

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 25, 2020

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for November 1st All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

The apostle John sees a vision of the life in heaven

1 John 3:1-3

As children of God, we are promised that one day we will
see God face to face.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes show the way to become holy.

WEEKDAY MASSES October 27 – 30

Tues: 5:00 pm +Shirley Doherty

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Bob & Betty
Bata Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Marvin Mikkelsen

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** Living & Deceased Members of **(No Public is Allowed)**
Elmer & Gerry Schneider Family

WEEKEND MASSES October 31 – November 1

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Dick Perius
Reader: Michael Neubert
EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Clarence,
Reader: Judy Eppinette Genevieve & Lorriane Ballweg Family
EMHC: Harvey Metzger
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Cantor

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Mary Shankar
Reader: Jenny Chaput
EMHC: Bev Otto
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 October 18, 2020: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,599.00
Intentional Givers	\$650.00
Plate	\$163.25
Improvements	\$25.00
Total	\$4,067.25

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus says the greatest commandment is a twofold commandment of love: love of God and love of neighbor. He reminds his listeners that they themselves were once strangers in a foreign land and they must show justice and compassion to vulnerable people: those who are poor, strangers, disadvantaged. Generous love of neighbor is an indispensable means of loving God. Jesus expands the meaning of neighbor: the commandment to love includes those in our family and our community, along with elderly people, orphans, outsiders, impoverished people around the world, and even our enemies. In other words: everyone. The authenticity of our faith, our love of God and our relationship with Christ is measured by the way we treat others.

The readings challenge us to seek repentance and forgiveness for our negative attitudes towards others. The second reading suggests that we should abandon our idols – perhaps love of money, consumerism, celebrities – and make a conscious choice to love our neighbors. So many saints have expressed their love for God by seeking out the most wretched, the poorest, weakest members of society, loving them and raising them up, to reveal their intrinsic dignity as person worthy of love. Taken from The Living Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." – MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

Catholic Charities North Dakota Sunday October 24-25!

Please join us in your parish or online at: www.CatholicCharitiesND.org to celebrate Catholic Charities Sunday on October 24-25. This year there has been an increased need for our charity care and other services, and so we especially need your support! Watch our video to learn how we are adapting to reach those in need during the pandemic and increasing outreach by adding a new guardianship program for the elderly and mental health issues, starting telehealth for our counseling services, and expanding our AASK program and adding ND Post-Adopt services! You can help by letting others know about these exciting changes, and assisting your neighbors in need with a generous donation! Learn more, watch the new video, and give securely online at www.CatholicCharitiesND.org or Facebook. Together let's celebrate "US" – United and Strong!

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

Knights of Columbus will be collecting non perishable food items for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. There is a purple plastic tote at the back of the church.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Our Sympathy to the family of Gayle Slama who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

Winners of the Altar Society Raffle are - \$200.00 – Jaxsyon Wild; \$100.00 – Joni Henderson; \$50.00 – Andrea Moser

Catholic Daughters Meeting on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00pm in the KC Room. There will be a prayer service for deceased members – please wear white.

Our next Altar Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. It will be our annual wine and hors d'oeuvres meeting. All Altar Society members are welcome to attend. There will be no meeting in December.

Catholic Daughter Gift Shop is continuing their close out sale. Items have been put back in the cases, if you see anything you would like to purchase call Bev Otto 256-2646 and we could meet in the fellowship Hall anytime or after Mass on the weekends. Thanks to all of you who have made purchases.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP - As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all. Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good.

Pope Francis writes: "Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace.... You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor" (*Gaudete et exsultate*, 25).

The call to holiness, he writes, requires a "firm and passionate" defense of "the innocent unborn." "Equally sacred," he further states, are "the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection" (*Gaudete et exsultate*, 101).

*Merciful Father,
Thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work
of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace.
Draw us close to you in prayer
as we discern your call in our families and communities.
Send us forth to encounter all whom you love:
those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome.
Inspire us to respond to the call to faithful citizenship,
during election season and beyond.
Help us to imitate your charity and compassion
and to serve as models of loving dialogue.
Teach us to treat others with respect, even when we disagree,
and seek to share your love and mercy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - The minutes from St. A's last Parish Council are in a binder in the Fellowship Hall for any who wish to consult them.

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

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for October – 25 – Patty Bata & Peggy Gross
Fellowship Hall Cleaning for November – 7 – Barb Schill & Dar Podhradsky; 14 – Koree Hoffman & Emily Schaefer; 21 – Jody Klindt & Nichole Schefter; 28 – Marilyn Shephard & Kirsten Gendron

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493