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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.



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:16

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FEBRUARY 5—THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A LETTER FROM FR. NICHOLAS

Truth and Mercy series XXXIV

As was arranged and planned, our parishes played host to the relics of the wonder-worker of our age: St. Philomena. It was a way to conclude our 40 days of novena to her and also to mark the date of her canonization which was January 30, 1837. Our Churches literally looked like a pilgrimage site because parishioners from parishes around came to visit and spend time to pray, seeking the face of God through the guidance of this little saint, as St. John Mary Vianney would call her. I received tons of email and phone call inquiries about the location and time. There was quite an interest!

Why do the saints interest us so much? Who are they? What relationship do we have to them? Are they necessary? Saints could be referred to as coaches in modern way of speaking. They have lived here, walked through the path we thread today and have become victorious. They have been raised to a special relationship with God and so God desires that they assist us here with their experience and expertise, if you will. They are worthy examples. This is akin to what we normally say, “actions speak louder than words.” For saints like St. Philomena who was pure and chaste, we learn that not only is it possible to be chaste but that a 13 year old achieved it. It is doable, or I can do it. This is possible for both children and adults. Because of this, it is important to ask her how she achieved that feat. If you want to be the best basketball player, you learn from the best. If you want to learn chastity, why not follow the example of St. Philomena. In the same vein, the saints now enjoy a certain level of friendship with God. If we desire friendship with God, we can explore their connection. Once I was in my barber shop to have my haircut. (Do not forget that some do not think I have hair!). A certain gentleman was arguing that we do not need the help of other people to connect with God. It is like saying your parents have no place in training and forming you in the ways of God. It’s like saying their guidance is not necessary. Why did the scripture say this, “train your child in the way of God, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6). Not only do we need parents, we need teachers too as time goes on but parents will be the best and irreplaceable teachers. God also speaks through people to catch our attention. God utilized prophets and judges in the past. This day and time, God uses the Church to continue to teach and guide us. In fact, Jesus tells his apostles, “He who listens to you, listens to me. He who rejects you, rejects me.” (Luke 10”16). That apostolic tradition continues till this day in the Holy Father with the college of Bishops acting in the Name of Christ.

Apart from receiving teaching aids from saints, they are also inspiration to us. They challenge us and call us into deeper growth in the Lord. They show us how to worship and praise God. They invite us into true fellowship with God. The saints are the examples being “surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrew 12:1), we are encouraged to “run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” (Hebrew 12: 1). They are able to intercede with Jesus for us since they now share in a special friendship which we anticipate. St. Philomena definitely will continue to assist us in prayers. We want to have a little home for her with us. We desire she shares her holiness with all families and children in our parish.

May all our prayers truly be accepted by God our Father. Amen.

Fr. Nicholas Akindele, JCL, Pastor.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: SIR 15:15-20; PSA 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 COR 2:6-10; MATT 5:17-37

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 FEB 6 -FEB 12

Mon.	8:00	Walt Huntington †
Tues.	8:00	Ronald Podhirny †
Wed.	10:30	Barb Poster †
Thurs.	8:00	Joe Peters †
Fri.	8:00	Russ Rommel †
Sat.	8:00	Pat Reagan †
	4:00	Cyril and Mercedes Parker †
Sun.	11:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR FEB 12

LECTOR	
Saturday 4 PM.....	Lynne Schiffke
Sunday 11:00 AM.....	Joe Quinn
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	
Saturday 4 PM.....	Mary Podhirny
Sunday 11:00 AM.....	Vickie Underwood

St. Alphonsus Weekly Offerings Jan 29
Weekly Budget: \$4250 Offering: \$2098

Connect with like-minded single Catholics

<p>At the</p> <p><i>the Dating Retreat</i></p> <p>Find what you're looking for</p> <p>January 27 & 28</p>	<p>Join us for</p> <p><i>Relationship Ready:</i></p> <p>The Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage</p> <p>Starting the week of February 6th</p>
<p>NationalCatholicSingles.com</p>	

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - FEB 12

Sun. 8:30 Irene Trom †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR FEB 12

GREETERS..... 3rd Grade Mass
LECTORS..... 3rd Grade Mass
ALTAR SERVERS..... Mason Morgan & Reese Morgan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Feb. 5	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Tues. Feb. 7	10:30 AM	Quilting Group/St. Alphonsus
Wed. Feb. 8	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
Fri. Feb. 10	5:00 PM	Card Club/St. Peter
Sun. Feb. 12	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	



The first 2023 Lenten Fish Fry is Friday, February 24th! A work party is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th to prepare for this event. There are tables & chairs to set up, hundreds of dishes to wash, pots and utensils to clean, and shelves to wipe. So roll up your sleeves, grab your rubber gloves and join us! For more info call Ron at 563-210-9971

Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Call (563)920-9419 for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

St. Alphonsus Rosary Program Totals 1/29

Week Count: **87**
 Year-to-Date: **524**
 Grand Total: **1146**

Join us after Mass today for cake and punch as we celebrate over 1000 rosaries prayed in our Parish!



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.