

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for Nov. 18th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daniel 12:1-3

What greatest distress do you face at this time?

Do you expect eternal life of joy, or everlasting horror?

Hebrews 10:11-18

How do you offer sacrifice in repentance of sin?

Examine your conscience and pray for forgiveness.

Mark 13:24-32

What signs of approaching disaster do we see today?

How do you react to predictions of the end time?

WEEKDAY MASSES November 13 - 16

Tues: 5:00 pm +Joe J., Ella & Gerald Kram

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Anna Mae Hansel

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Harold & Dolores Berg

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Joe & Edna Berger

WEEKEND MASSES November 17 - 18

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Bernadine Mikkelsen

Reader: Michael Neubert

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Philomena & Maria Muhs

Musicians:

Sun: **8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Emil Schluender

Reader: Tracy Spent

EMHC: Daryl Kempel

Servers: Joshua Spent

Musicians: Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales +Jake Kram

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Paul Kram

Reader: Jenny Chaput

EMHC: Dennis Schill

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Pat Wheeler

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday after 5:00pm Mass, Wednesday after 8:40am Mass, Thursday after 5:00pm Mass & Saturday at 6:45

Weekly Reflection for November 4, 2018: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes		\$6,738.02
Intentional Givers		\$2,809.67
Plate		\$522.00
Improvements	\$5.00	
Total		\$10,074.69

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites his listeners to observe what is going on. The scribes were those learned men whose job is to interpret the Jewish Law; yet, like so many people vested with authority, they were tempted to go beyond their brief and introduce unnecessary new laws and customs. And these were designed to ensure that while they retained their social status and their "comfort zones", others were forced to carry the additional burden. All Jesus needs to do is to invite his listeners to observe what is going on. They are opposite the treasury, where there were collection boxes to help defray the costs of running the Temple. The money was flowing in and it would seem that there were those who made sure that others were aware of how much they were contributing, but they were the rich and they could well afford it. By contrast Jesus draws their attention to the poor widow, who contributes her last two small coins – the equivalent of a penny. The message is unequivocal: "this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on".

Taken from The Living Word

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

CD of the Week: Protecting Innocence: Parenting, Your Kids, and the Internet -

Matt Fradd, a best-selling Catholic author, presents new data to show how the changes in the types and accessibility of pornography being promoted today make it far more dangerous and harmful than ever before. Matt draws from a wealth of experience to guide parents in taking decisive action to protect their children, and he empowers adults with specific wording to effectively address this sensitive topic with children of all ages before they encounter pornography or after they've been exposed to it. **Donations keep new CDs coming!**

What about marriage annulments?

Perhaps you have heard about the changes in the annulment process. These changes can make the process faster and more streamlined. If you or someone you know is married outside the Church this is a good time for them to approach the tribunal. While there is no guarantee about the outcome the tribunal will assist you or them in making the best case possible. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to look into an annulment.

What is an annulment?

The Catholic Church presumes all marriages to be valid. However, this presumption can be overturned if there is sufficient evidence that one or more of the essential elements of Marriage were absent *from the time of the wedding* or that one or both of the parties were incapable of giving consent. An annulment allows a person to marry in the Church, or to have a later civil marriage recognized by the Church. An annulment is only granted if the Judges have moral certitude that no valid marriage existed.

How long does it take?

It depends. Each case is different and there are required waiting periods. Also it is important for the parties and witnesses to finish any paperwork promptly. We try to hear cases as quickly as possible. With the changes Pope Francis recently made, the time for most cases has been cut in half.

Is an annulment expensive?

No. Since the Diocese of Fargo desires to assist Catholics in living out their faith in the fullest way possible, the Diocese absorbs the costs of personnel and processes. In our diocese you do not have to pay for the annulment process. There is no charge for this service.

Does an annulment make my children illegitimate?

No. The law clearly states that an annulment has no effect on the legitimacy of children.

What should I do if I think I need an annulment?

Speak with your Pastor and he will help you begin the process; or contact the Tribunal directly at (701) 356-7940.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Veteran's Day: We honor and pay tribute to all Veterans--especially those who have died in service to our country. Today marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. We are grateful for the freedom we enjoy in our country. Let us also pray for all those in the military and their families.

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, November 18th from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

St Edward's Church: A Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th at 2:00 PM at the "Pain Reliever." All parishioners are welcome.

Altar Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Following the meeting we will be having refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. As every meeting is, this is open to all Altar Society members, so please bring a dish to share and enjoy the evening with us.

Sunday, November 11th, (today) a Fall Dinner will be sponsored by the Nekoma parishes of St Edward's, the Nekoma Lutheran Church and the Nekoma Presbyterian Church. They will be serving Turkey and Ham Dinner at the Pain Reliever from 12 Noon to 4:00 PM. \$10.00 for adults; Ages 6-12 \$5.00; Under 5 free. They would appreciate your support.

St. Alphonsus Fellowship Hall cleaning for November - 11-17 Darlene Brooks & Julie Fisk; 18-24 Nancy Downs & Susan Crockett; 25-1 Dec. Julie Regner & Mauri Roy

Religious Ed – we are still in need of a 6th grade teacher to team teach with Fr. Will. Contact Carla at 256-5966 ext. 133

CYO: We would like a larger flat screen TV (around 50") to use for our video presentations for our high school religious ed classes. If you have an extra one that you are not using, we'd like to use it for our classes. Contact Fr Phil.

Warm Coats from Warm Hearts Coat Drive – Please bring your new or gently used coats to the box inside door #3(Lanai entrance) at St. Alphonsus School. All sizes from infant to adult are needed. Thank you from St. Alphonsus School student council.

A trip to Italy! Fr Phil is leading a 10 day group tour to Italy on April 2-12, 2019. You are invited to join us on this tour called "The Shrines of Italy." HIGHLIGHTS include Rome, Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Vatican City, A Papal Audience, St. Peter's Basilica, Christian Rome City Tour, and the other 3 Major basilicas of Rome: St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran. For more information, call Bon Voyage Travel in Grand Forks 701 772-6313. Brochures are available at the entrance of the church.

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico December 8 – 13, 2018 to be there for the beautiful Mass of Roses on the feast day December 12th. \$2,494.00 per person including air from Fargo. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass everyday. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

St. Edward's Church cleaning for November/December – Janet Schill & Sarah Schill

Knights of Columbus will be collecting non perishable food items for the Cavalier County Food Pantry. There is a purple plastic tote at the back of the church.

Communion for the homebound: do you know of someone who is not able to get to Mass due to medical or health reasons? Call Fr Phil or Fr Will to be put on our Communion Call List.

Fr. Damien Schill has written a cookbook. It is entitled "Cooking and Eating with Fr. Damien and Friends" It is a collection of recipes that he has collected over the years. The first volume is beverages, appetizers, salads, soups, vegetables, canning, grilling and so forth. The next volume will be entrees and the third volume will be desserts. The last two volumes are in productions still. If interested in a copy they are available for \$25.00 from Hurley's in Fargo, or email Fr. Schill directly at frdamien3@aol.com to order them.