

# 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](mailto:vac@diodav.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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



**MARCH 5—THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

# A LETTER FROM FR. NICHOLAS

## Truth and Mercy series XXXIX

I truly love singing this beautiful Catholic hymn, “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me.” (**Matthew 25:40**). On Ash Wednesday I had the opportunity to celebrate the holy Mass with students and staff of All-Saints Catholic school. It was a great opportunity to enjoy their innocence and honesty about worshipping the Lord during the liturgy of the holy Mass with their singing and active and conscious participation. During the holy Mass, I was able to help them understand better the spirit behind the Lenten season and how they could also participate in making the season a holy one for themselves and their families. They had lots of ideas, ranging from abstaining from lies and clinging to truth, making sure they do their chores on time instead of being told a number of times, they wish to be very kind to others especially to those without friends and share whatever they had with those who had none. Such holy kids being raised in our schools and families!

One of the three fundamental aspects of the Lenten season is almsgiving or charity. The other aspects being prayer and fasting. But in this series, I wish to dwell a little bit on almsgiving. Jesus Christ gave a very vivid account of the last judgement for all of humanity to be based on this. This is contained in the Gospel according to Matthew, which I cited above. In this chapter, Jesus speaks more of the corporal works of mercy like giving food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, and visiting those who are ill or in prison. These charitable acts are done not for any other reason than that these recipients are also made in the image and likeness of God as we are. Jesus is present in their lives, in fact, they are living brothers and sisters of Christ. St. John Chrysostom said, “If you do not recognize Jesus Christ in the beggar at the door of the Church, you will not recognize him in the chalice.” The motivation for our charitable acts should be Jesus Christ, whom we see in the poor and not for tax purposes, or just to fulfill the expectation of the world. For the Lord also warned us, “so when you give alms to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.” (**Matthew 6:2**). In giving also, it is important to consider the best of what we have and not what we don’t need anymore. We should be giving that which is best like Abel and that was truly accepted by God as a worthy sacrifice. You recall, the offering of Cain was not accepted because he gave not his best (**cf. Hebrew 11: 4; Genesis 4: 1-16**). Since we are giving it to God in our neighbor, it will be best to offer Him only the best. We shall not also loose the reward, which is everlasting life in Heaven. When we give in this way, our light shall shine. We definitely will experience pain in giving and the inconveniences too but they can never be compared to the inconvenience of the **ONE** who hangs on the cross for us. In accepting this inconvenience of the passion, Jesus Christ brought the light against the darkness of sin. Light overshadowed the darkness of unbelief. Once we give of ourselves, whether time to listen to the hurting, or time to visit the sick and imprisoned, then our light will shine to reveal the glory of God. When we give God our time, our resources, our talent and skills to glorify Him, especially in our neighbor, then truly that light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it will triumph for the sake of the blessings we expect in the world to come.

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 MAR 6--MAR 12

<b>Mon.</b>	8:00	Walt Huntington †
<b>Tues.</b>	8:00	Myrna Brehmer †
<b>Wed.</b>	10:30	Joe Benisch †
<b>Thurs.</b>	8:00	Rosemary Enoch †
<b>Fri.</b>	8:00	Mary Alyce Cetanyan †
<b>Sat.</b>	8:00	Dale Degen †
	4:00	L/D Members of the Williams & Taylor Families †
<b>Sun.</b>	11:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAR 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 Feb. 26*  
*Weekly Budget: \$4250      Offering: \$5881*



Jacob Howard  
Knox Rehn

Luke Shelangoski

These three received the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation on  
Monday, Feb. 27th at  
St. Peter's.

May they come to love this sacrament of healing!

#### Mark Your Calendars!

**Family Bible Breakfast** —Family Bible Breakfast will be held at Holy Family on March 25th 8 AM following Mass.

**Youth Night** —St. Alphonsus Youth Night will be held March 27th 6 PM in St. Clement's Center.

#### 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.

## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION - MAR 12

**Sun.** 8:30 Anthony Burge †

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAR 12

**GREETERS**.....Josie Collins & Toni Robertson  
**LECTORS**.....Phyllis Ammeter & Zach Weigel  
**ALTAR SERVERS**.....Reese Morgan & Carl Kordick

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Today Sun. Mar. 5 2nd Sunday of Lent

**Confirmation Reception Following Mass/St. Peter**  
**4:30 PM**      **Confirmation Rehearsal/St. Alphonsus**  
**5:30 PM**      **Dinner Following Rehearsal**

**Mon. Feb. 27**      **6:30 PM**      **Choir Practice/St. Alphonsus**

**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**  
**7:00 PM**      **Confirmation/St. Alphonsus**

**Fri. Mar. 3**      **3:15 PM**      **Stations of the Cross/St. Alphonsus**  
**4-7 PM**      **41st Annual Fish Fry/St. Alphonsus**  
**5:00 PM**      **Card Club/St. Peter**  
**Churches United Dinner/St. Peter**

### Sun. Mar. 12 3rd Sunday of Lent



#### How do I fulfill the First Saturday Devotion?

In addition to participation at Holy Mass for five consecutive Saturdays:  
 —Go to Confession  
 —Receive Holy Communion  
 —Devoutly recite the Holy Rosary & keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to her.

*Vinum Non Habent*

### St. Alphonsus Rosary Program Totals 2/26

**Week Count: 95**      Join us every Sunday at  
**Year-to-Date: 798**      10:30 AM to pray the rosary  
**Grand Total: 1390**      before Mass! Our next goal  
 is 2000 rosaries prayed in  
 the parish!