

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 30, 2022**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Oct. 30th. 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Wisdom 11:22-12:2*

Do you show compassion and understanding to those in need?

How can we improve our relationships, both with God and with others?

*2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2*

How should Christians await the Lord's coming?

Let us give thanks and praise to God who loves us.

*Luke 19:1-10*

How have you misjudged others?

Do Christian people today have a tendency to exclude people?

**WEEKDAY MASSES November 1 - 4**

Mon: 7:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of William J Kartes Family

Tues: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Richard Lorenz (**All Saints Day Mass**)

5:15 pm +Tim Sullivan (**All Saints Day Mass**)

Wed: 8:40 am +Joseph Bata

Thurs: 5:15 pm +Eileen Nelson

Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor** +Doris Borho (**No Public is Allowed**)

**WEEKEND MASSES November 5 - 6**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** People of the Parishes

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus**

+Felix & Judy Essler & +Jack & Genevieve Dinius

**Reader:** Holly Lyons

**EMHC:** Holly Lyons

**Sun: 9:30 am St. Alphonsus**

+Martha Rose Henderson & Living & Deceased

**Reader:** Lisa Bodnar Clarence & Genevieve

**EMHC:** Dennis Karsky Borho Family

**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/>**

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

**Weekly Reflection for October 23, 2022:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,751.00
Intentional Givers	\$600.00
Plate	\$328.00
Children	\$17.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,696.00</b>

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

Doug Bodnar, Nargis Byram, Jerome Dosmann, Earl Dunnigan,  
Tom Johnson, Bernie Peterson, Jared Ryan, Patricia Wheeler &  
Jan Wild.

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We see both these kinds of belonging at play in the dynamic between Jesus, Zacchaeus and the crowd. Zacchaeus knows himself to be “the evil other” in the eyes of his Jewish compatriots. He has sold out his birthright and betrayed his people by working as a tax collector for the hated Roman occupiers. And he has been successful at it, too – he is a senior tax collector and wealthy: doubly despised. Perhaps it’s not just that he is short that makes him climb the tree to see Jesus – he knows he would be welcome to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other citizens of Jericho. That strong, violent, exclusive sense of belonging is at work here. Zacchaeus is not “one of us” and he has even internalized his status the enemy within.

Jesus, however, does not buy into this sense of exclusive belonging. He initiates contact with Zacchaeus – not just speaking to him but inviting himself to dinner at Zacchaeus’ house. Jesus refuses to be put off by the complaints of those who have a strong sense of religious and national belonging. They see this man as a “sinner” and a traitor – by very definition, not one of us. Jesus is not deterred by such hostility, not afraid to place himself alongside Zacchaeus against the wishes of the crowd. This enables Zacchaeus to grow into his full stature, correcting the consequences of his sins and turning his life around. Jesus defines Zacchaeus as “one of us” - not “one of them” - a “son of Abraham” and therefore, by definition, a brother, family. Jesus speaks of salvation having come to Zacchaeus’ house. Salvation, healing and wholeness are the very definition of Catholic belonging.

Taken from The Living Word

### **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’” - LUKE 19:8*

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means not everyone is called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Edward’s Catholic Church (at the Pain Reliever) – Nekoma Noon – 3:00pm

Say #BooToTheFlu and #COVID, too! Good news—it’s safe to get flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time. Both viruses will be going around this winter, so get your vaccines before Halloween to protect yourself and your family from getting sick

Pastor’s reflection:

As I was gone this last week on a silent retreat, I know that I will have missed the daily (always changing) life at the parish. Those who attend daily Mass will have missed that too. Even if you do not normally attend daily Mass, I hope that you have accepted the invitation and challenge to stop in the church for 15 minutes or an hour to be with Jesus. I have been struggling to carve out that time these last month of transition. During my silent retreat, I hope to have rebuilt that necessary foundation for my life as your pastor and I challenge you again – start small and schedule a 15 minute time of quiet, restful, silence (preferably in the Church but anywhere will do) away from any noise, dings, calls, and distractions. On other notes, we celebrate All Saints & All Souls this week – All Saints is an obligatory Holy Day so come to Mass Monday evening or one of the two Masses on Tuesday. We will also have a binder to write the names of family and friends so that we pray for our beloved dead. I invite you to write when you come to Mass and flip through the pages when you come in to pray. This is a holy practice of the earliest Christians from the first century of the Church. The book study on the Great Divorce also begins on Sat, Nov 5. You can come to one (or more) sessions to question, listen, and discuss the story, characters, and meaning of C.S. Lewis’ book. I have a four page summary to download or print on our parish website that can help you understand some of the themes and elements of the book better. Go to [www.stalphonsuslangdon.com](http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com) and look at the bottom of the page. I am looking forward to these discussion groups with many of you – teens and adults are encouraged to join in. Finally, plan to attend the Parish Life meeting Nov 19-20. 30 minutes to share the strengths, weaknesses, and dreams/hopes of our parishes. Just plan to stay after Mass; don’t plan for an early departure. I’ll plan to keep my message short if you promise to stay for the meeting;)

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Rosary for Life will be held on Sundays before Mass.**

**Ham & Turkey Dinner** at the Pain Reliever in Nekoma on Sunday November 13th from Noon – 3:00pm (or gone) for the churches of Nekoma. Adults: \$13.00, Kids \$6.00 and 5 and under FREE.

Catholic Daughter's Meeting on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Cafeteria, (Please be sure to wear White)

**St. Alphonsus School Foundation Annual meeting will be Sunday, November 20. Invitations will be mailed at a later date.**

The next Altar Society meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. All members are welcome to attend. Please bring an hors d'oeuvres for our end of year gathering.

As Lisa and Bev are stepping down, 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. If interested or you have questions, please call Lisa Howatt at 256-3757 or Bev Metzger at 256-5803

### **Calendar items:**

All Saints Day (Nov 1) & All Souls Day (Nov 2)  
Mon., 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm – All Saints Day vigil Mass  
Tue., 1<sup>st</sup> 8:40 am – School Mass – All Saints Day  
Tue., 1<sup>st</sup> 5:15 pm – All Saints Day Mass  
Wed., 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:40 am – Mass – All Souls Day  
Wed., 2<sup>nd</sup> RE & CYO  
Thu., 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 am – Building Committee  
Thu., 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm – School Board  
Fri-Sat., 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Parish Musician Workshop in Fargo  
Sat., 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Great Divorce book study in Fellowship Hall

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for October** 29-Cindy Restad & Katie Hoffarth.

**Fellowship Hall Cleaning for November** 5-Jenny Chaput, Barb Hill & Judy Lill, 12-Val Darling, Stephanie Fetsch & Min Gette, 19-Karla Gellner, Heidi Monette, Connie Balsdon, 26-Kathy Skjervheim, Barb Boesl, Robyn Ramberg.

**ALL SAINTS DAY;** The Saint Challenge is launching on All Saint's Day, November 1st. It is a year-long series of challenges based on the saint of the day. In 90 seconds you'll learn a little fact about the saint of the day, and be given a challenge inspired by that saint. It could be a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or something to improve your interior life and your relationship with God and neighbor. The Saint Challenge is free, and you can find more information and find ways to sign up at [www.thesaintchallenge.com](http://www.thesaintchallenge.com). Let's be saints!

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fargo Diocese Parish Musicians Workshop:** *“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us” John 1:14*

**Nov. 4-5 at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo**

Includes time for prayer and Mass, music rehearsal, singing in choir for Mass, great speakers. Topics include: developing confidence, how to actively participate as a musician, what the Church really says about music, and how to start a choir. For more info and to register go to [fargodiocese.org/sacredmusic](http://fargodiocese.org/sacredmusic) \$50 registration: includes food and materials. Students are free. Our parish will pay ½ the fee automatically and can cover more of the expenses through other scholarships.

**Trying to Cope with Life Alone?** The Catholic Church does have a "Support Program" exclusively for divorced, widowed, & separated people. A "Beginning Experience Weekend" will be held at **Maryvale near Valley City, Nov. 18-22**. All faiths welcome. Contact Marlene (218-998-4300) or visit: [beginningexperience-easternnd.org](http://beginningexperience-easternnd.org)