

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for January 13th The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord will be revealed for all of us to see it.

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God has saved us through the cleansing water of rebirth and by
renewing us with the Holy Spirit

Luke: 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.

WEEKDAY MASSES January 8 - 11

Tues: 5:00 pm +Fr. Dan Mrnarevic

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Marge Mikkelsen

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Joe Bata

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Willard Karas

WEEKEND MASSES January 12 - 13

Sat: **5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +Fr. Leo Sleten

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +JoAnn Beauchamp

Reader: Holly Lyons

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Servers: Regner Family

Musicians:

Sun: **8:30 am St. Alphonsus** Living & Deceased Members of Albert & Theresa

Reader: Carleen Schill Muhs Family

EMHC: Alan Schill

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Martha & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales People of the Parishes

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Ron Mikkelsen

Reader: George Podhradsky

EMHC: Dennis Schill

Servers: EJ Cluchie

Musicians: Martha & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Duane & Bev Otto

Fr. Phil's cell phone: 701-740-7593 and Fr. Will's cell phone: 701-640-2858

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 December 25 & 30, 2018: This week's reflection of the
parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

	Christmas	December 30th
Adult Envelopes	\$2,209.00	\$6,263.00
Plate	\$818.27	\$205.00
Total	\$3,027.27	\$6,468.00

The Epiphany of the Lord

It is no exaggeration to say that every story included in the Gospels is there for the purpose of enlightening us and helping us enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ. And, of course, each of the four Gospels was written for particular Christian communities coping with the social circumstances in which they found themselves. Matthew was writing for his own Jewish people and one of his concerns was that they grasped the fact that Jesus, while he had come to liberate them, had also come to liberate all men and women of all time.

Matthew is unique in giving us the story of the wise men: mysterious travellers coming from the east, an exotic part of the world full of mystery and mystique. Having helped his own people make the necessary connection with the prophecy about Bethlehem being the place towards which they were heading, he also links their journey with Isaiah's prophetic vision of the nations seeing the light and travelling to pay homage with their gifts. The wise men are there precisely to represent all of us and even their precious gifts are of considerable significance. The gold points us to the fact that the Christ child has come to establish the kingdom of God. The incense reveals that he is no ordinary child but God's Son, while the myrrh warns us of the disturbing prospect of his passion and death: his body will need to be anointed after his death. Taken from The Living Word

Epiphany of Our Lord

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (EPHESIANS 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

CD of the Week: Our Lady of Guadalupe – Luis Soto - Many people have heard of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but few people know her story. In this talk, speaker and catechist Luis Soto (who himself was born and raised in Mexico) shares the little-known history and life-changing importance of Mary's appearance to a peasant man named Juan Diego, and the miraculous image she left behind. Loved by millions (including St. John Paul II), Our Lady of Guadalupe is a patron and example of how to share the Gospel with the whole world. **Donations keep new CDs, books, DVDs, etc. coming!**

Calvary Cemetery would like to "Thank You" for your donations in the past. If you are interested in making a donation for the upkeep, maintenance and the purchasing of flowers for Calvary Cemetery there are envelopes at the back of the church. Make checks payable to Calvary Cemetery. You can mail them to Jack Wild at 11021 Highway 66, Osnabrock, ND 58269 or drop them off with Jackie at the Parish Office or drop in the collection box marked Calvary Cemetery.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery would like to "Thank You" for your donations in the past, we appreciate you keeping us in your gift giving decisions through Memorials, Bequest, and Donations. Your gift helps us to offset the cost of improvements and general maintenance to keep our Cemetery a beautiful resting place for your loved ones. We ask that you consider making a donation to continue keeping our Cemetery a place to honor your family and friends. Donations may be mailed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery, c/o Bev Metzger 10242 103rd Street NE, Wales, ND 58281

St. Michael's Cemetery thanks you for your past donations. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of our cemetery, donations can be sent to St. Michael's Cemetery c/o Marc Greening 9891 93rd Avenue NE, Wales, ND 58281

Eucharistic Adoration is the backbone of any parish's spiritual growth. All are invited to spend time in front of the Holy Eucharist in the adoration chapel anytime between 12 pm and 12 am, Monday through Friday. **We especially need someone to commit to an hour per week on Monday's at 2:00pm, and Thursday's at 6:00pm** or if you would be interested in subbing for

someone who can't make it at their scheduled time, so that we always have at least one person in front of the Blessed Sacrament at all times. Please call Sally Stremick if you are interested in signing up at 256-2642. Thanks to those who have already committed, and are already enjoying the fruits of prayer in front of our Lord.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Our Sympathy to the family of Leslie Feil who was called home last week. May he rest in the love of the Father.

Welcome back, Fr McDermott! He will preside at Mass in Nekoma on January 12th and in Wales on January 13th. He asked to switch places with Fr Phil so he could be here for the Annual Coyote Hunt. Great to have you here!

3rd Annual Dodgeball Tournament will be held on January 23rd at Langdon High School. More information later.

RE Classes will begin again on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30pm

Catholic Daughters meeting on Monday, January 7th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

Altar Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. The Constitution will be read at this time.

Altar Server, Reader and EMHC Schedules lists are in the church sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out.

Christmas Dinner was a huge success again this year. We would like to thank everyone who donated the turkeys, ham, salads and the pies. Thank you to all who were so kind to donate their time to help us serve the meal and clean up afterwards also a special thanks to Judy Illerbrunn for her talent of decorating the tables they looked so nice.

God Bless all of you, Dennis, Carla and Travis

FirstChoice Women's Care Center-Largest Baby Shower

Be part of "*The Largest Baby Shower*" during the month of January. Show your support for life and FirstChoice Women's Care Center by donating new baby items. Drop off locations are St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bethel E Free Church, River of Life Church and FirstChoice Women's Care Center-Devils Lake. Baby items are needed to re-stock our Crib Club. **New Items Needed:** diapers (size 4-6) & pull ups, unscented baby wipes, crib sheets & mattress pads, infant towels and washcloths, nursing pillows & covers, gender neutral diaper bags, gift cards (ex: Walmart, Target). **Questions?** Call FirstChoice @701.6662.2229

9 Days for Life Novena January 14th – January 14 – 22 will mark the USCCB's nationwide Novena **9 Days for Life**. The prayer effort takes place during the U.S. bishops' annual period of *prayer and action* focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each days' prayer focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. Download or sign up to **receive the novena any of four ways:** free mobile app, text message, email, or online. Quick, easy-to-use tools can help you share **9 Days for Life**. For more information visit www.9daysforlife.com

40 Days for Life ND invites you to an Evening of Thanksgiving Ramona Trevino will be the guest speaker at an evening event honoring the participants of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign and all who stand for life! You are invited to join Ramona as she shares her story of conversion from an abortion provider to an advocate for life. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 22, 7:00-8:30pm at the Avalon Events Center, 2525 9th Avenue South in Fargo. Registration is not required. Hors D'oeuvres will be served – there will be a free will offering. Sponsored by 40 Days for Life ND. For more information contact the Pregnancy Help Center at 701-284-6601

Join Johnette Benkovic for Lunch! Johnette Benkovic will be the guest speaker at a pro-life luncheon on Monday, Feb 18th from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Sts Anne and Joachim Church social hall in Fargo. Johnette is Founder and President of Women of Grace, a Catholic apostolate for women featuring a number of outreaches including conferences, media, study groups and more. In addition, she has been an inspiring and consistent presence on Catholic radio and in Catholic television. She will be speaking

on Missionary Discipleship for the Gospel of Life. Cost is \$15.00/person, pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is February 10. To register go to: www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife or call 701-356-7900. Sponsored by the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Fargo.