

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for September 27th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28

What *unfairness* have you experienced recently?

From what *wickedness* do you still need to turn away?

Philippians 2:1-11

Toward whom are you still acting out of *rivalry* or *conceit*?

Do your words, and your actions, profess “*Jesus Christ is Lord?*”

Matthew 21:28-32

To whom have you said, “*Yes I will,*” but didn’t follow through?

To whom did you insist “*No I won’t*” when you should have said “*Yes?*”

WEEKDAY MASSES September 22 – 25

Tues: 5:00 pm +Emil Lorenz

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Felix Essler & In Honor of Judy Essler

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Mann

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Ione Gross **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES September 26 – 27

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+Rose, Ed, Margy & Pat Perius

Reader: Michael Neubert

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Muhs Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Dale & Isabelle Fetsch

Reader: Gary Metzger

EMHC: Harvey Metzger

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

St. Michael’s – Wales

NO MASS AT WALES TODAY

10:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Daniel F. Lamping

Reader: Jenny Chaput

EMHC: Darlene Rutledge

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Cantor

Fellowship Hall Host: Dorothy Sauer

Fr. Michael Hickin’s cell phone: 701-891-1238

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

Confessions: Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or

by appointment

Weekly Reflection for September 13, 2020: This week’s reflection of the parishioner’s relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,076.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,483.67
Plate	\$425.00
Total	\$4,984.67

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Jesus, however, was not advocating some strange new social teaching when he told the story of an employer who did this. The key to his parable is in the words, “Why be envious because I am generous?” It is a parable about the extraordinary generosity and love of God. It is not about human rights; it is, Jesus said, about what the kingdom of God is like.

So in the parable there are people waiting around the marketplace, idle, lost and unemployed, maybe misbehaving. Although they do not know it, they are waiting for the Gospel. Along comes the landowner who, of course, is Jesus, and a group of them take up his invitation to work in his vineyard. A meaning comes to their life at once and they are gainfully employed in the kingdom. They are working for God, in the sense of fulfilling their purpose in life, living life in the way that is pleasing to God. And the wages they will receive will be eternal life. Some hear the call later in life and their reward is the same. Even at the eleventh hour some people respond to his call, and among them we may think about the penitent thief on the cross: “Today you will be with me in paradise.” Here is a wonderful picture of Jesus walking into his Father’s presence, leading this man by the hand: “Here, Father, is the man I have saved.” How completely appropriate that the savior brings with him the sheep that was lost; that the first to enter the kingdom of God with him was a thief. Taken from The Living Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“So the last will be first and the first last”. - MATTHEW 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details

Sept. 20th at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church – Devils Lake 10:30am – 1:30pm

Oct. 11th at St. Alphonsus – Langdon – **NO FALL SUPPER THIS YEAR**

The parish has subscribed to a publication, *The Word Among Us*, for a 3-month period, Sept-Nov. We will be receiving 30 copies. These are intended mostly for Daily Mass attendees so that we can recite together the Antiphons proper to each Mass.

The booklets are not to remain in the pews for health reasons. Parishioners are asked to keep *The Word Among Us* and bring it to Mass as an aid to prayer. Enjoy. Any feedback on this booklet is welcomed.

Reboot a life-changing event featuring internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host Chris Stefanick on Wednesday, September 23rd 7:00 – 9:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Church (1018 18th Avenue South) Grand Forks. Tickets \$25.00 for info/purchase tickets call 701-746-1454 or RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot

Calvary Cemetery - Langdon would like to “Thank You” for your donations in the past. If you are interested in making a donation for the upkeep, maintenance and the purchasing of flowers for Calvary Cemetery there are envelopes at the back of the church. Make checks payable to Calvary Cemetery. You can mail them to Calvary Cemetery, c/o Jack Wild at 11021 Highway 66, Osnabrock, ND 58269 or drop them off with Jackie at the Parish Office or drop in the collection box marked Calvary Cemetery.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Cemetery – Mount Carmel would like to thank you for your donations in the past; we appreciate you keeping us in your gift giving decisions through Memorials, bequest, and donations. Your gift helps us to offset the cost of improvements and general maintenance to keep our Cemetery a beautiful resting place for your loved ones. Donations may be mailed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery, c/o Bev Metzger 10242 103rd Street NE, Wales, ND 58281

St. Michael’s Cemetery - Wales thanks you for your past donations. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of our cemetery, donations can be sent to St. Michael’s Cemetery c/o Marc Greening 9891 93rd Avenue NE, Wales, ND 58281

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

After much discussion the Altar Society has decided to cancel their plans for the fall supper this year due to concerns about the health and safety of the school children with whom the space is shared.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTER GIFT SHOP IS CLOSING, as soon as our inventory can be sold. We will start Our Close out Sale on Saturday, September 26th before, during and after all Masses and continue every weekend until everything is sold. You can call Bev Otto at 256-2646 if you need to come at another time.

RCIA, THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS, is the normal way adults join the Church. Do you know anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic?

Singing in Church. In September we will begin singing a bit more. Singing is discouraged because of the droplets released. In order to bring back a little bit of singing, please be attentive to this. Droplets can be avoided if we wear masks, which are still strongly encouraged, and if we sing softly.

We will begin with reintroducing the Mass parts (Gloria; Alleluia; Holy, Holy, Holy; Great Amen; Our Father; Lamb of God). Let's see how that goes first. Thanks to Bob and our exceptional choir for the great work they do to uplift our hearts while we worship.

Religious Ed is in need of a kindergarten teacher, if two parents would like to team up on teaching that would be great. Please let Carla know if you would be willing to teach.

40 Days for Life – September 23rd – November 1st – we will be praying the rosary on Wednesday's at 12:05pm at the St. Alphonsus Park as long as weather permits. In the case of bad weather it will be moved into the church

The multinational PRO-LIFE NOVENA FOR UNBORN BABIES is nine consecutive days for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered and the Rosary to be prayed for the following intention: For the protection of unborn human persons. 1)You may be part of the SEPTEMBER 29th – OCTOBER 7th Mass offered at least once on any of the following days: 2)Pray one Rosary on each of the following days: September 29th, 30th; October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th

CALL TO FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP - Participating in the political process is an important way we live out our Christian calling. Following Jesus overflows into shaping our surroundings with the values of the Gospel. In this weekend's edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*, journalist David Mills tackles a tough subject. You can tell by the title. In case we run out of copies of the OSV newspaper, here's the article online:

<https://osvnews.com/2020/08/25/the-church-does-not-tell-us-who-we-can-and-cant-vote-for-and-heres-why/> It's actually a straightforward application of what the Church has held for years. For a quick video summary of the bishops' teaching, see <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/videos-for-faithful-citizenship> .

CONFESSIONAL - In response to a note I received, we've reconfigured the area behind the altar used for Confessions. There is now a screen and the opportunity for anonymity in celebrating Jesus' Mercy.

FUNERALS AND DAILY MASS - On days that we celebrate Funeral Masses, we will **NOT** be having the regularly scheduled daily Mass. There will be exceptions along the way. When possible, we will note exceptions in the bulletin.

FIELD STONE - A few folks have dropped off some rocks. Thanks! What gems! We will need quite a bit to accomplish the task ahead. The thing with rocks, you don't want to have to move them more than is necessary. If you are bringing some in, feel free to give me a call. We can discuss where would be the best place to pile them.

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

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for September - 20-26 Patty Howatt & Kathy Borgen, 27-October 3 Karrie Mikkelsen & Whitney Bachman