

ST. ALPHONSUS

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PARISH SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism:** Baptismal preparation class by appointment.
- Please contact office for more information.

- **Weddings:** Make arrangements pastor at least six months before the wedding date. Dates and times for wedding in both parishes must be scheduled by contacting the pastor.

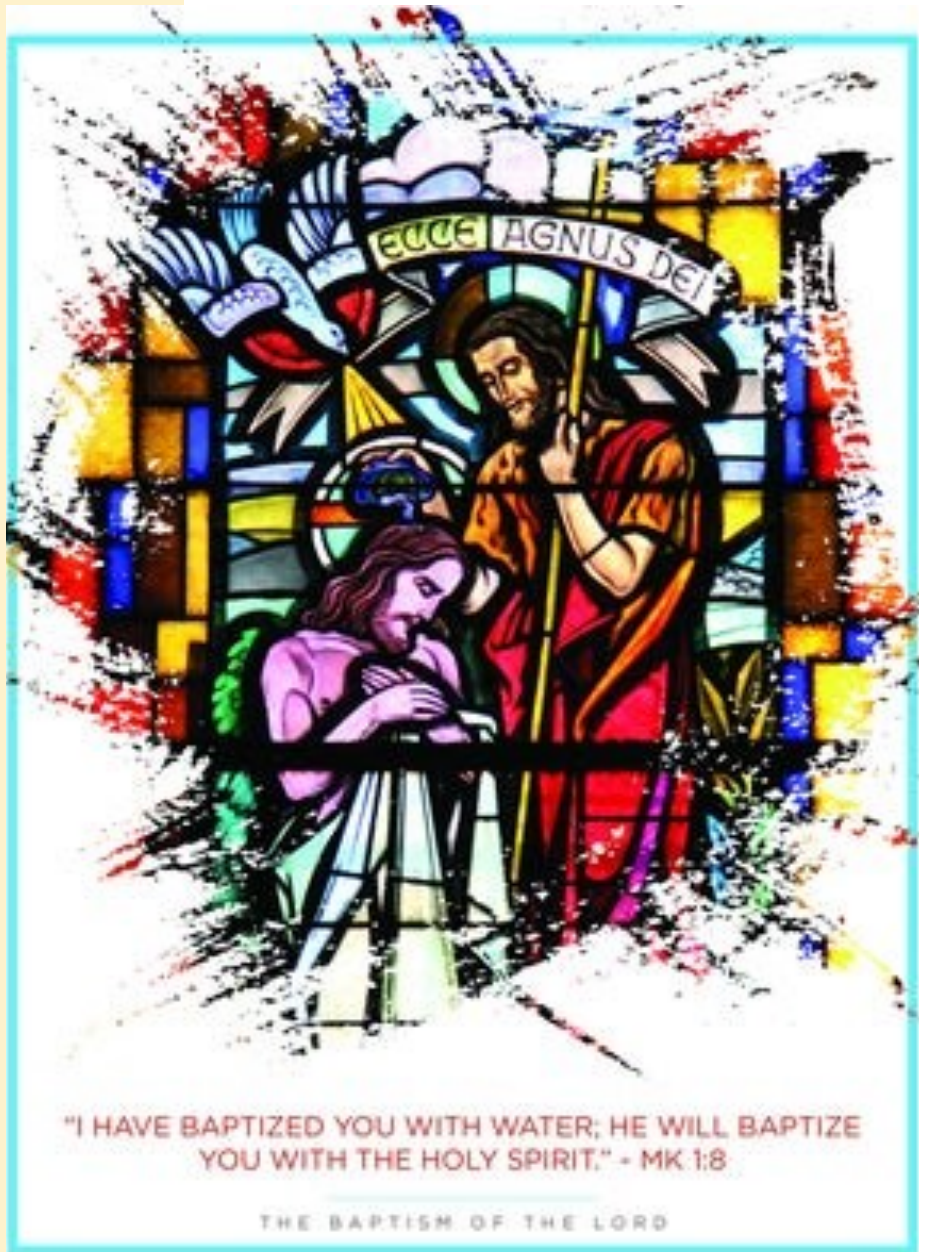
- **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

- **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

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Alphonsus
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Alphonsus
	10:00 AM	St. Peter @ St. Alphonsus

Confessions beginning at 3 pm on Saturdays before 4:00 PM Mass.
 Available by appointment, please call the parish office.



JANUARY 10, 2021--THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

I miss the people I used to see at Mass before the shut-down. I would guess that many of you feels the same. Below is a prayer I would like our parishioners to use frequently as we start to come back together. A parish should pray, so please do so!

Prayer for my Parish

O God, you have made the Church the Body of Christ. Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards you.
Grant that our common life and work may be an example to all about us.
Guide our Pastor and his assistants in their work.
Acknowledge the intercessions of Saint Alphonsus, Saint Peter, and Saint Joseph, our patrons; and keep us secure in your love.
Bless the young and foster in them a vocation to your service.
Bless our volunteers and staff members with wisdom and compassion.
Bless our married couples and their families with peace and prosperity.
Bless the aged and inform members of our parish with health and well-being.
Welcome the dying and deceased members of our parish into your everlasting embrace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

May God bless you in the New Year!

-Fr. Paul

Holy Name Society Remembrances

With the many restrictions imposed as the result of the pandemic, it has been difficult for our St. Alphonsus family to keep in touch. Therefore, the Holy Name Society would ask that we remember the devoted members and volunteers who have passed away during this time. Please pray for the repose of the following members: **Randy McIntyre, Mike Gallagher, Bill Lorenz, Rev. Thomas Parlett, Walt Huntington, Carolyn Richardson, and Bob Hammill.**
Thank you and God Bless.



Sunday of the Word of God

An afternoon of study and reflection on the Scriptures will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2021 – the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – from 1 to 3 pm, via Zoom. Dr. Ella Johnson, from the St. Ambrose Theology Department, will be our speaker. Her presentation will include reflections on *Scripturae Sacrae Affectus*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on "Devotion to Sacred Scripture," marking the 1600th anniversary of the death of St. Jerome.

For more information or to register for the event, please go to: <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/sunday-of-the-word-of-god>

Link to USCCB Resources: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>

FDLC Resource: <https://www.fdlc.org/sites/default/files/Word%20of%20God%20Sunday%202021.pdf>

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 1Sam 3:3b-10,19/ Ps 40:2,4,7-8, 8-9,10/ 1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/ Jn 1:35-42



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 - JANUARY 11 - 17

Mon.	8:00	Tony Fleischman†
Tues.	8:00	Chris Hayes†
Wed.	8:00	Carolyn Richardson†
Thurs.	8:00	Bob Hammill†
Fri.	8:00	Stuckel Family†
Sat.	4:00	Mary A. Meyer†
Sun.	8:00	Tom Moore†

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings January 2 & 3
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$4,321*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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MASS INTENTION - JANUARY 17

Sun. 10:00 Pro Populo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Jan. 10 **The Baptism of The Lord**
08:30 AM Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter

Wed. Jan. 13 06:30 PM Religious Ed/ St Alphonsus

Sun. Jan. 17 **The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
08:30 AM Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter

The future
starts
today, not
tomorrow.

St. John Paul II

