

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 12, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 19th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

What trials are you undergoing? Are you coming closer to God through them?
What good has God helped you accomplish in your life journey lately?

Revelation 21:1-5

Imagine the "new heaven and new earth," the next life of heaven.
Give to God whatever grief or pain you are now experiencing.

John 13:31-35

What person do you love most on earth? Thank God for this person.
Whom do you find most difficult to love? Ask Jesus' help for this person.

WEEKDAY MASSES May 14 - 17

Tues: 5:00 pm +Tom, Josie & Jean Downey

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Lou & Ann Jakoubek

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Harold & Dolores Berg Family

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +John B. & Juliana Kram

WEEKEND MASSES May 18 - 19

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Oscar Beauchamp

Reader: Colin Fetsch

EMHC: Chad Kalis

Servers: Regner Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus +Michael & Frances Hoffarth

Reader: Gary Metzger

EMHC: Daryl Kempel

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Dan & Choir

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

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Dennis Lyons

Reader: Dennis Horpestad

EMHC: Dennis Horpestad

Servers: EJ Cluchie

Musicians: Dan & 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 May 5, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes		\$8,979.00
Intentional Givers		\$2,821.67
Plate		\$720.00
Improvements	\$25.00	
Total		\$12,545.67

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Of course, Jesus is inviting us to see ourselves as his sheep and reminding us that each of us is utterly precious. Matthew and Luke tell us the story of the "lost sheep", but it is John who takes up the image of Jesus as the good shepherd and explores its meaning throughout the tenth chapter of his Gospel. Today's short extract completes his explanation, but it is worth noting that this is all part of a long and threatening exchange which Jesus is having with those who will not accept his message. Jesus is explaining that he has come from a loving and merciful Father and that those who accept his message and follow him will belong to him and to his Father for all eternity.

In the book of Revelation - the Apocalypse - John tells us that "a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language" are assembled in heaven, having come through persecution and "washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb". Not only is Jesus the good shepherd, he is also the Lamb who was sacrificed so that we might be saved. Of supreme importance is the reminder from Jesus: "The Father and I are one." Jesus will reinforce this message in the Last Supper discourse that follows in John's Gospel. Remember, when Philip asks to see the Father, Jesus reiterates the message and then goes on to pray that we may all be one as well.

Taken from The Living

Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

CD of the Week: The Hidden Power of Forgiveness - Jeff Cavins unmasks the trap of unforgiveness that prevents so many from living in the freedom of God's peace and halts spiritual progress. He explains with clarity how forgiveness frees not only the one who is forgiven, but the forgiver. The importance of this is shown in Christ's words, "As you forgive others, so I will forgive you." Matt. 6:14. **Thank you for your generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!**

Congratulations Third Graders on your Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Dawson Downs

Ryder

Moser

Olivia Hoffman

Ty

Ramberg

Mya Hoffman

Eastyn

Schaefer

Hadley Medbery

Conner Mitchell

Cole

Spanier

Summer will soon be here and so will **Trinity Youth Camp**. "Who Do You Say That I am?" is our theme and we invite you to join us as we explore how our words and actions can show others who Christ is today. Register now for a great Catholic camping experience at one of three locations throughout the state! More information and registration can be found on our NEW website: trinityyouthcampnd.com

Dates and Locations for 2019:

June 19-23 Red Willow - Binford, ND

July 17-21 Camp of the Cross - Garrison

July 10-14 Pelican Lake - Bottineau, ND

July 24-28 Pelican Lake - Bottineau

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

Our Sympathy to the families of MaryAnn Geisen, John Delvo and Dorothy Schroeder who were called home last week. May they rest in the love of the Father.

Happy Mother's Day! Today we honor and pray for all our mothers, living and deceased. May God's blessings be bestowed on them.

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

Confirmation and First Eucharist will be recognized on May 18th at the Saturday night Mass at 7:30pm. Kids can wear their white dresses and boys can wear their white shirts and black pants if they want to. We would like to see as many as we can come. May is a busy month so this is the only time that would work.

"Next weekend St. Alphonsus will kick off a fund drive for repairs. Bill and Darlene Brooks have graciously agreed to chair the Campaign. More information will be distributed at next weekend's Masses."

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 – 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, prayer 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,

Quilt Bingo fund raiser for Altru's Hospice Camp Good Mourning on Sunday, September 22nd at Cavalier Public School. Proceeds from this event will support Altru's Hospice Camp Good Mourning. Last year over \$5,000.00 was raised at Quilt Bingo for Camp Good Mourning. We are asking area quilters to please consider donating 50" x 50" quilts or larger to use as prizes for the fund raiser. Quilts can be dropped off at Altru's Hospice offices in Grand Forks, Cavalier, or Grafton before September 3rd. Forms and more information are on the back bulletin board in the church.