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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.

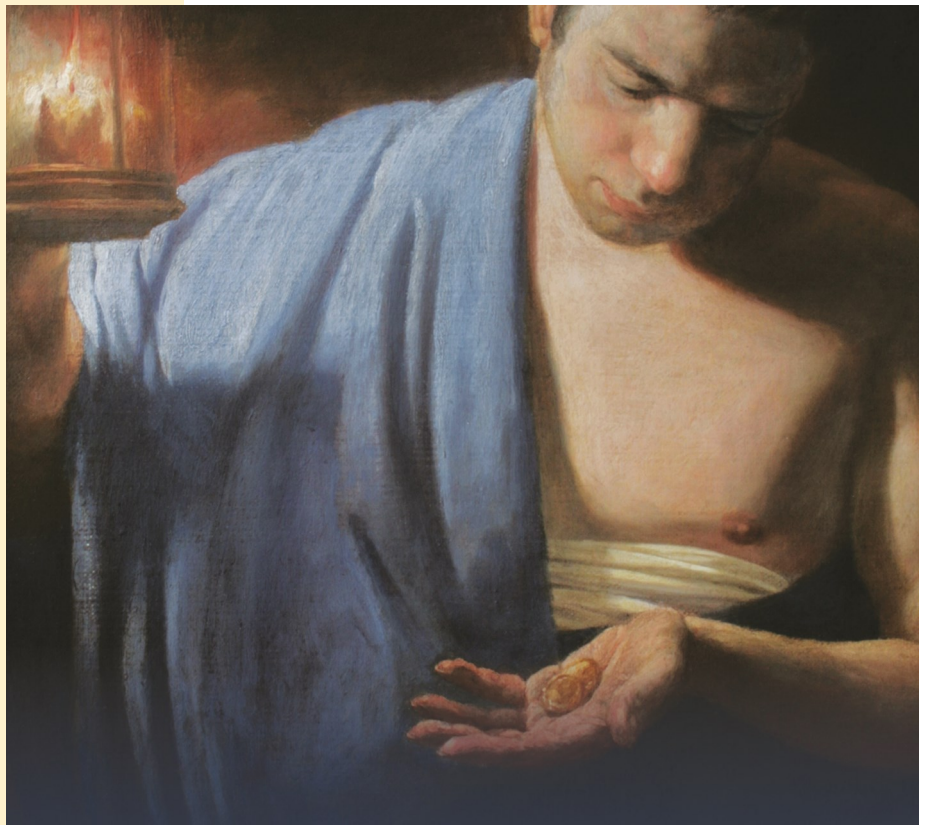
• **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

• **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.



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” - Mt 25:21

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NOVEMBER 15, 2020-.-33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

Fratelli Tutti Part 5

The Pope continues chapter three with great hope for the future if we can all learn to work and live together. He reminds us that the problems of poverty and injustice are no good for anyone. "Poverty, decadence, and suffering in one part of the earth are a silent breeding ground for problems that will end up affecting the entire planet." If poorer nations are raised up through effective means, then everyone benefits. This benefit is not just economic in nature. The Pope believes that all nations can benefit from cultural exchange and ideas. This prevents stagnation and monotony in favor of broadening horizons. He acknowledges that there is always a tension between globalization and localization. For this reason, there should be a healthy balance between loving one's own culture and welcoming those from other cultures.

Chapter 5 develops the Holy Father's idea about "a better kind of politics." His main concern is that so many political systems exploit the poor and vulnerable in order to serve the interests of the powerful. In particular, he is concerned with the rise of populism throughout much of the West and its polarization of communities. If you have ever thought that someone from the "other party" is evil, stupid, or traitorous, you have become a victim of this ideology. This sort of thinking is short-sighted and does little to benefit any nation or people in the long run. The Pope instead calls on leaders to put in more effort and creativity to truly be a force for good. The single best way to help people is provide dignified employment for all people. Social welfare programs should be seen as nothing more than a temporary response. "There is no poverty worse than that which takes away work and the dignity of work."

166. Everything, then, depends on our ability to see the need for a change of heart, attitudes and lifestyles. Otherwise, political propaganda, the media and the shapers of public opinion will continue to promote an individualistic and uncritical culture subservient to unregulated economic interests and societal institutions at the service of those who already enjoy too much power. My criticism of the technocratic paradigm involves more than simply thinking that if we control its excesses everything will be fine. The bigger risk does not come from specific objects, material realities or institutions, but from the way that they are used. It has to do with human weakness, the proclivity to selfishness that is part of what the Christian tradition refers to as "concupiscence": the human inclination to be concerned only with myself, my group, my own petty interests. Concupiscence is not a flaw limited to our own day. It has been present from the beginning of humanity, and has simply changed and taken on different forms down the ages, using whatever means each moment of history can provide. Concupiscence, however, can be overcome with the help of God.

What do you think so far about Pope Francis' letter?

-Fr. Paul

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Nov. 15	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 08:30AM	Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
Wed. Nov. 18	02:00 PM 06:30 PM	Linen Sewing Group/St Clements Religious Ed/ St Alphonsus
Sun. Nov. 22	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 08:30AM	Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter

Wreath Pickup Reminder

Pick-up for the annual ASCS Wreath and Greenery Sale will be **2:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 and Monday, Nov. 23** at All Saints Catholic School. Due to COVID-19, please check this space or call the school office to find out more about pickup procedures. There may be a limited amount of items available for purchase after pickup. For more information, call the school office at 563-324-3205.

We invite youths in grades K-6 in our diocese to participate in our annual contest to create a 2020 Christmas card for *The Catholic Messenger*.

Youths living in or attending school/religious education in the Diocese of Davenport may participate in the contest, which has a **Nov. 18** postmark deadline. The artwork should focus on the **religious** nature of Christmas.

Please submit original artwork only, no black and white drawings. Complete drawings on white, 8 1/2- by 11-inch paper in colored pencil, crayon, marker or paints. If using the color yellow, please use a deep shade or surround it with a dark color. Yellow is hard to reproduce.

Messenger staff members will judge the entries based on originality and the ability to convey what Christmas means to Catholics.

Entries must include first and last name, age, grade, home address, school (public, private or home school with the school's location) and parish (name and city) on the back of the drawing. Please do not fold entries. Any information omitted could be grounds for disqualification.

The Catholic Messenger will feature winning entries in the Christmas edition (Dec. 24). The drawings also will be featured on *The Catholic Messenger* Web site: www.catholicmessenger.net.

All entries should be postmarked by Nov. 18 to *The Catholic Messenger*, 780 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804-1901.



Mt. Calvary and Holy Family Cemeteries are looking for a dependable, hardworking individual to be an assistance groundskeeper for the cemeteries. If interested please contact the cemetery office at 563-391-3550. for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Ez 34:11-12,15-17/ Ps 23:1-2,2-3,5-6/ 1Co 15:20-26,28/ Mk 11:9-10

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday's at 3 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 16 - 22

Mon.	8:00	Anthony Burge†
Tues.	8:00	Leslie Moss-Taylor†
Wed.	8:00	Tim Heskett†
Thurs.	8:00	Bill Lorenz†
Fri.	8:00	Kay Lent†
Sat.	4:00	L/D Ruefer/Rilinger Family†
Sun.	8:00	Pro Populo†

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings November 7 & 8
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$2,327*

This year instead of an angel tree we will be asking for a \$20 monetary donation. If that's too much please give what you can. The money will be used to buy gifts for Good Samaritan and Ivy Health (St. Mary's) nursing home residents, Humility of Mary's shelter, and retired priests and nuns. Your donation can be dropped in the weekly offertory basket with "Angel tree" written in the memo or mailed to the office.



Birdies for Charity - The results of the 2020 Birdies for Charity campaign are out. Despite the 2020 John Deere Classic being cancelled due to COVID 19 concerns, the Birdies for Charity campaign was still conducted. Thanks to the outstanding support of the St. Alphonsus family the parish received \$5,439.50. This reflects the total amount of pledges, donations, and the 5% bonus match by the John Deere Charitable Corporation. The 2021 John Deere Classic is scheduled for July 5-11 and we are looking forward to another great year. Many thanks to all who supported the campaign this year.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God has given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.

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MASS INTENTION - NOVEMBER 22

Sun. 10:00 Mary Sulentic†

Bakeless Cookie Walk Fund Raiser

It has been decided by the Altar and Rosary to not have the usual donated cookies for the Christmas Cookie Walk fund raiser due to Covid 19 of course. Instead of making cookies we will set out a basket at St Als for the next 3 Sundays for us to put in a monetary donation of any amount of our determination. We look forward to next Christmas to having actual cookies to share and to sell. If you have any questions please ask Jane Gadzik, 381-1222. Thank you very much.

ADA Update

	St. Alphonsus	St. Peter
Goal :	\$28,124	\$8,333
Pledged:	\$22,102	\$7,218

All Saints Taco Dinner

All Saints Catholic School will host a To-Go version of the annual taco dinner **4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 422 E. 10th St., Davenport.** The dinner will include three tacos, chips and salsa and a cookie for \$5. All orders will be to go with no indoor seating. Participants may pre-order and/or pre-pay or purchase and pay the day of the dinner. Orders may be picked up inside (masks required) or by using the drive-thru. Proceeds will benefit the Gala in February.

For more information or to pre-order/pre-pay, call the school office at 563-324-3205.

Special thanks to generous donors, Navarro's for taco meat and Ganzo's for chips and salsa.

Thank you for your donations to Pregnancy Resources. We collected \$665! God Bless you.

Where charity
is not found,
God cannot dwell.

—ST. ALBERT THE GREAT