schill has completed the third volume of his trilogy of cookbooks entitled: "Cooking and Eating with Father Damien and Friends." This volume is the desserts volume. They are available from Hurley's Religious Goods in Fargo, their number is: 1-800-437-4338. They are also available from Saint Patrick's Guild in St. Paul, their number is: 1-651-690-1506. There are still some copies of volume two, and the entrees volume, at both locations.

St. Ann's Indian Mission in Belcourt – May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you! We wish to thank you for all your generous support in this past year. Your support has enabled us to keep St. Ann's Indian Mission going. Without your sacrificial offerings none of these vital services could be sustained. Your generosity and prayers are truly helping us to grow closer to Christ and to bring others to Him. May our Lord bless you superabundantly and protect you during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting June 1st - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

There will be no Mass on Wednesday, June 3rd Fr. Phil will be attending the Chrism Mass in Fargo

Thank you, Fr Will. This weekend is Fr Will's last one. He will be on vacation the month of June. He will return for our Farewell Open House on June 18th. Blessings to you!

Nekoma and Wales: I met with both parishes twice in the last couple of weeks. Because there will be only one priest after June 24th, we decided that for now, there will continue to be a 5:00PM Mass on Saturdays at Nekoma. There will be no Sunday Masses at Wales until further notice. We have enjoyed having 2 priests at our parishes. Unfortunately, it is not possible to keep the current schedule. The first weekend of this adjusted schedule will take effect on June 27-28th. **Wales: No Mass until further notice (starting June 28th)**

Fr. McDermott will be at Langdon for Masses on weekend of June 6th & 7th. He will also be helping out at the Nekoma and Wales on June 20th & 21st.

Confirmation/First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, June 14th at the 10:30am Mass at St. Alphonsus.

Please check out our parish website www.stalphonsuslangdon.com For the following: Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at 10:30am, Homilies, Sunday celebration guide, talks and up to date information.

Catholic Daughters Meeting on Monday, June 1st at the cafeteria. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00pm. Meeting will follow at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Monday, June 1st and will be held in the church. This is a time when anyone, for any amount of time can come to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Don't miss this beautiful opportunity!

Church project update - tuck pointing is now completed. D & M Construction came on Wednesday to complete work on reinforcing the west wall of the church.

Farewell Open House for Fr Phil, Fr Will and Dcn Eric will be held on Thursday, June 18th from 5:30 - 7:30pm. We will be serving Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. No potluck items are permitted. We are required to follow guidelines from the ND Department of Public Health. Mark your calendars!

Announcement from Bishop Folda regarding new priestly assignments:

Fr Phil Ackerman has been assigned for a 6-year term as the new Pastor of Holy Cross Church, West Fargo effective June 24th. He has completed his 6-year term at St Alphonsus, St Edward's and St Michael's.

Fr Michael Hickin of Bottineau has been assigned for a 6-year term as the new pastor of St Alphonsus, St Edward's and St Michael's effective June 24th. There will not be an associate pastor assigned. Fr Hickin will serve here as the only priest.

Fr Will Osvak has been granted retirement status beginning June 24th.

Dcn Eric Seitz has been assigned to St John's Church Wahpeton effective June 24th. He will begin there as a deacon until his ordination on August 8th. Then he will continue their as an associate pastor.

Please have any Wreaths or Flowers removed from Calvary Cemetery in Langdon, St. Edward's Cemetery in Nekoma and St. Michaels's Cemetery in Wales no later than Sunday, May 31st.

Altar Server, Lector, EMHC Schedules are in the sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out.

St. Edward's Church cleaning for May/June – Sharlene McGregor, Vicki Kubat & Kathy Skjervheim