

**THE HOLY FAMILY
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

DECEMBER 30, 2018

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for January 6th The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

How have you radiated light, hope, joy to someone this week?

What gift of prayer and praise have you given to God this week?

Ephesians 3:2-6

Which neighbor do you need to accept as "co-heir"?

Think of, and pray for, someone you have misjudged or resented.

Matthew 2:1-12

What gift will you give to acknowledge Jesus in your life?

How have you given homage to Christ during the Christmas season?

WEEKDAY MASSES December 31 - January 4

Mon: 5:00 pm + Marge Mikkelsen **Holy Day of Obligation**

Tues: 9:00 am +Jim Bachman **Holy Day of Obligation**

Wed: 8:40 am +Mary Shankar

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Harold & Dolores Berg

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Sam & Bea Kram

WEEKEND MASSES January 5 - 6

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Gib & Dale Uhrich

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Chad Kalis

Servers: Philomena & Maria Muhs

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Iris Lothspeich

Reader: Darlene Brooks

EMHC: Dennis Karsky

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Choir

St. Michael's - Wales **No Mass Today**

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Joe & Dolores Hoffarth

Reader: Terian Chaput

EMHC: Bev Otto

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Dennis & Diane Schill

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 23, 2018: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,488.00
Intentional Givers	\$330.00
Plate	\$467.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Total	\$4,305.00

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph are frantically looking for Jesus, who seems to have disappeared. They have been to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover but on their return journey they notice that he is no longer with them. They discover him in the Temple talking to the elders, asking them questions and listening to them. Naturally his parents are relieved. Jesus doesn't really understand why they should have been worried. It might seem a strange activity to have stayed in the Temple with a group of much older people talking about matters of religion and faith but, at twelve, Jesus is in that liminal place in life when young people begin to emerge from being a child and start to move towards adulthood. It is a stage in life when the deeper questions of life are significant. Who am I? Who made me? Who am I meant to be? In staying behind, Jesus has given himself the space to ponder on these questions and seek the wisdom of those who can help him to explore them, guide him and allow him to grow more deeply in his relationship with God.

Taken from The Living Word

Feast of the Holy Family

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

CD of the Week: Three to Get Married – Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen - In this classic on love and marriage, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen places sex in the context of human love, and human love in the context of Divine Love. One of the greatest and best-loved spokesmen for the Catholic Faith, he beautifully presents the Catholic concept of marriage, emphasizing that our Blessed Lord must be at the center of every successful and loving marriage. **Thank you for your support of our Lighthouse Catholic Media Stand! Your use of the materials indicate spiritual growth in our parish. Have a very Blessed New Year!**

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.

St. Edward's Church cleaning for January/February – Bonita Erickson & Karla Mack

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Happy New Year! On behalf of our Parish and School Staff, we wish you blessings as we begin a New Year!

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for Mary, the Holy Mother of God are: Monday, December 31st at 5:00 PM and Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00 AM.

No Adoration Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Adoration will start again on Wednesday, January 2nd

NO Mass at St. Michael's – Wales on Sunday, January 6th

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

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

Thank you to all who helped in any way to prepare for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses – from decorating, environment, and all who help prepare for the Masses, our musicians, cantors and Choir. We are very grateful for all you do!

You're invited to join us on Wednesdays at 12:05 PM as we pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn. It will take place at the Church unless there is an afternoon funeral scheduled.

St. Alphonsus Fellowship Hall cleaning for December – 23-29 Sheila Beauchamp & Dawn Christianson

Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up January 11-13, 2019 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at <http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home>. Applications due 12/27.

We are in need of altar servers for the 8:30am Mass on Sunday's – please call the parish office (256-5966) if interested or contact Fr. Phil

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

Al-Anon is open to anyone who feels his or her life has been affected by someone else's drinking, either now or in the past. Hope Al-Anon Family Group meets weekly at United Lutheran, Thursdays at 12:00pm, in the church library – please use the east door.