

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Sept. 25th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Amos 6:1, 4-7*

In what have I grown too comfortable? Too complacent?  
Whose misfortune should I be concerned about?

*1 Timothy 6:11-16*

Pray that you may live in integrity, blameless conduct, gentleness.  
Pray a profession of faith, that your life may bear witness to God.

*Luke 16:19-31*

Like Lazarus, what misery am I suffering?  
Like the rich man, what misery am I causing others?

**WEEKDAY MASSES September 27 - 30**

Tues: 5:15 pm +Rose, Ed, Margy, Dick & Pat Perius  
Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of George & Dar  
Thurs: 5:15 pm +Mary Bisenius Podhradsky Family  
Fri: 10:30 am **Osnabrock** +Ron Carignan (**No Public is Allowed**)

**WEEKEND MASSES October 1 - 2**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Dale & Sally Stremick

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Ruth & Stacey Chaput & The People of the  
**Reader:** Holly Lyons Parishes  
**EMHC:** Holly Lyons

**Sun: 9:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of  
Columbus & Living & Deceased Members of the Marvin & Bernadine Mikkelsen Family  
**Reader:** Greg Fetsch  
**EMHC:** Dennis Schill  
**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**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 September 18, 2022:** This week's reflection of the  
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,991.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,103.67
Plate	\$288.00
Children	\$235.00
Energy	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,642.67</b>

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Bible, we find that poor people are the particular concern of the prophets. We remember that the prophets are God's spokespeople, so their words carry weight. They urge their listeners to be attentive to the needs of those who are most vulnerable in society, whom they often describe as "the widow", "the orphan" and "the poor". These are people who are dependent on the goodwill of better-off members of society.

However, for the prophets, looking after those are less fortunate is not an act of charity: it is a matter of justice. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the land belongs to God and is given to the people of Israel in trust, to be looked after and used for the benefit of all the people. Everyone is supposed to have a share in the land and its produce. So, for the prophets of Israel, the fact that there are poor people is an indictment of the society: it is a sign that something is wrong. The prophets are concerned with poor people, not because they think that they are particularly pious or closed to God, not because they consider them to be deserving, but simply because they are poor. It does not matter whether others would regard them as deserving or undeserving the prophets are saying, in uncompromising terms, that such distinctions in wealth and standards of living are wrong in the sight of God, and if better-off people do not realize this, then they will be taught a painful lesson.

Taken from The Living Word

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established" - LUKE 16:25-26*

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

### **Fall Dinner/Suppers – see bulletin board for complete details**

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Boniface Catholic Church – Walhalla 2:00 – 5:00pm

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary's Catholic Church – Park River 11:00am - 1:00pm

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Catholic Church – Grafton 11:00am – 2:00pm

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

Most people who get sick with flu will have mild illness, however, flu can make chronic health problems worse. Flu vaccine is the best protection from flu and its potentially serious complications. Find out what groups of people are at high risk for complications: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/index.htm>

I and my family have appreciated the prayers and condolences from many of you as my mom did pass away on Thursday, Sep. 15, "Our Lady of Sorrows" Two other priests (Frs Robert Smith & James Goodwin) also had a parent pass to eternal life that day. My mother's funeral was the same day at Queen Elizabeth's. I am biased but I feel that my mother's was the more beautiful at Sts Anne & Joachim Church in Fargo. It is my parent's parish and I served there my first two years as a priest as the church was built. ☺

In the midst of this last two weeks, I feel like my memory for names was a bit overloaded with the funeral. I often feel uncertain with new names, so I appreciate if you introduce yourself again. As I mentioned when I arrived, it will take me this first full year to get a good handle on names of people I see occasionally.

I want to highlight a few important opportunities:

**40 Days for Life** begins Sep 28 – Although abortions of unborn babies is nearly illegal in North Dakota, Minnesota and our Federal government are trying to further promote this awful tragedy. So the prayer campaign moves across the Red River to Moorhead to pray for and offer help to the women who often are pressured and feel they have no other choice than to kill their children. Here in Langdon, we will pray the rosary Monday-Saturday at 12:05pm. Most Sundays in October, I will lead the rosary at 10:45am after Mass.

Visit, like and follow our **renewed Parish Facebook** page [facebook.com/StAlphonsusND](https://www.facebook.com/StAlphonsusND)  
We hope to remove the inactive page soon. Spread the word to other parishioners.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**NO MASS on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 27 & 28 – Fr. Gunwall is attending meetings**

**Welcome** Reed Victor Hansel son of Travis & Sammantha who was baptized last weekend. May he continue to be filled with grace.

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Sharon Gunwall (Fr. Gunwall's Mom) who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

Calendar Notes:

Sept 26-28 – Presbyterate Days (No daily Mass)

Sept 28 – 6:00 pm Meal / 6:30 RE / 7:00 CYO

Sept 29 – 7:00 pm St Alphonsus Parish Council

Oct 2 – Fall Meals in Park River & Walhalla – see posters and parish calendar.

**Fall Supper** Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church - Langdon 4:00 – 7:00pm

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

The Religious Education Department is in need of volunteer teachers. Please prayerfully consider being a teacher for the upcoming year. Currently the program needs 1 teacher. Please contact Lia Olson (701-830-8013) or Heather Horpestad (701-370-6330) for more information.

40 Days for Life starts on Wednesday, September 28. There will be daily rosary at 12:05pm. Everyone welcome

Catholic Daughters meeting on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria.

**Would you like to dig into the readings for Sunday** with others or on your own? We will have a 3 week session 1:30-2:30pm Wednesdays, Oct 5, 12 & 19, to introduce you to resources to enrich your understanding and immersion in God's Word and the homily. Some may choose to continue to meet while others may use the tools on their own. These materials are available online so you can print the guidance materials and the questions for reflection and discussion. We will have another session in the coming months in the evening and another session sometime over the weekend to allow more people to find a time that better fits their schedule.

We mailed the letter and **parish registration** form this last week to every home listed in our parishes. If you did not get one, pick up a copy in the entrance of the church. Please fill it out and return it ASAP. I also want to build a Prayer Chain/Blast so that we can pray for each other. If you want to be part of it, let us know how you want to be notified – text, email, call (or multiple). – Fr. Kurtis Gunwall

**Sponsor a seminarian** – Our Knights of Columbus sponsor Seth Skjervheim with a scholarship. I invite you to intentionally pray for and/or sponsor a seminarian or man/woman in religious formation this year. The new posters will be up next week showing all those in formation in/from our diocese. I want to offer another seminarian, **Vitalis Ogbo**, whom I have supported the last 6 years. He is a member of a religious community in Nigeria, Africa and is ready to be ordained a deacon this fall. If you would like to contribute to his needs, His expenses for seminary (\$1600) and Diaconate materials (\$1200) for this year are much less than costs in the United States. Contact Fr Gunwall or simply put a donation in the collection basket and indicate "For Vitalis" I can give you a picture and a copy of his last thank you and update letter.

**Religious Education meals** – we will have simple meals available in the cafeteria for the students (and family) at 6:00pm most Wednesdays before RE/CCD/CYO. We want to decrease the stress for families on busy Wednesday nights.

Cavalier County Cancer Crusaders Fall Rummage Sale – Sept. 27 – Oct. 1 at the Langdon American Legion Downtown Building. **NOTE NEW START TIME FOR DROP OFF AND SALE Donation Drop Off:** Sunday & Monday, Sept. 25 & 26 10:00am – 6:00pm. (No Exercise Equipment, Computers, Printers or TV's) **SALE:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday (Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30 & Oct. 1) 10:00am – 6:00pm (Friday & Saturday – Bargain Bag Time). Volunteers Welcome