

**Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

July 16, 2017

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for July 23rd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13-19

How have you exercised justice recently?

How have you practiced kindness lately?

Romans 8:26-27

What words do you use to speak to God in prayer?

Allow the Holy Spirit to pray within you, for God's will.

Matthew 13:24-43

What are the weeds choking out your spiritual growth right now?

What have you done lately to help the church to grow?

WEEKDAY MASSES July 18 - 21

Tues: 5:00 pm +Buddy & Robbie Howell

Wed: 8:40 am +Betty Laturnus

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Mary Beth Sexton

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Ike Hill

WEEKEND MASSES July 22 - 23

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Nikolaus & Barbara Balbier

Reader: Michael Nuebert

EMHC: Carol Hoffarth

Servers: Philly & Maria Muhs

Musicians: Volunteers

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Betty Bata

Reader: Jeannette Scheffer

EMHC: Alan Schill

Servers: Joshua Spenst

Musicians: Beth & Liz

NO MASS at St. Michael's – Wales

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Kathleen Otto

Reader: Terian Chaput

EMHC: Elaine Hill

Servers: Rudy Moser

Musicians: Beth & Liz

Fellowship Hall Host: LaVern & Margaret Chaput

Fr. Phil's cell phone: 701-740-7593 and Fr. Wirth's cell phone: 701-640-8466

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 pm

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Weekly Reflection for July 9, 2017: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

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In Jesus' day, farmers in Palestine suspended a large bag of seed from their necks and, walking up and down the field, threw the seeds out with both hands as far as they could. Inevitably some seed fell on the edge of the path, some landed on rocks, others among thorns. But other seed landed in rich soil where it produced a great crop. It is one of the few parables that Jesus explains in detail. The seed is the word of God. Some of the scattered seed inevitably bears no fruit when people don't understand it, or if they get overwhelmed by trials or persecution, or with "the worries of this world" and the "lure of riches". But the great point of the parable is that the word of God produces a bumper crop, maybe thirty or sixty per cent, some even one hundred per cent. It is powerful. Palestinian farmers thought they had done well if their seeds yielded seven per cent. Ten per cent was a great harvest, thirty per cent unheard of.

Perhaps Jesus had his mother in mind when he spoke of a hundredfold response. She above all others heard the word of God and kept it. "Let it be to me according to your word," she said, and never for a moment did she ever deviate from that fidelity and love. Taken from The Living Word

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - MATTHEW 13:22
Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

A Great Poem

**I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor.**

**But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp---
The thieves, the liars the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.**

**There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.**

**He, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.**

**I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?"
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.**

**"And why's everyone so quiet,
So somber – give me a clue."
"Hush, child," He said, "they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you."
JUDGE NOT.**

**Every saint has a PAST...
Every sinner has a FUTURE!
PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting July 17th – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

There will be NO Mass at St. Michael's in Wales on Sunday, July 23rd

CD of the Week: Encountering the Poor – Biblical Roots for Catholic Social Teaching – Dr. Tim Gray is the president of the Augustine Institute and is a well-known Scripture scholar and Catholic speaker. With his eloquent style and polished delivery, Dr. Gray here expounds on the teachings of the Catholic Church on social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. He shows us how social justice is not just one small piece of the puzzle—it frames the entire mosaic of the Bible. **Thank you for your generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!**

Knights of Columbus Knight of the Month for June is Duane Otto

Save the Date! St. A's rummage sale on Wednesday, July 26th. 12:00-6:00pm. St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. For more information, contact Carol Girodat or Sue Bata.

You're invited to join us on Wednesdays at 12:05 PM as we pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn. Depending on weather conditions it will take place at St Alphonsus Park or the Church.

Fellowship Hall Cleaning for July - Hope Circle: 13/14 - Terian Chaput, Barb Hill & Lisa Buchweitz; 20/21- Delores Weiner, Jackie Thom & Robyn Ramberg; 27/28 - Barb Karsky, Judy Lill & Val Darling

Let's Celebrate!! Cavalier County Memorial Hospital Foundation will be celebrating 30 years of service to CCMH and the Community with their annual PICNIC on Thursday, July 20th from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the St. Alphonsus Parish Center.

Langdon Hope Al-Anon Family Group meets Thursday noon at United Lutheran Church Library – use east door.

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.

St. Alphonsus School is now accepting registrations for Kindergarten and Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year. Your child must be 5 before August 1, 2017 for Kindergarten and 3 for Preschool. We are also accepting registrations at all grade levels. Please call Jackie in the school office at 256-2354 and stop in to pick up a brochure.

Pregnancy Help Center 30th Anniversary Celebration – Open House Appreciation luncheon on Sunday, August 6th from 2 – 4pm at the Park River Pregnancy Help Center(Highway 17 & Kensington). We wish to thank you for your tremendous support in helping us serve moms, babies and families for 30 years. We would love to see you!

Putt 4 a purpose – golf Event – Bishop John Folda invites you to Putt 4 a purpose, at the 11th Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo, on Monday, August 7th for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4th player for free! Register online at: www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose. For more information please contact Steve Schons at 701-356-7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org

St A's Bookstore has closed and there are some **fixtures** and a **cash register** that we would like to sell. For more information or to see the items please call Carleen at 256-2635. **Thank you for all the support for the bookstore over the last 3 years!**

Mother Daughter Days – St. Francis Convent in Hankinson, ND is offering a Mother Daughter Retreat on August 17-19, 2017. This is an opportunity for mothers and their

daughters to get away, spend some special time together, grow in their faith, and even have a little fun. They join the Sisters for prayer, Mass, meals, and story sharing. If you are interested, please call Sr. Jean Louise at 701-208-1245 or by email at ndfranciscan@yahoo.com.