

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 21, 2022

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Aug 21st Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21

How have you helped other hear of God's glory?

What offering of worship will you give God this week?

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

What trials can you accept as "discipline of the Lord" lately?

Ask God's help to "heal your halting limbs/drooping hands."

Luke 13:22-30

Will you be numbered among the saved?

Is there someone else you have judged unworthy of salvation?

WEEKDAY MASSES August 23 - 26

Tues: 5:00 pm +Ella Kram

Wed: 8:40 am Living & Deceased Members of St. Alphonsus School

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Stacey & Ruth Chaput

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Gib & Dale Uhrich **(No Public is Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES August 27 - 28

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma +Jack & Mary Bisenius

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus

+Jerry Kram & The People of the Parishes

Reader: Colin Fetsch

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Sun: 9:30 am St. Alphonsus

+Wayne Gendreau & Living & Deceased
Members of Ken & Janet Dosmann Family

Reader: Lisa Bodnar

EMHC: Diane Schill

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue Schill

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

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation is normally available - 30 minutes before every
Mass. Confessions are also heard after daily Masses or when requested**

Weekly Reflection for August 14, 2022: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,988.00
Plate	\$329.00
Children	\$3.00
Total	\$3,320.00

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

Doug Bodnar, Jerome & LaRue Dosmann, Earl Dunnigan, Tom
Johnson, Bernie Peterson, Jared Ryan, Lorraine Rude & Jan
Wild

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we come to some magnificent building, with a wide, impressive doorway, entry into that building seems easy. Yet we would probably only be visiting that place for a short time. To really enter a building, that is to really belong to that place, needs more than a grand entrance. We need to find some indication that this is a place we belong to, a place that has been prepared for us. Perhaps this is behind the idea of the narrow door that Jesus asks us to try to enter through. How narrow is it? Just as narrow as we are, because it fits us and no one else.

What exactly that doorway means in our own lives is something we have to discover for ourselves. It probably means accepting some sort of sacrifice in our lives. Our lives are limited, and that is as it should be. We waste a lot of time and energy thinking of the things we do not have and haven't done, and miss what is laid out before us. This is the way we are to go. The great doorway, the magnificent arch we might want to walk through, can give us the delusion that we are great, as the doorway is great. The small way teaches us humility, but it also shows us that we enter the kingdom through a doorway shaped by God just for us.

Taken from The Living Word

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

Fall Supper – check bulletin board in the back of the church for more info

Sept. 11th at St. Jude's Catholic Church – Thompson 12:00 – 5:00pm

Oct. 16th at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church - Langdon 4:00 – 7:00pm

Babies are born with immune systems that can fight most germs, but there are some deadly diseases they can't handle. That's why they need vaccines to strengthen their immune system. For any questions or to schedule vaccinations, please contact Cavalier County Health District at 701-256-2402. **If you have the iHealth at home test kits note the expiration date has been extended to 9 months. The expiration date on each box can be pushed out by 3 months.**

This weekend, we hear the call to be a true disciple as God calls us to follow, not lead in our journey of faith. Jesus never forces us to step back; we must invite God to take the lead in life. God doesn't want lazy, short-sighted, and inattentive followers; rather he desires that we be active and involved disciples. We follow him and his example, yet we are not afraid to be his feet, hands, ears, eyes, and tongue.

In the Eucharist, Jesus chooses to make himself so small and inconsequential in the host and chalice. Jesus invites us to see him not as ordinary bread but the bread of eternal life. Jesus invites us to acknowledge him as truly present, Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity, as he promised. As we grow together, may we rest in His True Presence in Adoration and may we serve him in our neighbor – receiving and giving.

My own years of growth in God during my years at Moorhead State University included many opportunities to serve, to share, to rest, and to see Jesus in many, many ways. It was a joyful time and blessed with both encouraging and painful lessons. There were times when I gave all to God so that he would lead me and other times where I prayed and then plowed forward without really listening. In each situation, God brought some good out of it even if it was a difficult or bad situation.

Look back in your life and recall a difficult or painful moment and ask God to show you how he was present with you and led you through it. Pray for healing, forgiveness, strength, and joy in regard to that event. Ask for courage and strength even to thank God for a difficult time. If you want prayer for healing for heart, mind, or soul, contact me to arrange an initial visit. – Fr. Kurtis Gunwall

Continuing with our Eucharistic prayers, here is the third prayer to grow with God during the Eucharistic Revival. We will have printed prayer cards with these three prayers available soon. In the meantime, print it, bring it with you to Mass, and pray it after you receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: When school is in session Monday – Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

Calendar Notes:

Aug 22 – St Alphonsus School Open House

Aug 25 – Fire pit in front of the rectory

Mass Times – We are planning to move Mass on Tuesday and Thursday to 5:15pm to allow those who work to join us. I have heard this request from a couple people since I arrived and it makes sense to me if we want to allow more people to attend. We will announce and post the change in the bulletin and webpage when it is confirmed in the next two weeks.

Looking for Altar Servers please contact Fr. Gunwall if interested (must have completed 3 grade)



Prayer after Communion

I give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
who have been pleased to nourish me, a sinner and your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: this through no merits of mine, but due solely to the graciousness of your mercy. I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for

me an offense to be punished, but a saving plea for forgiveness. May it be for me the armor of faith, and the shield of good will. May it cancel my faults, destroy concupiscence and carnal passion, increase charity and patience, humility and obedience and all the virtues.

May it be a firm defense against the snares of all my enemies, both visible and invisible, the complete calming of my impulses, both of the flesh and of the spirit, a firm adherence to you, the one true God, and the joyful completion of my life's course. I beseech you to lead me, a sinner, to that banquet beyond all telling, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you are the true light of your Saints, fullness of satisfied desire, eternal gladness, consummate delight and perfect happiness. Through Christ our Lord, Amen



Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist – We have begun a Eucharist Revival in the United States that continues into 2024. Our goal is to increase to at least two people at every hour of Adoration. We also have some who can't commit to a specific hour but want to sub. As we indicated last week in the bulletin, Jesus invites you to spend time with him in Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration. Making a commitment helps me to hold to my promise to Jesus, so I encourage you to sign up with Karla Gellner (370-5496) for a time or to add your name to the sub list. For subbing, indicate times you are willing to sub if limited to a specific time/day (e.g. Any, Tue, Wed, Thu, afternoons, or evenings). Currently we have Exposition on Tuesday 3-10pm, Wednesday 10am-9pm, and Thursday 2-10pm. We are willing to expand if you want to come in earlier.

Membership is now being taken to become a member of the 125th Endowment Club. The 125th Club, in it's 10th year, is committed to St. Alphonsus' mission to keep Jesus' words alive for future generations. The Endowment is a perpetual benefit to help the needs of the parish. For information on becoming a member, please contact Sherry or Holly in the business office at 256-2354, ext. 111. Sign-up forms are available by doors of church.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for August – 19 - Emily Schaefer & Barb Schill; 26 - Bernice Schneider & Marilyn Shephard

Eucharistic Faith

"For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh..."



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Justin Martyr 136-165 A.D.