

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 8, 2022**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 8th Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52*

Does nearly our entire city "gather to hear Word of God on the Sabbath?"  
Are you a "light to the nations, a means of salvation" for others?

*Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

What trail have you recently experienced and survived with God's help?  
Pray for someone who is distressed or grieving, that God wiped their tears.

*John 10:27-30*

How have you heard and followed the voice of the Good Shepherd recently?  
Pray Psalm 100, that you may remain a faithful follower of the Shepherd.

## WEEKDAY MASSES May 10 - 13

Tues: 5:00 pm +Joe & Gerry Tholkes & +Justin Kruk

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Bob Bata

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Tom, Josie, Jean & Garth Downey

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Marge Hoffarth **(No Public is Allowed)**

## WEEKEND MASSES May 14 - 15

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Ed Kuchar

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Ella Kram & People of the Parishes

**Reader:** Michael Neubert

**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth

**Sun: 9:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Mary Bisenius & Living & Deceased Members of

**Reader:** Gary Metzger the Gette Family

**EMHC:** Daryl Kempel

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** LaVern & Margaret Chaput

**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 May 1, 2022:** This week's reflection of the  
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes \$4,200.00

Intentional Givers \$2,760.00

Plate \$210.00

Children \$32.00

**Total \$7,202.00**

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

Doug Bodnar, Michael Dyck, Bernie Peterson, Jared Ryan &  
Lorraine Rude

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus observes how the "sheep that belong to me listen to my voice". He is making a claim that we can verify. Every human being, young and old, good and bad, has a conscience. Conscience is, St. John Henry Newman taught, "the voice of God". For Newman conscience is a proof of God's existence. "Every human being has a certain commanding dictate... an authoritative voice, bidding him do certain things and avoid others." If we want to know whether we should do a certain thing we only have to ask ourselves and our conscience will give us the answer. Often enough our conscience will kick in before we ask it, warning us not to go down this way or that. More positively it will lead us where we should go. Listening to this voice is how we find our vocation in life. Furthermore, what our conscience tells us is confirmed in scripture. The scriptures are the revealed word of God. "The word of the Lord," the reader proclaims at the end of each reading. There can never be a conflict between what God tells us in our conscience and what God tells us in the scriptures. It is the same voice speaking in two different ways.

But there is what we might call a "false conscience", persuading us that our conscience is nonsense; that the scriptures are untrue; that our faith is unfounded; that we can do whatever we feel like doing. A man once told a priest that he thought God was telling him to leave his wife and marry another woman who was a more devout Catholic. The priest reminded him of a reading he had heard at Mass: "You shall not commit adultery." What the man thought God was telling him could not have been God, but his own fantasizing.

Taken from The Living Word

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)*

The disciples heard our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

Chickenpox can be serious, especially for babies. It can lead to dehydration, pneumonia, or swelling of the brain. During National Infant Immunization week, learn how you can protect your child with chickenpox vaccine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/diseases/varicella.html>

**GOD'S GIFT APPEAL.** Our gifts, even modest ones, give evidence of our belonging to the larger diocesan family shepherded by Bishop Folda, successor of the Apostles and our vital link to the worldwide Flock of Christ.

**ROCKS.** With Spring warmth comes access to God's glorious creatures, field stone. 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.

### **Mothers and daughters invited to Mother-Daughter Days in Hankinson**

The Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen invite you to their 2022 Mother-Daughter Days at St. Francis Convent in Hankinson. There will be two sessions offered this summer: June 19–21 and July 21–23. Come spend time listening to Jesus, getting to know the Franciscan Sisters, praying with the Sisters, and meeting others pursuing a closer relationship with Jesus. To register, call or text Sister Jean Louise at (701) 208-1245. Participation is limited.

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

Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you want to meet other like-minded young adults? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up April 29th to May 1st at Maryvale Convent in Valley City. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm> or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications are due no later than Monday, April 11th.

**Home Delivered Meal delivering.** If interested in helping out please call Karrie or Chris at 256-2828 and we can answer any questions or schedule you for some times.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**NOTE CHANGE MASS TIMES:** Saturday, 5:00pm Mass in Nekoma and 7:30pm Mass in Langdon, Sunday, 9:30am in Langdon.

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

**CONFESSIONS** - This weekend, Confessions after the 7:30pm Saturday Mass and the 9:30am Sunday Mass.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** - We honor our Mothers in a special way today.

We thank our Mother Mary, who constantly watches over the flock of Jesus with tenderness. When she said at the wedding feast of Cana, "Do whatever he tells you," Mary was already teaching people to listen to the Good Shepherd's voice (today's Gospel).

Overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, Mary stands by her children, especially those women who walk with her the path of motherhood.

*Mary, you are the secret force charging the bonds of every mother and child. Bless our Mothers today. May they know the love their children have for them. May they honor the Christ Child in each of them through all their joys and sorrows and hopes for glory.*

May Blessed Mary be the strength and encouragement of all our Mothers, especially those in war-torn countries.

**WELCOMING BISHOP FOLDA AND A CHANGE OF MASS TIMES** for Saturday, May 21. Bishop will celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist for area students at 7:00pm (correction to wrong time in last bulletin).

This will be the only Saturday evening Mass for May 21. There will be no 5:00pm Mass in Nekoma and no 7:30pm Mass in Langdon.

**BACCALAUREATE & MASS FOR SENIORS.** Wednesday, May 11, 7:30pm, after the Religious Ed picnic, St Alphonsus will be hosting the Baccalaureate Service for the LAHS Graduating Class of 2022. Area ministers will join me in hosting and blessing our young people as they venture forth into the future with God's Blessing.

On Sunday, May 22, 9:30am, we will honor those Graduating Senior from our Parish.

The St. Alphonsus School Foundation Directors have postponed their spring annual meeting/supper due to previous weather conditions and conflict of schedules. A 2022 fall meeting will be planned and members will be notified. Thank you.

**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.

**Kindergarten registration is open.** Please contact Carrie Hope for more information at 256-2354 or [carrie.hope@k12.nd.us](mailto:carrie.hope@k12.nd.us)

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for May** 6 – Jayla Askvig, Darlene Brooks & Marie Mack; May 13 – Nancy Downs & Susan Crockett; 20 – Bonnie Hell & Lia Olson; May 27 – Megan Overby & Julie Regner

**PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE** - Greeting 30,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Square last Sunday, Pope Francis said: "Today, we begin the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite the faithful and all communities to **PRAY THE ROSARY** every day during the month of May for peace."

He told them, "My thoughts go immediately to the city of Mariupol, **the city of Mary**, that has been barbarically bombed and destroyed." 3 months ago, Mariupol had a population of over 400,000 people. While ¾ have fled, 100,000 survive underground in a devastated city after daily bombing by Russian forces.

"I suffer and I cry thinking of the suffering of the Ukrainian population, and in a special way for the elderly and the children," the Pope said.

When the war started, Ukraine counted 44 million people. Today, more than five million have become refugees in neighboring countries, and over six million are internally displaced. Many towns and cities have been reduced to rubble.