

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2023

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Jan 22nd. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-12*
- What have you been called to give up to follow Jesus?
 - This gospel is full of place, names, reminding us that Jesus’s ministry happened in a real place. Reflect on the places of your life, those you have called home and those you have left behind. How have they formed you into the disciple you are today?
 - For most of us, Jesus calls us to follow him not by leaving behind our families and daily tasks but in the context of those very things. How can you live Christ’s call to follow him in the midst of your real life?

WEEKDAY MASSES January 24 – 27

- Mon: 2:00 pm +Yvonne Schuler Funeral
Tues: 5:15 pm + Joe & Gerry Thalkes, & + Justin Kruk
Wed: 8:40 am + LaVern Chaput
Thurs: 5:15 pm + Elaine Hill
Fri: 10:30 am **Maple Manor + Gert Wild (NO Public Allowed)**

WEEKEND MASSES January 28 – 29

- Sat: **St. Edward’s - Nekoma** NO MASS UNTIL SPRING
5:00 pm St. Alphonsus + Ruth & Stacey Chaput
Reader: Holly Lyons
EMHC: Holly Lyons
Sun: **9:30 am St. Alphonsus** People of the Parish
Reader: Greg Fetsch
EMHC: Dennis Schill

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation is normally 30 minutes before every Mass and as requested.

Weekly Reflection for January 15, 2023: This week’s reflection of the parishioner’s relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$1,668.00
Intentional Givers	\$2,678.67
Plate	\$296.00
Children	\$9.00
Total	\$4,651.67

Please pray for the following people of our Parish/Community:

Betty Braun, Doug Bodnar,
Nargis Byram, Jerome
Dosmann, Tom Johnson, Tony
& Judy Lill, Candyce Pengilly
McClean, Larry Metzger,
Bernie Peterson, Jared Ryan,
Patricia Wheeler & Jan Wild.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for January: 27 -
Karie Blake and Megan Hartz

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.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 22, 2023. On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, churches throughout the United States celebrate God’s gift of life, commemorate the lives lost to abortion, and commit to protecting human life at every age.

Pray, fast, and join in the **Baby Bottle Campaign** by filling a baby bottle with your pocket change or any donation, and return it to church by February 12th, 2023. On behalf of the Pregnancy Help Center, Park River and the people we serve, born and preborn, we thank you for your commitment to life.

Calendar items:

- Sun, Jan 22 10:45 am Baptism
Mon, Jan 23 2:00 pm Funeral Mass (Yvonne Schuler ✕)
Tue, Jan 24 6:00 pm KC dinner & meeting
Jan 29-Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week
Sun, Jan 29 10:00 am KC breakfast / 12-3 pm Winter Carnival (St Alphonsus School)

Word of God Sunday

Last weekend I wrote about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25). I wrote more about it in the Borderland Press this weekend's edition. Today, I want to tie Jesus' call for Christian unity with a celebration that Pope Francis highlighted in 2019. Word of God Sunday to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time each year. Scripture is highly esteemed by all Christians and can be a source of our common faith in God. But the Word of God is understood and treated differently by a Catholic and most Evangelicals and Fundamentalists, and some other Protestants. As Catholics we recognize and emphasize that Jesus is the Word of God who speaks both through the written Word (Scripture) and the spoken Word (Tradition). So this weekend we highlight the importance of the written Word within our Liturgical Prayer.

FYI - We venerate the Scriptures during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as the first half is the Liturgy of the Word and the second half is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In our Sunday and daily Masses, we hear 90% of the Gospels, 71% of the New Testament, 13% of the Old Testament (much of the core salvation story). From my visits to numerous churches during my years in college, I am fairly sure that Catholics hear more of the story of salvation every three years than churches that do not have a liturgical tradition.


This is another gift of the Catholic Church to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a strong respect and love for God's Word, written and spoken. The quote from St Jerome has been repeated by the Church for over 1500 years. We ask God to enlighten our minds to understand Scripture in light of the constant teaching and authority of the Magisterium of the Church so that we do not fall into the error of taking out of context or misinterpreting the written Word (Scripture) outside of the living Word (Tradition).

I invite, encourage, and challenge you to join in our next Bible Study Thursday nights during Lent. Watch the bulletin for details in the next few weeks.

- Fr Kurtis Gunwall

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)


Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. (St. Jerome)

**ONE**

One faith and one head (Christ), who founded his Church on Peter.

BIBLE VERSES


Ephesians 4:3-6
John 10:16
John 17:21

**HOLY**

Jesus founded his Church to continue his sanctifying work in the world.

BIBLE VERSES

Eph. 4:11-12
Matt. 16:18-19
1 Peter 2:9



THE 4 QUALITIES OF THE CHURCH

BIBLE VERSES


Matt. 18:19-20
Matt. 28:19


The word "catholic" means "universal". Jesus called us to proclaim the Good News to all nations.


BIBLE VERSES

Ephesians 2:20
Acts 21:14
2 Timothy 1:13-14

Its origins and beliefs are rooted in the Tradition of the Apostles.

**CATHOLIC**

**APOSTOLIC**



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome Quinn Renee Ullyott daughter of Justin & Kathryn who was baptized last weekend. May she continue to be filled with grace.

Join us for a fun Winter Carnival at St. Alphonsus School to kick off Catholic Schools Week! All are welcome to join in the fun. The carnival games will go 12:00 pm-3:00 pm on Sunday, January 29th. Games will be throughout the school. A fun family afternoon!

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, January 29th from 10:00am to Noon in the School cafeteria. All are welcome to attend

Join us for the Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday February 1. 5:00pm-7:00pm Adults \$12.00 children 10 and under \$8.00. To go orders available for \$12.00 each. Silent Auction and Family Dance 5:00-7:00. Bingo 7:00-7:30. Come joins us for a fun night out during Catholic Schools Week!

Catholic School's Week is coming up soon. The spaghetti supper will be held on Wednesday, February 1st. St. Alphonsus School Foundation will be helping out the School Committee by sponsoring the Silent Auction. If you would like to help by donating a basket, please call Holly Lyons 701-370-0263 or 701-256-2354 Ext. 111. Baskets maybe dropped off at the school. Thank You!

St. Alphonsus School Collects, empty ink cartridges, Our Family Brand UPC codes, Coca-Cola bottle caps, and pop box tops with codes. These items can be left at the school office or in the back of the church. We turn these items in to receive money back from the companies.

Youth and Young Adults... Want to spend time on a retreat that is put on by your peers? Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and REAL way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up February 24-26th at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/search4cm> or call Dori at 952-210-2219. Applications are due no later than Monday, February 6th.

Sunday, February 19, 2023 – 11:00am until gone at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, Pisek, ND. Roast pork, dumplings, sauerkraut, gravy/butter, cranberries, kolache. Dine in or take out. Thank your for your support.

The Awaken Women's Retreat: March 24-26, 2023 at Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City. What is this ache in our hearts for connection, for relationship, that even the good things of the world can't seem to totally satisfy? This journey begins and ends with the gift and mystery of our creation as male and female and our encounter with God, the world, and other people. Come and awaken the wonder and mystery of being human! With Jen Settle, Director of Ongoing Formation at the Theology of the Body Institute and Fr. Sean Mulligan. Cost will vary depending on accommodations. Space is limited, so reserve you spot now at: <https://www.fargodiocese.org/awaken-retreat> or contact Jennie Korsmo at 701-356-7901 for more information.

Retrouvaille weekend for couples – What are you doing to strengthen and heal your marriage. Consider attending the Retrouvaille weekend in Fargo February 3-5. See helpourmarriage.org for more info or talk to Fr Gunwall, chaplain for the weekend. Invite your spouse to go.

A Dating Retreat and Study Series for single Catholics! NCSC is hosting a **FREE online Dating Retreat with guest speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer (January 27 & 28)**. Currently over 400 single Catholics from around the world are registered and we're expecting 500+. Don't miss the opportunity to meet other like-minded singles and go deeper in your faith! Starting the week of February 6th, NCSC will also be hosting a **6-week study series - "Relationship Ready: A Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage"** that will cover topics such as the **meaning of love, communication, conflict resolution, male/female complementarity** and much more. To sign up for these programs, visit NationalCatholicSingles.com.