

ST. ALPHONSUS ST. PETER

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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.



FEBRUARY 19—THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A LETTER FROM FR. NICHOLAS

Truth and Mercy series XXXVII

I want to begin the series with a quote from Mother Teresa, “The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty – it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There’s a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God.”

This quote was made several years ago but is more true and real today than ever before. There is a desire to love and be loved. There are people dying to be loved and belong to something today. In fact, there is a longing to belong to someone, to be loved for who we are and not for what we do. There is a desire for a place of trust and an atmosphere of belonging as home and family. As Mother Teresa says, it is far easier to take care of physical hunger than to meet these spiritual desires of humanity without Faith in God. These human needs have led a few to seek false and unsatisfying paths. While some turn to sex and drugs, others seek refuge in alcohol or work (yes, a person can turn work to a drug to run away from their desires). These compound their woes and unhappiness. The psalm tells us, “those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.” (Psalm 16:4)

Pope St. John Paul II said, “It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.” Our parish wishes to offer everyone the opportunity to be the **PERSON** God created **YOU** to be. We work to make this community a Christ-centered one, where you can find your priests to speak to both in confession and spiritual direction or simply to chat and ask some questions about life. I am always available and you can reach me every Thursday during adoration between 1pm and 5pm at Holy Family church. You do not need a prior appointment with me, just come and I am there to speak with you. Please know also that there is always **ADORATION** on Thursdays between 8am and 5pm every week. You can pour out your heart to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the altar. Listen to what God says to YOU, “**I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving devotion.**” **Jeremiah 31:3. There is no greater love than this. God calls you to come and experience TRANSFORMATION, LOVE, and COMPLETENESS!**

Fr. Nicholas Akindede, JCL.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: GEN 2:7-9, 3:1-7; PSA 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; ROM 5:12-19 OR 5:12, 17-19; MATT 4:1-11

2 THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 21 -FEB 26

Mon.	8:00	Kathleen Hughes Sadler †
Tues.	8:00	Robert & Christopher Speece †
Wed.	10:30	Carol Schlichting †
Ash Wed.	6:45	Jean Schaeffer †
Thurs.	8:00	Vernie Salzer †
Fri.	8:00	Betty Roe †
Sat.	8:00	Myrna Brehmer †
	4:00	L/D Members of the Williams & Taylor Families †
Sun.	11:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR FEB 26

LECTOR	
Saturday 4 PM.....	Volunteer Needed!
Sunday 11:00 AM.....	Diana Underwood
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	
Saturday 4 PM.....	Molly Ortega
Sunday 11:00 AM.....	Diana Underwood

St. Alphonsus Weekly Offerings Feb 12
 Weekly Budget: \$4250 Offering: \$1343

Do something LOVE-ly for your marriage! You can now learn Natural Family Planning from the comfort of home... self-paced, online classes are available now. Using NFP can lead to strong & healthymarriages. Couples who use NFP report being more fulfilled and satisfied in their marriage! Register today at www.celi.org Contact Al & Beth Budelier at 563-324-7040 or elizabethimel@yahoo.com with any questions.

The Assumption Knight Players Present Annie! Come see Annie at Assumption High School's Sunderbruch Auditorium on March 3 and 4 at 7 PM and March 5 at 2 PM. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and students without an activity pass. Tickets available online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/78> or cash or check at the door.

Annie

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ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - FEB 26

Sun. 8:30 Living Members of the Theresa Grabosch Family

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR FEB 26

GREETERS..... Morgan Family
LECTORS..... Tricia Jasper & Jen Hady
ALTAR SERVERS..... Koltin Clark & Austin Clark

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Feb. 19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. Feb. 20	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Choir Practice Altar & Rosary Meeting/St. Peter
Tues. Feb. 21	10:30 AM 7:00 PM	Quilting Group/St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus/St. Alphonsus
Wed. Feb. 22	10:30 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Good Samaritan's Mass Sewing Group/St. Alphonsus Ash Wednesday, No Adoration/St. Peter Religious Education/St. Alphonsus Altar & Rosary Meeting/St. Alphonsus Maintenance Meeting/St. Alphonsus Holy Name Meeting/St. Alphonsus
Thurs. Feb. 23	6:00 PM	Parent Q&A Meeting/St. Alphonsus
Fri. Feb. 24	4-7 PM	41st Annual Fish Fry/St. Alphonsus
Sun. Feb. 26		First Sunday of Lent

41ST ANNUAL FISH FRY

FEB. 24TH

4-7 PM

SEE YOU THERE!!!



St. Alphonsus Rosary Program Totals 2/12

Week Count: 63

Year-to-Date: 703

Grand Total: 1295

Rosary intentions included a smooth tax prep season, financial solvency for religious orders, hiring a competent bookkeeper, and an increase in the priesthood!