

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 12th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Does nearly our entire city “gather to hear the Word of God on the Sabbath?”
Are you a “light to the nations, a means of salvation” for others?

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

What trial have you recently experienced, and survived with God’s help?
Pray for someone who is distressed or grieving, that God wipe their tears.

John 10:27-30

How have you heard and followed the voice of the Good Shepherd recently?
Pray Psalm 100, that you may remain a faithful follower of the Shepherd.

WEEKDAY MASSES May 7 - 10

Tues: 5:00 pm +Marge Mikkelsen
Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Jon Delvo
Thurs: 5:00 pm +Ed Hoffarth
Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Joan Perius

WEEKEND MASSES May 11 - 12

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward’s - Nekoma +Anna Hoffarth

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Ella Kram
Reader: Michael Nuebert
EMHC: Carol Hoffarth
Servers: Philomena & Maria Muhs
Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Melford Mikkelsen
Reader: Darlene Brooks
EMHC: Bill Brooks
Servers: Volunteer
Musicians: Bob & Choir

NO MASS today at St. Michael’s – Wales

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Joe & Dolores Hoffarth
Reader: George Podhradsky
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 April 28, 2019: This week’s reflection of the parishioner’s relationship with God and with the parish

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| Adult Envelopes | \$1,772.00 |
| Intentional Givers | \$330.00 |
| Plate | \$198.25 |
| Fuel | \$50.00 |
| Total | \$2,350.25 |

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Peter lived by fishing in the Sea of Tiberias, sometimes called Lake Galilee: in his wildest dreams he would never have imagined that one day he would travel to Rome. Meeting Jesus - recognizing him as the Messiah, the Son of God - utterly changed and opened up his life. This man, who would have expected to spend his lifetime in Galilee, a fisherman like his father John probably was, found his vocation to travel widely as an apostle of Jesus, a preacher of the Gospel and the leader of the Church. Never could he forget those enigmatic words of Jesus, "when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go". Peter had no inkling of what Jesus meant, but writing after it had happened St. John realized Jesus said this to indicate "the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God".

Yet Jesus had given a hint to Peter. Three times he asked Peter whether he loved him. Three times he asked Peter answered that he did. But the English translation conceals what was actually said. In Greek, the language in which the Gospel was written, there is more than one word for love. *Agape* is self-sacrificing love; *philia* is friendship. Jesus asks Peter if he loves him with a self-sacrificing love. Peter replies he loves him with friendship. A second time Jesus asks if he loves him with a self-sacrificing love, and again Peter answers that he loves him with friendship. The third time, Jesus lowers his demand. He asks Peter if he loves him with friendship. Peter once avowed that he would be willing to die for Jesus, but Jesus had warned him that before cockcrow he would deny him three times. Now, when Jesus asked him repeatedly if he loved him with a self-sacrificing love, Peter could not bring himself to respond in the same terms.

Taken from The Living Word

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"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

CD of the Week: 15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering - Jeff Cavins – Suffering is a mystery we all face at some time in our lives. Whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual, it will test our faith. Internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares personal insights he gained through his own physical pain. He shows us how we can join our sufferings with those of Jesus on the cross, bringing renewed meaning to the suffering we experience in our lives. **Donations keep new CDs coming!**

St. Edward's Church cleaning for May/June – Joan Viger, Carol Novacek, & Geri Newgard

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.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

This is an amazing 3-day conference for high school students and chaperones. The pilgrimage dates is November 20-24, 2019 and this conference happens in Indianapolis, IN. Each day NCYC has great keynote speakers, many workshops for students and adults along with wonderful entertainment for all in the afternoons and evenings. Also offered each day is Mass, reconciliation and adoration. The trip cost is \$700/student and includes transportation by bus, hotel accommodations, meals each day and registration for the conference(a complete packet). For every eight (8) students registered with deposit and paperwork into the Diocese by June 15, 2019 an adult chaperone from that parish goes free. Priests and religious go free but must register with this diocese no later than June 15, 2019. For more information and to register, go to

www.nationalcatholicyouthconference.org or contact Kathy Loney at 701-356-7902. Each parish priest and DRE or Youth Minister has received info on this wonderful pilgrimage!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Wales: No Mass at St Michael's Church in May 12th. We are taking Masses in Cavalier and Crystal May 11-12.

Congratulations to Ben Hoffarth and Rachel Bachman who were married last weekend. May they continue to grow in God's grace.

Welcome Addilynn Marie Gaffke, daughter of Torin & Desirae and Cailen Beckett Borho, son of Cale & Desirae who were baptized last weekend. May they continue to be filled with grace.

Welcome Desirae Borho who became a member of our catholic parish.

Congratulations to our Confirmation/1st Eucharist candidates! Our children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their 1st Holy Communion today at 1:30 PM.

Wales: The St Michael's Parish Council will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM.

Catholic Daughter's Meeting on Monday, May 6th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 6:00pm at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. Open to all KC members, their wives, their mothers, and widows of deceased KC members.

Congratulations, High School Seniors! We're pleased to celebrate your upcoming graduation at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, May 19th. May God bless you all!

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

The Young Disciple Team will be in our parish the week of May 28th through the 31st from 8:30am to 3:00pm. They will lead a vacation Bible school, a teen mission, and a parish pot luck.

The week of camp will consist of music, games, lessons, prayer, daily Mass and hours of fun. All children who have completed grades k-6 are welcome to attend including those who belong to other churches. The Young Disciple Team will also do a teen mission. The teen mission is for grades 7-12 and will be on May 28th starting at 6:00pm. Lastly the parish pot luck will be on May 31st starting at 6:00 pm. Please pray that our parish and community will grow in their faith, hope and love as we participate in these events.

Wreaths and Flowers may be placed at Calvary Cemetery in Langdon and St. Edward's Cemetery in Nekoma from Sunday, May 12th through Sunday, June 2nd.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for May – 2-5 (Must also clean the basement room - first weekend of month) Marian Hoffarth, Delores Weiner & Connie Balsdon; 9- 12 Heidi Monette & Karla Gellner; 16-19 Bernadette Fetsch & Terian Chaput; 23-26 Maryl Borgen & Jenny Chaput 27 - Doris & Cindy

My 50th Jubilee (Fr. Al Bitz) celebration will be at St. Philip Neri Church in Napoleon, ND on June 2 starting with Eucharist at 4pm. All are invited. No invitations are being sent. Soup & sandwiches will be served at the Legion Hall on south side of Napoleon after the Eucharistic celebration at the church.

It would be a privilege to have your presence. Please send me an email if you are able to come. The address is: almbitz@gmail.com. or send a text to 701-320-6891 by May 15.

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493

Camp Good Mourning – Life After Loss for kids ages six to 18 years of age. – June 21-23 at Park River Bible Camp. There is a \$25.00 registration fee. To register for Camp

Good Mourning go to www.altru.org/hospice (under Grief Support). For more information, please contact Sue Mairs, camp coordinator at 701-780-5258,

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.