

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**MAY 19, 2019**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 26<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29*

What arguments are disturbing your peace of mind?

Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to reach a resolution of your conflicts.

*Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

Imagine your vision of the "heavenly city".

Imagine your meeting with Jesus, the Lamb, in heaven.

*John 14:23-29*

Do you love Jesus? Keep his words? Seek instruction from the Holy Spirit.

Pray for another person, to be filled with love of Christ and receive his peace.

**WEEKDAY MASSES May 21 - 24**

Tues: 5:00 pm +Joe J. Kram

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** +Justin Kruk

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Vincent & Betty Schaan

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Charlie Mann

**WEEKEND MASSES May 25 - 26**

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** Micheal Petri & +Mary Ann Lenz

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +B.Plato, Gisela, B.lhor & I.Peter Bobynskyj

**Reader:** Michael Nuebert

**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth

**Servers:** Philomena & Maria Muhs

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Marjorie Domres

**Reader:** Greg Fetsch

**EMHC:** Harvey Metzger

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Albert & Laura Horpestad

**Reader:** Pat Wheeler

**EMHC:** Pat Wheeler

**Servers:** Sean Gette

**Musicians:** Bob & 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 May 12, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$4,184.00
Intentional Givers	\$275.00
Plate	\$315.00
Improvements \$100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,874.00</b>

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel begins with a summary statement: "When Judas had gone..." Four words which are so poignant. We know exactly what Judas is going to do, even though it is not spelled out for us: he goes to complete the process whereby he will betray Jesus to the authorities. The next time Jesus and Judas will meet is when Judas leads the guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees to the place where he knows Jesus would be. In four words, our Gospel passage for today reminds us of the role Judas will play in this narrative.

Those same four words also prompt us to recall what has already happened in the room that Judas has just left. There, after the meal was concluded, Jesus scandalized Peter by wanting to wash the feet of all present. In the ancient world washing the feet of another was task for the lowliest of slaves. That's why Peter is so scandalized at Jesus' behavior: his Lord wants to degrade himself totally by washing the feet of sinners. Judas was one of those whose feet were washed by Jesus.

As if that were not enough, Jesus then announces that one of them will betray him: the one to whom he will give the piece of bread that he shall dip in the cup. This has clear Eucharistic implications. When he gives Judas the piece of bread, he says, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Judas goes out – into the dark. Judas leaves the light of Christ to go into the dark of Jesus' enemies. But Jesus has just demonstrated his total love for every human being who ever did exist or ever will exist. His double outreach to Judas makes it plain that no one is excluded from Jesus' love. Taken from The Living Word

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)*

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like; someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.

**CD of the Week: Love Conquers All: Faith, Family, and the Early Church — Mike Aquilina**, author of over forty books and an expert on early Church history, shares how the faithful witness of Christian families amidst the trials and persecutions of the Church in the first centuries of its existence led to the rapid expansion of Christianity and the conversion of the Roman Empire. Mike relates how fidelity to prayer, faithful attendance of Sunday Mass, and love of neighbor offered a powerful witness to a culture that, in many respects, is similar to our own. **Donations keep our kiosks updated with new CDs and books!**

### **Congratulations**

#### **2019 St. Alphonsus Catholic School Kindergarten Graduates**

Parker Domres, Ryker Domres, Chiles Karsky,  
Wesley Meidinger, Noah Nelson, Nora Simonsen,  
Reid Spanier, Jenna Wild, Sophi Witzel

You are invited to the St. Alphonsus Catholic School Kindergarten Graduation on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:40am School Mass with a reception and slide show to follow in the Parish Center

### **Congratulations**

#### **2019 St. Alphonsus Catholic School Eighth Grade Graduates**

Lexi Bata, Orion Nadeau, Sarah Nelson, Brady Regner

You are invited to the St. Alphonsus Catholic School Eighth Grade Graduation on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at the church with a reception and slide show to follow in the Parish Center

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Our Sympathy** to the family of Robert Bata who was called home last week. May he rest in the love of the Father.

**There will be a Mass at 9:00am on Memorial Day – Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**No adoration on Monday, May 27 due to Memorial Day.**

Nekoma and Wales: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered 1/2 hour before Mass next weekend (May 25 & 26).

Bishop Folda has assigned Deacon Eric Seitz to St Alphonsus Church effective June 26th. He has completed his seminary studies and priestly formation as of this month. So he will be with us at least a year. I think he was ordained a deacon last year. God willing, he will be ordained to the priesthood in June, 2020.

**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 Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> through the Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm (food provided). Lastly the parish pot luck will be on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 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. We looking for housing for the Young Disciple Team please call Carla at 370-0594 if you can help out.

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

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for May** – 16-19 Bernadette Fetsch & Terian Chaput; 23-26 Maryl Borgen & Jenny Chaput 27 - Doris & Cindy

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](http://www.altru.org/hospice) (under Grief Support). For more information, please contact Sue Mairs, camp coordinator at 701-780-5258,

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](http://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

2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: Please join the parishioners of St. John's in Grafton and Sacred Heart in Oakwood on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Hiladore and Pauline Osowski's Farm near Grafton. A meal will be served at 12:30pm, followed by the blessing of land, animals, and farm machinery at 1:30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00pm, and entertainment will follow. For directions to the farm and for more information visit [www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life](http://www.fargodiocese.org/rural-life). Please RSVP for the meal by June 17<sup>th</sup> at: (701) 356-7950 or [tamara.krogman@fargodiocese.org](mailto:tamara.krogman@fargodiocese.org). Remember to bring

a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also bring a container of soil from your fields or garden to be blessed. This event is FREE.