

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**JUNE 2, 2019**

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for June 9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 2:1-11*

Envision yourself with the apostles; feel the wind and flame of the Spirit.

Pray for the new courage and boldness in sharing your faith with others.

*1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

What gifts and ministries has the Spirit given you for the sake of the Church?

How well are you cooperating with other members of the Body of Christ?

*John 20:19-23*

Ask and receive Jesus' gift of peace in whatever way you are troubled right now.

Are you forgiving other's sins against you, or holding them bound?

## WEEKDAY MASSES June 4 - 7

Tues: 5:00 pm +Mary Shankar

Wed: 8:40 am +Iris Lothspeich

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Bob Howell

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Ray Fetsch & Cheryl Fetsch Condon

## WEEKEND MASSES June 8 - 9

**Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma** +John Delvo

**7:30 pm St. Alphonsus** +Dennis Lyons

**Reader:** Corey Stremick

**EMHC:** Carol Hoffarth

**Servers:** Philomena & Maria Muhs

**Musicians:**

**Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus** +Bud Bata

**Reader:** Darlene Brooks

**EMHC:** Darlene Brooks

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

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

**10:30 am St. Alphonsus** +JoAnn Beauchamp

**Reader:** Dennis Horpestad

**EMHC:** Dennis Horpestad

**Servers:** Sean Gette

**Musicians:** Bob & Choir

**Fellowship Hall Host:** Dorothy Sauer

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 26, 2019:** This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$2,890.00
Intentional Givers	\$330.00
Plate	\$309.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,529.25</b>

## Ascension of the Lord

Our scripture readings today give us a picture of what might be called the “resurrection legacy” of Jesus. The one who had suffered and died had risen from the dead and shown himself to his disciples for a period of forty days. He had been preparing them for the day when they would no longer see him physically present among them. They were to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit, “the power from on high” that would enable them to give witness to Jesus “not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth”.

In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul is aware that the power of the Holy Spirit that was at work in Jesus, raising him from the dead and taking him up into the glory of the Father, is the same power that is to be at work in the disciples of Jesus. He wants us to understand what hope God’s call holds for us, what rich glories the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power God has exercised for us believers. This is our legacy, that what Jesus has achieved is to be the destiny of all those who hear and respond to the proclamation of the Good News.

There is an urgency to this message. As the apostles stood gazing into heaven after the ascension of Jesus, “two men in white” appeared and asked what they were doing. In effect, they were saying, “Don’t just stand there, there is work to be done. Get on with it.” So the disciples went back to Jerusalem to await Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that would be the driving force of the mission of the newly born Church. Taken from The Living Word

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”*  
(REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

**CD of the Week: The Holy Spirit - Fr. Shannon Collins** - In this captivating presentation Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and the role the forgotten Person of the Blessed Trinity has played since the creation of the world. Drawing upon Scripture and tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation for this “sweet guest of our soul” who seeks to bring us closer to Christ and eternal salvation. **Thank you for your generous support for Lighthouse Talks!**

**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](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

### **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](http://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**

**OFFICE HOURS: The week starting June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday and Tuesday 8:00am – 12:00pm. The office will be closed June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> please plan accordingly**

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

**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.

New School Administrator at St Alphonsus School! I am so pleased to announce that Carrie Hope has accepted the position of School Administrator for St Alphonsus'. Derek Simonsen has been our principal for 3 years. He regrets leaving our school but due to family responsibilities, he is moving. He has expressed his great admiration for our school and it was a difficult decision for him to make. We wish him the best. Carrie is not licensed as a principal. She will be taking administration courses and work on getting principal credentials. Therefore, her title will be "School Administrator." Carrie will continue to be in the Pre-K program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. However, we are making plans to relieve her of her responsibilities for the 3 year old program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We pray for her and our wonderful school.

St Michael's, Wales: Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 Catholic Daughter Gift Case has just received the new 2019 – 20 Christian Brands Catholic Catalog. It has beautiful items we can order for you for any occasion even new items for Christmas. If you get time sometime take the book and sit in the Fellowship Hall at you leisure and spend a half hour paging through the book. If you see items you might be interested in having us order for you, take a piece of paper and mark down the page number and item number we will order it in for you. If you want it but not until later, we will order it later or order it and keep it for you when you want to purchase it. We appreciate your Business.

**Wreaths and Flowers please have them removed by Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Calvary Cemetery in Langdon and St. Edward's Cemetery in Nekoma.

**Fellowship Hall cleaning for June** 1-2 Janelle Bata; 8 -9 Lori Roy & Bonnie Hell; 15 -16 Sally Kram & Marie Mack; 21- 22 Lia Olson & Megan Overby; 29-30 Diane Schill & Sue Retka Schill

Putt 4 a Purpose – Golf Event – Bishop John Folda invites you to ***Put 4 a Purpose***, at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4<sup>th</sup> player for free! Register online at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose). If you are not a golfer, please consider sponsoring a priest or seminarian or a hole on the golf course. Your contribution will help support the event and defray costs. Register at: [www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://www.fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose). For further information, please contact Steve Schons in the Stewardship and Development Office, at 701-356-7926 or email [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org).

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.