

PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 5, 2022

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for June 5th Pentecost Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Envision yourself with the apostles; feel the wind and flame of the Spirit.

Pray for the new courage and boldness in sharing your faith with others.

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

What gifts and ministries has the Spirit given you for the sake of the Church?

How well are you cooperating with other members of the Body of Christ?

John 20:19-23

Ask and receive Jesus' gift of peace in whatever way you are troubled right now.

Are you forgiving other's sins against you, or holding them bound?

WEEKDAY MASSES June 7 - 10

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

Wed: 8:40 am +Dennis Lyons

Thurs: 5:00 pm Living & Deceased Bertha Bergman Family

Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Alex & Delina Chaput **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES June 11 - 12

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +Tony & Clara Forest Family

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Kip & Bernice
Sillers Family & People of the Parishes

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Sun: 9:30 am St. Alphonsus +Bud & Bette Bata & +Wallace Stevens

Reader: Zack Schaefer

EMHC: Dennis Schill

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 29, 2022: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$1,759.00
Intentional Givers	\$100.00
Plate	\$217.00
Children	\$43.00
Total	\$2,119.00

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

Doug Bodnar, Michael Dyck, Megan Hursman, Bernie Peterson,
Jared Ryan, Lorraine Rude & Jan Wild

Pentecost Sunday

El Greco did not receive any further royal commissions from King Philip, but it did not stop him. In his enormously tall canvas depicting the day of Pentecost, the artist placed himself in the same room as Our Lady and the apostles. Pentecost is the feast we celebrate today, and El Greco depicts the scene as we heard it described in our first reading, with tongues of fire coming to rest upon the heads of each of the friends and family of Jesus. And there is El Greco, grazing out of the picture quite unapologetically, as if to say, "Here I am, alongside Our Lady and the apostles, celebrating this great birthday of the Church in company with them." He understood that the coming of the Holy Spirit was no private affair. This outpouring of God's love was a torrent and by all accounts it sounded like one. The noise was so loud that a crowd of foreign pilgrims in Jerusalem came rushing to find out what was going on. The apostles were only too eager to tell them. What an amazing gathering that must have been – yet in all the commotion, no one was left out, nor left feeling unsure of what was happening, for the apostles found themselves able to communicate in the language of each one of those international visitors. Pentecost was a celebration of diversity and inclusivity such as the world had never known.

El Greco was not being sacrilegious when he included himself in the Pentecost scene, even when he painted one of the tongues of fire resting upon his own head. Today's Gospel makes it clear that anyone who loves Jesus is beloved of God: God will come to that person and make a home with them. None of us, then, needs think of Pentecost as past history, or as someone else's celebration, one in which we have no right to take part. Taken from The Living Word

Pentecost Sunday

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (JOHN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

Measles, one of the most contagious of all infectious diseases, can lead to serious health complications, including pneumonia, brain swelling, and even death. For any questions or to schedule vaccinations, please contact Cavalier County Health District at 701-256-2402.

Beginning Experience of Eastern North Dakota would like to announce the upcoming Beginning Experience Weekend www.beginningexperience-easternnd.org Retreat Center in Hankinson, ND June 24-26 of 2022. The BE Weekend is a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon program for adults grieving the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce, or separation. It is presented by people who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They are willing to share their experience to help others. Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection and small group sharing. The BE Weekend is our core program and the foundation of the Beginning Experience ministry. If you or someone you know could benefit from coming to the BE Weekend, please contact the following for an application: Bonnie at (701) 318-0949 or Marlene at (218) 998-4300 or Msgr Dan at (701) 361-2051 You may also call the BE line at (701) 277-8784 and leave a message for more information.

The Diocese of Fargo is excited to announce a new camp for Middle School students this summer. Camp Summit is for all youth entering grades 7, 8, & 9 who have a desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to share it with others they encounter. Throughout camp, youth will engage in prayer, worship, fellowship, leadership formation, recreation, and fun. This five-day experience is designed to encourage and equip the youth for discipleship to their family, friends, and communities. Camp Summit will take place at Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, ND, July 10-14, 2022. The cost is \$325.00/camper or \$300.00/camper with two or more from the same family. To learn more about this opportunity, visit: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/campsummit> or contact Brady Borslien at brady.borslien@fargodiocese.org.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for June – 10 – Connie Howatt & Kathy Halzle; 17 – Andrea Lorenz & Whitney Bachman; 24 – Sarah Pritchard & Rachel Schaefer

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting June 6th - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Please have any Wreaths or Flowers removed from Calvary Cemetery in Langdon, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Mt. Carmel, St. Edward's Cemetery in Nekoma and St. Michael's Cemetery in Wales no later than Sunday, June 5th

ONE IN CHRIST—that's the promise Pentecost delivers.

When Christ's mission on earth was done, it still remained necessary for the people of the Earth to become sharers in the divine nature.

As long as Jesus walked the Earth, his followers had their go-to place for questions. When Jesus joined the Father in Heaven, God planned that Head and Body remain united. This union would happen through the same Spirit.

By the Spirit, Jesus would forever dwell in the hearts of his worshippers through faith. The Spirit enables us to cry out: *Abba, Father*, with our lips and our whole lives.

The Spirit is a dynamic power altering the whole pattern of life. Many people going in many directions are all of a sudden caught up in a single movement. Instead everybody doing their own thing, Christ's believers join forces.

It works like rain. Maybe we've had enough of this substance for a while. Still, rain is full of lessons. Jesus said: *the water I will give you will become in you a fountain of living water welling up to eternal life.*

Everything needs water. The same rain comes down from the heavens, yet it produces one thing in the carrot another in the rose bush, and so on throughout creation. That one thing they share thanks to the rain is what we call life—that's biology.

In the same way, the Holy Spirit imbues each person with the grace needed to play their part. As St. Paul says, "The body though one has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. In one Spirit we're all baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Co 12:12-13). This is the stuff of eternal life—that's theology.

As our Easter Season reaches its climax on this feast of Pentecost, let's pray to drink in one Spirit and enjoy the royal privilege of all going in the same direction—Eternity.

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS. Saturday, June 4, 10:00am, Bishop Folda will ordain Robert Foertsch and Joseph Littlefield to the priesthood. I will leave on Friday afternoon, return Saturday afternoon.

THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME given to my family as they visited this past Memorial Day weekend. Very much appreciated.

PRAYER FOR FAIR WEATHER. Eternal Father, maker of heaven and earth, we praise your power and thank you for the wonders of life.

Bless our land and make it fruitful. Look upon our work this season, and grant that FAIR WEATHER may allow us to put in the crop and bring home a harvest that the world's people might have food and our labors might reflect your loving care for all. Amen.

Kindergarten registration is open. Please contact Carrie Hope for more information at 256-2354 or carrie.hope@k12.nd.us

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.

Langdon Presbyterian Church Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 22nd at Noon in the church fellowship hall, \$10.00 per person. Entertainment and silent auction

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.