

**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 26, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for June 2nd The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Do we have the patience and trust to wait for God's blessings as the Apostles did?

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Do we accept and acknowledge the gifts God gives us openly or are we blindly stumbling along using our own judgment?

Do we have the confidence in Jesus' word that we are truly saved by His actions?

Luke 24:46-53

Do we sincerely feel and show our joy and appreciation for all that Jesus had done for us.

WEEKDAY MASSES May 27 - 31

Mon: 9:00 am +Joe Tholkes **Memorial Day Mass**
Tues: 2:30 pm +Dorothy Jakoubek
5:00 pm +Alex & Jerome Schill
Wed: 8:40 am +Mike Sauer
2:30 pm +Betty Laternus
Thurs: 2:30 pm +Elmer Schneider
5:00 pm +Mary Shankar
Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Les Feil
2:30 pm +Tilden, Alma & Richard Crawford

WEEKEND MASSES June 1 - 2

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

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Joe & Dolores Hoffarth

Reader: Holly Lyons

EMHC: Holly Lyons

Servers: Regner Family

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Art Spanier Family

Reader: Carleen Schill

EMHC: Alan Schill

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's - Wales In Honor of Ray Borho

10:30 am St. Alphonsus +Romaine Schaan

Reader: Jenny Chaput

EMHC: Darlene Rutledge

Servers: EJ Cluchie

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: Pat Wheeler

Fr. Phil's cell phone: 701-740-7593 and Fr. Will's cell phone: 701-640-2858

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 19, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,078.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,258.67
Plate	\$389.00
Total	\$6,725.67

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel we encounter the disciples at the dark time. They simply could not comprehend why God might allow their Messiah to be killed before his mission was fulfilled. With their hopes of a glorious future dashed, nothing made sense. It felt as though the door of hope had slammed shut. They were looking so long at the closed door that they were not seeing the glorious possibility opening up before them. Jesus tried patiently to explain. The Holy Spirit was going to be their constant companion, bringing his teaching to mind, helping them to understand and interiorize it. Jesus was not only preparing a place for them in heaven, he was preparing a place within them for himself and the Father to make their home.

St. John's Gospel, written in Greek, uses a particular word for the Holy Spirit: the word "paraclete". Literally, it means "called to one's side" just like Annie Sullivan was to Helen Keller. God's Spirit is the patient teacher at our side, guiding and encouraging. The experience of God's inner presence not only brings enlightenment, helping us make sense of the events of our lives, in transforms us as people, calming and sanctifying. Jesus speaks of it as "shalom", the Hebrew greeting which means more than peace: it conveys a sense of well-being; of things "starting to come together". This was Jesus' parting gift to his disciples.

Taken from The Living

Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

Book of the Month: A Do-It-At-Home Retreat – Fr. Andre Ravier, SJ – This book is a most helpful and careful guide to anyone who desires to make an Ignatian retreat but is unable to make the *Spiritual Exercises* in a normal retreat. It is designed for those who want to sincerely place themselves "face to face" with God so as to order their lives along his loving designs. Fr. Ravier was an expert retreat master who gave Ignatian retreats for over 30 years. **Donations keep new books and booklets coming!**

Congratulations 2019 High School Graduates

Brianna Bakke, Dylan Fetsch, Sadie Fetsch, Jessica Hoffarth,
Kaydee Koistinen, Holden Mack, Madison Pritchard, Rylan Rueger

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

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!

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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

OFFICE HOURS: The week starting May 28th – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm. The office will be closed June 10th – 14th please plan accordingly

There will be a Mass at 9:00am on Memorial Day – Monday, May 27th

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

Catholic Daughters meeting on Monday, June 3rd at the cafeteria. There will be a potluck supper at 6:00pm. Husbands are welcome to attend. Meeting will follow the meal.

Choir practice and pizza party on Wednesday, May 29th at 5.00 pm.

Parish Meeting June 6 - As part of the Legacy Campaign, there will be an open-forum meeting at 7:00PM on Thursday, June 6 in the school cafeteria. This is your opportunity to ask questions regarding the campaign, the projects, how the parish does its banking, the endowments, etc. Please join us.

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.

The Young Disciple Team will be in our parish the week of Tuesday, May 28th through the Friday, May 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 Wednesday, May 29th starting at 6:00pm(food provided). Lastly the parish pot luck will be on Thursday, May 30th 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 please have them removed by Sunday, June 2nd at Calvary Cemetery in Langdon and St. Edward's Cemetery in Nekoma.

Fellowship Hall cleaning for May – 23-26 Maryl Borgen & Jenny Chaput; 27 - Doris & Cindy

LEGACY CAMPAIGN – WHO IS THAT SAINT IN THE WINDOW?

The stained glass windows in the church are part of the beautiful legacy given to us by an earlier generation. So at last weekend's campaign kickoff I asked the young people if they could (1) name the saint on the cover of the campaign brochure, and (2) explain why she had an arrow in her left hand.

The window is in the stairwell to the choir loft. After Mass I encouraged a number of children to look more closely.

I must admit I have not researched the parish history to know *for sure* who she is, but two clues lead me to believe it's St. Teresa of Avila. First, she has a quill in her right hand, representing that she is a writer. Second, she holds an arrow in her left hand. But it is no ordinary arrow. If you look closely, there is gauze wrapped around the tip. It's the type of arrow one might light on fire before releasing. In her book *Interior Castles*, St. Teresa writes about receiving God's flaming darts of love. My best guess is that the arrow represents these flaming darts of God's burning love.

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2nd 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. Please RSVP for the meal by June 17th at: (701) 356-7950 or 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.