

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JULY 10, 2022

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for July 10th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

What commandment still is most difficult for you to follow?
Make a prayer offering your heart and soul to God.

Colossians 1:15-20

With whom do you need peace and reconciliation?
Offer praise to Christ, first-born of creation, our Savior.

Luke 10:25-37

Whom have you refused to help, when "too busy?"
What neighbor have you disdained/shown prejudice?

WEEKDAY MASSES July 12 - 15

Tues: 5:00 pm +Lyle Lothspeich

Wed: 8:40 am +Elcid & Georgiana Chaput

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Gib & Dale Uhrich

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Rallan Beck **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES July 16 - 17

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus Deceased Members of Louie & Annie Fischer
Family & People of the Parishes

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Sun: 9:30 am St. Alphonsus +Art & Fern Spanier & Living & Deceased
Members of Albert & Laura Horpestad Family

Reader: Gary Metzger

EMHC: Daryl Kempel

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Dennis & Diane Schill

Fr. Kurtis Gunwall's cell phone: 701-540-8751

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

**Confessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays after Mass or
by appointment**

Weekly Reflection for July 3, 2022: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,048.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,660.00
Plate	\$298.00
Total	\$6,006.00

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

Doug Bodnar, Earl Dunnigan, Megan Hursman, Bernie Peterson,
Jared Ryan, Lorraine Rude & Jan Wild

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When Jesus tells a lawyer that to inherit eternal life he must love God and love his neighbor as much as he loves himself, the question immediately follows, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus does not define who the lawyer’s neighbor might be, but tells him a story instead – the famous parable of the good Samaritan. The priest and the Levite in the story ignore the beaten stranger by the roadside, even though he is a fellow Jew; in contrast, the Samaritan, who is from a different and despised people, shows the injured man love and care. The listeners would have been shocked to hear Jesus say that a Samaritan stopped to aid the victim. Jews regarded Samaritans as enemies and yet here a Samaritan is the good guy. If Jesus had merely wanted to teach about neighborly love, the third passer-by could have been another Jew, or the victim might have been a Samaritan assisted by a Jew. In selecting a Samaritan as the hero, Jesus is turning the social world upside down and challenging deep-seated suppositions. It is the Samaritan who behaves like a loving neighbor even though he is under no obligation to do so. The priest and the Levite, who are supposed to be examples of virtuousness, reject the opportunity to show love and to be good neighbors.

Jesus intended the story to demonstrate the nature of love in God’s kingdom. The response to “Who is my neighbor?” is that everyone, including my enemy, is my neighbor. The Samaritan’s compassion was costly. It involved making himself vulnerable to attack by robbers because he was walking instead of riding after giving the beaten man his mount. He also made a financial payment to an innkeeper to look after the victim without any expectation of being repaid. He might even have been ostracized by his own people for assisting a Jew. Jesus directly asks the lawyer which of the three travelers was a neighbor to the injured man. “The one who took pity on him,” he replies. To underline the message still further, Jesus instructs the lawyer to “Go, and do the same yourself.”

Taken from The Living Word

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” LUKE 10:37

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

COVID vaccine is now available for those 6 months-4 years of age. In ND 8,457 reported cases of COVID have occurred in this age group, 62 were hospitalized and 1 passed away. COVID vaccine remains the most effective way to reduce the risk of serious disease, hospitalization, and death. Protect your child and community by setting up an appointment for COVID vaccine for you and your family by calling 256-2402.

Fr. Michael Hickin’s address is 200 Mooreton Ave N, Mooreton, ND 58061

Before I write about myself in the next few weeks, I want to begin with a famous quote/prayer that came to mind this week. **“Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything.”** – *St Teresa of Avila*

Be honest with yourself, meditate with God, and consider visit a close friend or family member on these questions for thought.

“Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you.” What disturbs me? What do I fear? {Pause here for a few minutes} We are not perfect in faith and hope. We worry, take offense, and fear pain, illness, loss, and much more. When we are honest and admit our weaknesses and faults, we can find strength by the support of the people God brings into our lives.

“All things pass.” Everything changes in some way. We change. Other people change. Nations change. Even the earth changes. How does that affect me? Do I struggle with change? Or am I always waiting for the next change? Perhaps because I am not satisfied with the way things are?

“God does not change.” Does this give me assurance? Can I rest in God’s eternal presence? Or do I feel confused by the differing images of God that people paint? Am I unhappy with the way God seems to be? If we have a good relationship with God as he

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting July 11th – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

St. Alphonsus School is hiring! We are hiring for School Cook and Office Manager. Both positions will start in August. Please contact Carrie Hope for more information or send a resume and letter of application to carrie.hope@k12.nd.us.

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

The Annual Mass and Eucharistic Procession at Mount Carmel Church will be held at 10:00am, Sunday, July 17th.

Putt 4 a Purpose Golf Event: Bishop John Folda invites you to the Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth programs. Monday, Aug 1, includes a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Form a team with Fr. Kurtis Gunwall and get to know him a little on a fun and beautiful summer day (hopefully).

St. Alphonsus School 6th Annual Rummage Sale - Wednesday, July 27th from 12:00-6:00 and Thursday, July 28th from 9:00-12:00. If you wish to donate items for the sale, Drop Off Day is Tuesday, July 26th from 12:00-4:00 at the Parish Center-use Door #1. We will not accept the following items: electronics, exercise equipment, clothing, books, or damaged goods. Contact Carrie Hope @370-9848 for more information.

We are in need of volunteers to serve as co-chairs for the Altar Society and to chair the fall supper, starting in 2023. In the past years, the Altar Society chairs have also taken care of the fall supper, but the duties could be separated if someone steps up for the positions. We would like to have someone in place prior to this year's fall supper as it would be good to shadow the process for the supper this year to get an idea of what it entails. If interested or you have questions, please call Lisa Howatt at 256-3757 or Bev Metzger at 256-5803.

Knights of Columbus will sponsor a potluck picnic for the parish to welcome Fr. Kurtis Gunwall on Wednesday, July 13 in the cafeteria starting at 6:00pm. The Knights will supply hotdogs & hamburgers (please bring a dish to share). Everyone is welcome to attend

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for July – 9 – Candace Bimler & Andrea Moser; 16 – Penny Hoffarth & Janine Witzel; 23 – Laurie Kartes & Judy Domres

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. Session is offered 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.

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truly is – a loving and merciful Father, our brother and Savior Jesus, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to give us life. We can rejoice that God is eternally present with me for my good because he is not fickle and moody.

“Patience achieves everything.” In what ways am I impatient? Who is a good example of patience in my life? Do I respect them or do they bother me because I want to get or do things now?

Do I really believe that God will bring about good if I will wait for him?

Do I see the good that surrounds me or do I struggle with seeing what is broken, hurting, and evil?

One lesson I've heard and am still learning to live better is the call to pause to act before reacting. “Fools rush in where angels fear to tread” reminds me that I need to talk to God before I rush in doing what I think is best. When we see a problem and rush to fix it but do not pause to ask God what the real problem is, it is like only putting a bandage on a deep cut when the doctor tells you that stitches are needed to stop the bleeding.

Lord, give me trust to know your peace even when I may feel impatient in the midst of life's difficulties. Thank you that you, who are unchanging, do not leave me as I am but are forming me to become all that You created for me to be – a Saint and Your beloved child.

Fr. Kurt Gunwall