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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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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FEBRUARY 26—THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

A LETTER FROM FR. NICHOLAS

Truth and Mercy series XXXVIII

I welcome you brothers and sisters in Jesus and Mary to this holy season of Lent. This season has an ancient history in the Old Testament. In preparation for their mission Moses, and Elijah spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness. In the case of Moses, he did this on Mount Sinai as recorded in Exodus 32. It was a time for preparation and readiness to receive the Ten Commandments from God. In the case of Prophet Elijah, he was chased by Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, in order to kill him after Elijah had slayed all the Baal prophets. It was a very difficult and precarious time in the life of Elijah. He asked God to kill him and let him off his commission, but God had another mission in store for him. So in **1 Kings 19:8**, after the Lord whispered to him in the gentle breeze, Elijah was instructed to take a journey which lasted 40 days and 40 nights to the mission God had for him. God fed him by means of ravens and warned him about the trip, which was going to be a long one.

Can you imagine that when Elijah claimed he could no longer go on that God assigned a new call to him? Can you fathom it that at our wits end, God comes with freshness and new impetus to begin again? Is it not usually unthinkable that when we feel tired and fatigued or have even lost the will to go on the divine lover of our hearts and souls begins to urge us on a road less travelled? God meets us at the point of our helplessness and hopelessness. God meets us whenever darkness surrounds us. He did this a number of times to the Israelites and we are the New Israel, he is doing same with us. This is because God's Name is God-with-us: Emmanuel. It is Emmanuel who shows us the authentic way to live so as to become true children of God. He is "way, the truth and the life." (**John 14:6**). He is the **ONE** who went to the place of torment to destroy all that has plagued humanity from Adam. He invites us into these 40 days of spiritual battle along with Him. What does He call us to?

What is this 40 days all about? 40 days of gratitude that God never leaves us abandoned. 40 days of gratitude that He's got our backs. 40 days of walking with Him for we are so assured that God has saved us and has conquered evil forever. Because He died in order to save us, our gratitude is in form of intense prayer, fasting and almsgiving. If you see prayers, fasting and almsgiving as tokens of appreciation for God's VICTORY over death, we get a new insight into having a blessed Lenten season. Jesus said, "There is no greater love than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends." (**John 13: 13**) He already **DID** the **GREATEST** thing, we are only called to follow in His steps. This gives Lent so much of a positive attitude, and not a depressing season. Giving back a little something with a lot of love for the **ONE** who loves us the most. This could be by getting up 5 minutes earlier during this season to listen to Him in quiet. It could be making out time to add one more daily Mass during the week. It could be going out of your way to say hello to someone you have not interacted with in the past. You may wish to add a decade of the rosary to your menu of prayers, or spend a few minutes in adoration. It could be giving a listening ear to a neighbor. It could also be visiting the sick or praying for the conversion of sinners. Let's make this **LENTEN** season a joyful gratitude to God! Amen.

Fr. Nicholas Akindede, 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 FEB 27--MAR 5

Mon.	8:00	L/D Members of the Akindele Family
Tues.	8:00	Mary Soto †
Wed.	10:30	Gary Bifano †
	6:30	Souls in Purgatory
Thurs.	8:00	Joe Van Camp †
Fri.	8:00	L/D Members of the Walsh & Prunchak Families †
Sat.	8:00	Amelia Benisch †
	4:00	L/D Members of the Cyril Parker Family †
Sun.	11:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAR 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 Feb. 19
Weekly Budget: \$4250 Offering: \$3508.58

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MASS INTENTION - MAR 5

Sun. 8:30 Lynn Corpstein

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAR 5

GREETERS..... Jerry & Carol Mosier
LECTORS..... Jim Matthys & Gary Ammeter
ALTAR SERVERS..... Mason Morgan & Zoey Kremer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Sun. Feb. 26 First Sunday of Lent

Mon. Feb. 27	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Tues. Feb. 28	10:30 AM	Quilting Group/St. Alphonsus
Wed. Mar. 1	10:30 AM	Good Samaritan's Mass
	2:00 PM	Sewing Group/St. Alphonsus
	6:00 PM	Adoration & Stations/St. Peter
	6:30 PM	Religious Education/St. Alphonsus
	6:30 PM	Penitential Service/St. Alphonsus
		Parish Council Meeting-No Host/St. Peter
Fri. Mar. 3	3:15 PM	Stations of the Cross/St. Alphonsus
	4-7 PM	41st Annual Fish Fry/St. Alphonsus
	4:00 PM	Rosary Service/St. Peter
	7:00 PM	Confirmation/St. Peter
Sun. Mar. 5		2nd Sunday of Lent



St. Alphonsus Penitential Service this Wednesday, March 1st 6:30 PM. Join us and our confirmands as we seek the Lord's help in making a full Confession for our spiritual preparation.

St. Alphonsus Rosary Program Totals 2/19

Week Count: **95**
Year-to-Date: **798**
Grand Total: **1390**

Rosary intentions included an increase in faith and our deceased parishioners. Join us at 10:30 AM for rosary before Mass this Sunday!

Can You Help Us?

We need a car for Sister Anne and Sister Damiana to use when they arrive in Davenport in March. If you are looking to sell or "rehome" a car you don't need anymore, we would like to talk to you! Please reach out to Holy Family or St. Alphonsus' parish office if you think you can help us get a ride!

Return to the Ministry

Now that COVID is over, Holy Family and St. Alphonsus are in need of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist! The Bishop must certify each person who performs this service. If you have taken part in this ministry before and would like to do so again, please reach out to the Holy Family or St. Alphonsus parish office.

Whoops!

We had a bit of a mixup with the raffle tickets last weekend! Don't worry, everything's been fixed! Please sell what you can for the fish fries and let the St. Alphonsus parish office know if you need more!