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PARISH SACRAMENTS

• **Baptism:** Baptismal preparation class by appointment.

• Please contact office for more information.

• **Weddings:** Make arrangements with pastor at least six months before the wedding date. Dates and times for wedding in both parishes must be scheduled by contacting the pastor.

• **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

• **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING:** Call Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Alphonsus	8:00 AM	Saturday*
	4:00 PM	Saturday
	11:00 AM	Sunday
Holy Family	5:30 PM	First Friday
	4:30 PM	Saturday
	7:30 AM	Sunday
	9:00 AM	Sunday
	11:00 AM	Sunday Pre-Conciliar (Latin) Mass
St. Peter	8:30 AM	Sunday

*Mass will be held at Holy Family the 3rd Saturday each month

Confessions beginning at 3 pm on Saturdays before 4:00 PM Mass.
Available by appointment, please call the parish office.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

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JANUARY 22ND—3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENERAL NEWS

Truth and Mercy series XXXII

Have you ever wrestled with the thought about whether God still speaks today with humanity? Or more specifically, does God speak to me or you? I know a few persons who think God is not that bothered to the point of seeking them out and speaking or fellowshiping with them. In a sense, God is so busy with the rest of the world as to have “enough time” to connect with me or even be concerned with my daily preoccupations. But this is so far from the truth. Usually I like to go to scripture to see God’s relationship with those who went before us. How did He relate with His apostles and disciples?

On one occasion, the apostles went fishing and caught nothing. This is aptly captured in John’s Gospel chapter 21 from verse 4. He asked them, “Children, have you caught anything?” This was the first and only place in the Gospel where the Lord referred to his apostles as children. If He called them children, do we see ourselves as children likewise? This passage evokes in me a great concern of the Lord on all that happens to us. He wanted to be sure they were fed, or even had some food for their families. He shared in their disappointment and failure. He was not ready to leave them in that situation but intervened. They too were honest with him. The scripture begins by saying that “early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not recognize that it was Jesus”. John 21:4. Indeed, Jesus is always by us. In fact, Jesus precedes us in our tasks. He goes to prepare success and plenty for us. He is waiting for us during our toil and daily preoccupations. He knew the apostles were coming and was there ahead of them. This is still what He does today. He is genuinely available to offer support and bring us provisions. He is God of Divine Providence. In the maze of all our human activities and toils, or daily chores, do we actually recognize Him? This week I invite you to set out time to feel His gentle presence especially in the tough moments when you are about to give up. Open your heart to Him. God is also ready to offer a new insight to our plight. After working and toiling all night and catching nothing, it is possible to get frustrated and give up. Of course, that is when Jesus speaks up to make sure we know He is around and available to help us. It may be a failing marriage, it may be a difficult relationship, it may be a tough school year, it may be loss of a spouse, or child or sibling, or it may be a miscarriage. This may be a task or assignment in which you have made all the efforts and still appears success is nowhere in sight. Take a deep breath to listen to the Lord offer you an insight, offer you a suggestion.

In the case of the apostles who were basically fishermen, it took a “carpenter’s son” (Matthew 13:55) to give advice on fishing to fishermen. This does not look like the professional competence we were taught in school. Here the Son of Man testifies to Himself when He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28: 18). He is the wisdom of the Father. St. Paul letter to the Corinthians says, “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the learning of the learned I will set aside.” 1 Corinthians 1: 18-19. In order to listen to the Lord Jesus’s words and follow them, we must be ready to unlearn and be humble. This is an art to be learned over a period of time.

In my life, I find that in the news, or newspapers, or the culture, or social media, things get worse, but if I take some time to listen to the eternal Word of God in scripture I find gems which flourish in my life leading me to begin again, without a feeling of shame. I know it is my Father and Lord that wants the best for me and is addressing His love letter to me for guidance and illumination. The experience of the apostles should spur us on. Once they followed the direction, the catch was bountiful. As one of my great friends here says, “amazement always follows obedience”

Fr. Nicholas Akindele, JCL. Pastor.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. ALPHONSUS – DAVENPORT

Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday's at 3 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN 23-29

Mon.	8:00	Pat Lundquist †
Tues.	8:00	Emily Molina †
Wed.	10:30	Norma Lyons †
Thurs.	8:00	Ruth Lowder †
Fri.	8:00	Mike Gallagher †
Sat.	8:00	Rosemarie Fritz †
	4:00	Will Marbury †
Sun.	11:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR JAN 29

LECTOR

Saturday 4 PM.....Jane Kroening
 Sunday 11:00 AM.....Diana/Vickie Underwood

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Saturday 4 PM.....Linda Good
 Sunday 11:00 AM.....Tom/Linda Stahler

St. Alphonsus Weekly Offerings Jan 15
 Weekly Budget: \$4250 Offering: \$1962



Do you happen to still have video copies of the St Al's Talent Shows? We are particularly interested in the 2000 show, but would welcome an opportunity to review any. There are some great memories there!

If so, please call Ron at 563-210-9971.

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - JAN 29

Sun. 8:30 Kirk Cossette †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR JAN 29

GREETERS..... Terry Grabosch & Peggy Scott
LECTORS.....Terry Grabosch & Jane Gadzik
ALTAR SERVERS.....Koltin Clark & Austin Clark

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Jan. 22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tues. Jan. 23 9:00 AM Food Pantry/St. Peter
 10:30 AM Quilting Group/St. Alphonsus

Wed. Jan. 25 10:30 AM Good Samaritan's Mass
 2:00 PM Sewing Group/St. Alphonsus
 6:00 PM Adoration/St. Peter
 6:30 PM Religious Education/St. Alphonsus
 6:30 PM Altar & Rosary/ St. Alphonsus
 6:30 PM Maintenance Meeting/St. Alphonsus
 7:00 PM Holy Name Meeting/St. Alphonsus

Sun. Jan. 29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Connect with like-minded single Catholics

At the

the Dating Retreat

Find what you're looking for

January 27 & 28

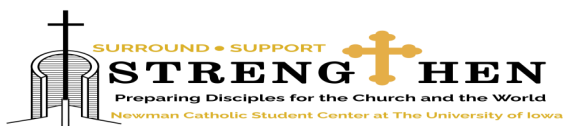
Join us for

Relationship Ready:

The Single Catholic's Roadmap
 to Marriage

Starting the week of February 6th

NationalCatholicSingles.com



Surround, Support, Strengthen Diocesan Special Collection- February 11 and 12, 2023

The Diocese of Davenport has authorized a special collection for the Newman Catholic Student Center at the University of Iowa, the only Newman Center in our diocese. The center is inspired by the teaching of St. John Henry Newman and their ministry focuses on students to help them develop intimate relationships with Jesus. To learn more about the Newman Center and their mission to prepare disciples for the Church and the world, visit their website at www.iowacatholic.org.



All Saints Catholic School annual gala. Let's Get Down and Derby!

Get your derby hats and place your bets. Join us on February 25th 2023, doors open at 5pm. Dinner and live auction. Silent auction will be running online. Get your tickets now at <http://bidpal.net/ascs gala> or by contacting the school office at 563-324-3205. Come help support this amazing school and enjoy a wonderful evening!