

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for January 20th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5

How has God shown his delight in you?

How have you espoused yourself to God?

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

What spiritual gifts have you received from God?

How are you using them for the common good?

John 2:1-11

What signs has Jesus worked in your life lately?

Ask Mary's intercession with Jesus for a special need.

WEEKDAY MASSES January 15 - 18

Tues: 5:00 pm +Oscar Beauchamp

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Helen Allen

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Fr. Dan Mrnarevic

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Paul Kram

WEEKEND MASSES January 19 - 20

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Gert Wild

Reader: Colin Fetsch

EMHC: Bernadette Fetsch

Servers: Philomena & Maria Muhs

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Harold & Dolores Berg

Reader: Gary Metzger

EMHC: Daryl Kempel

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Martha & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales +Fr. Leo Stelten

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Red Anderson

Reader: Dennis Horpestad

EMHC: Dennis Horpestad

Servers: Sean Gette

Musicians: Martha & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Wil & Sue 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 January 1 & 6, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

	New Year's Day	January 6th
Adult Envelopes	\$472.00	\$8,323.00
Intentional Givers		\$2,794.67
Plate	\$135.00	\$248.25
Fuel		\$55.00
Total	\$607.00	\$11,420.92

The Baptism of the Lord

There had been so many prophecies and predictions of the one who was expected, the one who was to come in the Jewish tradition. What remained uncertain was what the one to come would be. There is a sense that God will come with power, as our first reading from Isaiah indicates, yet the Lord will also be like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms and holding them against his breast. The image of military might is counterbalanced by a pastoral image of tenderness and care. Again, in our psalm we are asked to reflect on the might of God, who stretches out the heavens like a tent and provides the earth and the sea with all their riches. This wealth of creation is then linked into God's intimate solicitude for us, providing us with the food we need in due season so that we may always have our fill.

All these contrary and yet complementary expectations reach their fulfillment in the person of Jesus. His public life will be the expression of how he fulfills the hopes and promises the people have listened to all their lives. In Luke's Gospel, which we are reading this year, it is when Jesus is at prayer after his baptism that the Holy Spirit comes down upon him, sealing the calling he has received from his Father, who in turn declares the closeness of their relationship, which has three aspects: Jesus is God's own Son, and so he is the Father's beloved, and God's favour rests on him. Taken from The Living Word

Baptism of the Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

CD of the Week: Our Lady of Fatima (For Kids) - The Truth to Inspire Series offers captivating dramatizations for children of the lives of saints and well-known Marian apparitions in order to teach them more about the Catholic Faith. In this presentation hear how the three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco, were graced with visits from Our Lady of Fatima. **Be sure to check out all the new titles in the kiosk!**

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.

Real Presence Radio will host Johnette Benkovic-Williams as keynote speaker at their annual fundraising banquet on Monday, Feb 18th in Fargo. We invite you to join us! Johnette is host of EWTN's "Women of Grace" and founder and president of the organization by the same name. After years as a non-practicing Catholic, Johnette experienced a deep conversion back to her Catholic faith. Through this conversion, she found a vocation to share the

Gospel message through media. Johnette has thirty years of experience in Catholic media, including radio, television, public speaking and writing.

For more information about the event, or to become a sponsor, or register to attend as a guest, please call (877) 795-0122 or email jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Knights of Columbus will have a Pancake, Sausage and French Toast breakfast on Sunday, January 13th from 9:00 – noon at the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend. All proceeds go to Cavalier County Friends for Life. It is also time to renew your annual membership dues or become a member.

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.

Catholic School's Week is coming up, and the St. Alphonsus School Spaghetti Supper will be Wednesday, January 30. Once again there will be a Silent Auction to help benefit the school committee. If you would like to donate a basket or item, or make a monetary donation for this project, please contact Holly Lyons at 256-2613. Thank you!

50th Anniversary as a priest for Fr. Al Bitz: People kept asking me what I was going to do to celebrate my 50th Jubilee of my priesthood. Since the Eucharist was the most important part of my ministry with you, I thought it only would be fitting to come and celebrate the Eucharist with you as part of my Jubilee celebration. Working with Fr. Phil, we decided that the 10:30AM, Sunday, January 27 Mass at St. Alphonsus in Langdon would be the place to celebrate with you and the people of St. Edward's in Nekoma and surrounding areas. I am looking forward to preside at the Mass and getting together after Mass. Fr. Al Bitz

Potluck on Sunday, January 27th: Fr Bitz will be here as part of his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood celebration. All are invited to the Potluck after the 10:30AM Mass. Please bring something to share for our meal. Thank you!

The Catholic Daughter Gift Stand, located in the Church fellowship hall, will be having an "AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE" next weekend before and after all of the Masses **Saturday and Sunday, January 19th and 20th**. There will be other items as well as Christmas, but start your next year shopping at a reduced price or also item that make nice Wedding, and Birthday gifts.

St. Alphonsus Fellowship Hall cleaning for January – 13-19: Helen Murie and Mary Ann Welsh; 1/20-26: Lisa Bakke and Deb Lutman

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

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

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

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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.