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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.



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JANUARY 29—THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A LETTER FROM FR. NICHOLAS

Truth and Mercy series XXXIII

Since the beginnings of the world, there has evolved different means of delivery of messages or gifts. As a little boy in the village of Ogbom, it was customary to send gifts to family members through a transport vehicle which comes only once a week to our little community. If you miss that opportunity, you wait till the next week, if the vehicle does not have a break down. Can you remember the means through which messages or gifts were delivered in the day? Indeed, the more sensitive a message or gift is the more we consider the means and the packaging. If this gift or message is of great value, we make sure it is well wrapped or packaged against destruction or manhandling. Can you consider for a moment the greatest gift ever sent or received? Have you imagined the greatest Good News ever shared? Have you received this great package sent to you?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but may have eternal life” (John 3:16). This was God’s plan of delivering us from death. This package was sent from the world above to earth. This message, which is also a gift was consulted, because He is the Only Begotten Son, equal with the Father. He agreed to be sent to deliver us. In order for this gift to get to us, God fashioned a carrier, a vessel, a pure channel which was fitted in every way to deliver this most precious gift to humanity. This gift is most precious and care must be made to ensure adequate and safe delivery. The vessel was consulted and She said’ “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord, Be it done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38). God fashioned this vessel to have all the safety features and impregnability so as to protect His Most Beloved Son. It does make sense, because even amongst us humans, if you want someone to be your babysitter, you go a long way to vet them and in fact put some security infrastructure in case anything goes wrong.

God fitted Mary with protection fitting for a sovereign. She is the mother of His Son, who is God. God indeed entrusted His Son, God to Mary. She undertook to care for Him, raise Him for His mission of saving you and I. God in doing this set an example for us of *ENTRUSTING* ourselves to this vessel and channel of GRACE to care for us on our spiritual journey also. She helps us embrace the mission of being servants and friends of Christ just as She did for Jesus, our brother and savior.

Once I opened the door for a lady; while I walked after her, she acknowledged my mother saying, “Your mother raised you well.” She has never met my mother and never will except in Heaven since my mother passed already, but she gave honor to my mother because of my action and kindness towards her. Do you think Mary deserves Honor for Her role in the life of Jesus? Does She deserve any recognition for accepting to partner God in bringing our savior to us? She brought God’s Mercy to us! She brought our Salvation to us!! She carried our PRIEST in Her womb, She was the first tabernacle. She brought Grace to us. She brought the Word of God to us, “since the Word became flesh in Her womb” (John 1:14). This is the basis of consecration to Jesus through Mary. Just as Mary never impeded God’s mission in Jesus’s life, so She enables God’s mission in our lives too.

In trials or doubt go to Her. In despair, make recourse to Her. In fear or torment open your heart to Her. She is the treasurer of Divine graces, and disposes these graces to whomever approaches Her. No one can separate what God has put together: Mother and Son are inseparable in God’s plan and mission.

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 29-FEB 5

Mon.	8:00	Sharon Linz †
Tues.	8:00	L/D Members of the O'Brien & Podhirny Families †
Wed.	10:30	Gene Oliver †
Thurs.	8:00	George Philip Wright Jr. †
Fri.	8:00	Kay Lent †
Sat.	8:00	Andy Lee Paulsen †
	4:00	Dennis Hagemann †
Sun.	11:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR FEB 5

LECTOR

Saturday 4 PM	Sara Lannan
Sunday 11:00 AM	Mary Kraxner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Saturday 4 PM	Sara Lannan
Sunday 11:00 AM	Dick Poster

St. Alphonsus Weekly Offerings Jan 22
Weekly Budget: \$4250 Offering: \$8891.26

The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



1. "I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life."



Join us in this unique Bible study on the Book of Job As we ponder as people of faith the age-old challenge of suffering.

When: February 5 – April 2 – after Sunday 9 a.m. Mass

Where: Lower-level meeting area in Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Center.

We will have a light breakfast after Mass and then start. We will watch our lesson of the week video and then share and reflect on our discussion questions. Please contact Colleen Goebel at colleengoebel@outlook.com or call 563-551-2727

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MASS INTENTION - FEB 5

Sun. 8:30 Jeff Trom †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR JAN

GREETERS.....Ken & Bev Heintz
LECTORS..... Dave Kenney & Larry Cawiezell
ALTAR SERVERS.....Peyton Pilgrim & Tessa Morgan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Jan. 29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. Jan. 30 9:00 AM Adoration of St. Philomena until 12

Tues. Jan. 31 10:30 AM Quilting Group/St. Alphonsus

Wed. Feb. 1 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
7:00 PM Committee Meetings, Host: Liturgy/St. Peter

Thurs. Feb. 2 6:00 PM Adoration/St. Peter

Fri. Feb. 3 4:00 PM Communion Service/St. Peter

Sun. Feb. 4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why are there five First Saturdays?



On May 29, 1930, Jesus said to Sr. Lucia: "There are five ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary: 1. The blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception. 2. Against her Virginity. 3. Against the Divine Maternity, refusing at the same time to accept her as the Mother of all mankind. 4. Those who publicly seek to instill in the children's hearts indifference, contempt, and even hatred against the Immaculate Mother. 5. Those who offend her directly in her Sacred Images."

St. Alphonsus Rosary Program Totals 1/22

Week Count: **92**

Year-to-Date: **437**

Grand Total: **1059**

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal of 1000 rosaries! We will celebrate with a reception after Mass Feb. 4 & 5!