

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

APRIL 24, 2022

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for April 24th Second Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Do you believe God can work wonders through you, the church?

Pray that we may still add to the number of believers in the church today.

Revelation 1:9-19

Imagine Jesus clothed in glory at the throne; fall at his feet and worship.

What suffering or hardship have you experienced as a witness of Jesus?

John 20:19-31

Imagine Jesus appearing to you; touch his wounds; believe he is risen.

Receive Jesus' gift of forgiveness, inner peace, the breath of the Holy Spirit.

WEEKDAY MASSES April 26 - 29

Tues: 5:00 pm **NO MASS** today Fr. attending spring meetings

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

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Lyle & Iris Lothspeich

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Brian Dunford **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES April 30 - May 1

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma Prayers for Jan Wild

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Richard Lorenz & People of the Parishes

Reader: Michael Neubert

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Sun: 9:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Art Spanier

Family & Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters

Reader: Catholic Daughters

EMHC: Catholic Daughters

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Duane Otto

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 April 17, 2022: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$12,582.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,053.67
Plate	\$883.00
Fuel	\$5.00
Children	\$107.00
Total	\$16,576.67

Please prayer for the following people of our parish/community:

Doug Bodnar & Bernie Peterson

Second Sunday of Easter

In John's Gospel account, there are no apostles. An apostle means "one who is sent". In John's version of the Jesus story, Jesus is the sole actor: his followers do not share in his ministry. For example, in the story of the feeding of the crowd, it is Jesus who distributes the bread. Jesus does not send out others to preach and heal. There are no apostles, only disciples. It is this group who are locked away, fearful that what happened to Jesus might happen to them as his followers. The risen Jesus makes himself present among them and bestows on them peace, which removes the fear of the Jewish authorities that has locked them away. To overcome any remaining doubt, Jesus shows them his wounds from the crucifixion. Fear turns to joy and Jesus sends them as the Father sent him. It is at this point that disciples become apostles. Jesus then breathes the Holy Spirit on them: those who receive their message and confirm this publicly by being baptized will have their sins forgiven; those who do not will remain as they were.

The second scene occurs a week later when Thomas, the sceptic, is present. There is an important point here that, in the Gospel tradition, no one comes to believe in the risen Jesus purely on the word of other people. The official witnesses to the resurrection all have to experience the risen Lord for themselves. Hearsay is not enough. Thomas represents all those who have heard about the resurrection but are not yet sure. It is this questioning, this desire to know for himself, which brings him to his personal encounter with Jesus and leads to his making the ultimate declaration about who Jesus really is: "My Lord and my God!"

Taken from The Living Word

Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life whom you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Cavalier County Health District will be offering an extended hours Immunization Clinic for all ages Wednesday, April 27. Appointments are available from 8:00 AM-6:30 PM and walk ins will also be accepted. Call [256-2402](tel:256-2402) to schedule an appointment.

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Today

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 3:00pm today, with confessions at 2:00-3:00pm at St. Alphonsus Church to fulfill the requirements to obtain the special indulgences.

This is an awesome opportunity and privilege! Jesus told St. Faustina, "I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those who approach the fount of My Mercy". The soul that will receive **Holy Communion** on this day and say the **Chaplet**, shall obtain forgiveness of Sins and Punishment. (Confession within a reasonable time before the Feast is sufficient.) One must be in the state of grace to receive the extraordinary grace promised by Our Lord. **Saying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a necessary requirement to receive the indulgence.**

"Be Merciful even as your father is merciful" (Luke 6:36)

The Church teaches us to be merciful in various ways:

The Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Comfort the imprisoned
6. Visit the sick
7. Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Admonish sinners
2. Instruct the uninformed
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the Sorrowful
5. Be patient with those in error
6. Forgive offenses
7. Pray for the living and the dead

Kindergarten registration is open. Kindergarten Round Up will be Tuesday April 26 12:30-3:00pm. Please contact Carrie Hope for more information at 256-2354 or carrie.hope@k12.nd.us

Free COVID-19 Home Test Kits, available at the Parish Business Office.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

NOTE CHANGE MASS TIMES: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass in Nekoma and 7:30 p.m. Mass in Langdon. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. in Langdon.

CLERGY SPRING EDUCATION DAY - Mon-Tue, Apr 25-26, clergy of the Diocese of Fargo will gather for a day of continuing education in Carrington. No Tue evening Mass.

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

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - On Good Friday we began the Divine Mercy Novena that culminates this Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus himself requested, in a 1931 visit to Sister Faustina Kowalska, that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy.... By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls" (*Diary* 1209, 796).

Sister Faustina came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of education, and could barely write. Hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, Jesus chose her to receive extraordinary messages, asking her to record these experiences. She compiled them into notebooks, known today as her *Diary*.

In 1936, Jesus said to her, "My Daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My Divine Mercy, I will make up for what you lack."

Faustina died, age 33, October 5, 1938. She was canonized a Saint April 30, 2000.

EASTER THANKS - First, let me thank all those whose faith in Jesus Christ drew them to our celebration of the Easter Triduum. It is because you BELIEVE that our parish exists.

Secondly, special thanks to those who did so much to create an atmosphere appropriate for worshipping the Story of our Christian origins—the Resurrection. The music, the flowers, the Cross, and the candles, especially the Easter Candle erected in memory of Vic & Lea Waltz—it all looks so beautiful.

Lastly, I'd like to thank those who welcomed Eric and Don and Adam into our community of Faith. The Easter Vigil was a tremendous celebration, and we are so happy for those who have chosen to worship with us and whom we warmly welcome to our parish.

ROCKS - If the snow will ever recede, I can get out and begin my annual rock gathering. If you have a pile in the field that's available, please let me know. I'm not after boulders unless you have the equipment to help me. With my truck I can handle the 25-75 pounders. Give me directions and I'll be there.

Benefit for Holden Mack to help with his medical expenses will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 11:00am – 3:00pm at the Langdon American Legion. Serving Pulled Pork, Salads and Desert. Bake Sale and Silent Auction will also be going on at that time.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK... Katie Sauer stepped up and is willing to take the position as funeral circle chair. However, she would like to have a co-chair to help her out. If anyone is interested in that ministry, please contact Lisa Howatt at 256-3757.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - The Parish Council expressed the wish at our last meeting to have a place in the bulletin each week listing names of people we would like to keep in prayer. If you'd like the community to hold someone in prayer, please contact the Jackie at the Parish Office with the person's name, provided they agree to have their name put in the bulletin.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for April – 18th – Barb Hill & Kathy Skjervheim; 25th – Robyn Ramberg & Karla Gellner

Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Spring Rummage Sale – April 26 – 30 at the Langdon American Legion Downtown Building. **Donation Drop Off:** Sunday April 24 & Monday, April 25 – 10:00am – 6:00pm. (No Exercise Equipment, Computers, Printers or TV's) **SALE:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (April 25, 26, 27 & 28) 10:00am – 6:00pm (Friday & Saturday – Bargain Bag Time). Volunteers Welcome!! Please note: Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders are a nonprofit group and all funds earned are kept locally to support cancer patients – we are very excited to be able to reach out to our community!!