

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.

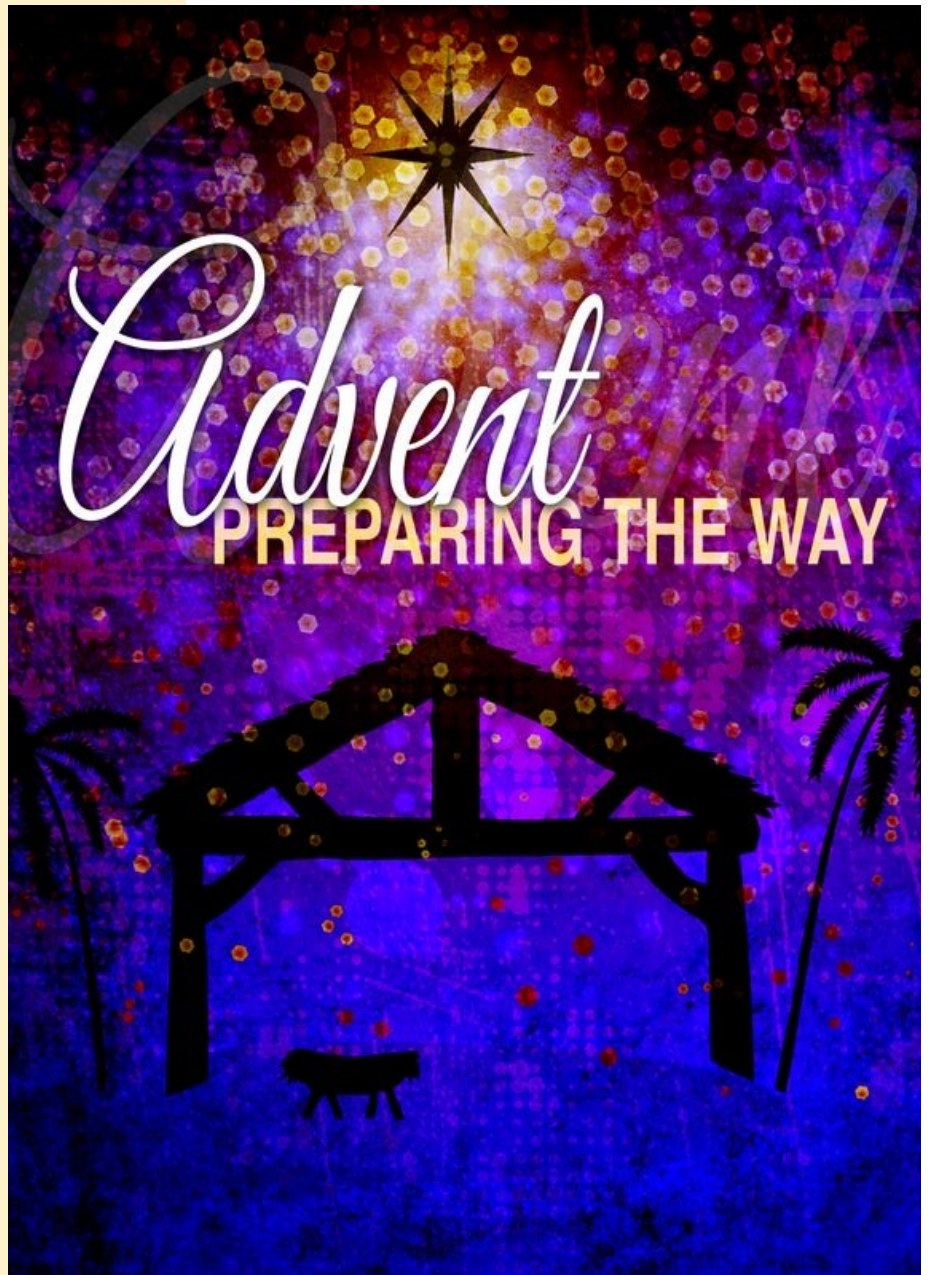
- **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

- **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.



DECEMBER 6, 2020.-2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GENERAL NEWS

A CHRISTMAS NOVENA FOR DEC 16-24

Opening Prayers:

Father: O Lord, open my lips.

All: *And my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

Father: O God, come to my assistance.

All: *O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father...*

Father: Our Lord and King is drawing near, O come, let us adore Him.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: Rejoice, O you daughter of Sion and exult fully, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, the Lord and Master comes, and there shall be a brilliant light in that day, and the mountains shall drop down sweetness, and hills flow with milk and honey, for in that day the Great Prophet will come, and He Himself will renew Jerusalem.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: Behold, the God-man of the house of David will come to sit upon the royal throne, and you will see Him and your heart will rejoice.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: Behold, the Lord our Protector will come to save us, Israel's holy One, wearing the crown of royalty on His noble brow and He will exercise His rule from sea to shining sea, and from the waters of the river to the ends of the earth.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: Behold, the Lord and King will appear, and He will not deceive; but if He should delay, wait for Him to come; He will surely come and will not tarry.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: The Lord will come down like rain upon the fleece of Gideon; justice will thrive and an abundance of true peace; all the kings of the lands of the earth will adore Him, and every nation will serve Him.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: A Child will be born to us, and He will be called God the almighty; He will sit upon the royal throne of David His father, and He will hold sway, the sign of His power on His shoulder.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: Bethlehem, city of the Most High God, from you will come forth the King of Israel, and He will proceed forth from His eternity; and He will be greatly praised in the midst of the entire universe; and there will be peace in our land when He will have come.

All: *Our Lord and King is drawing near, O come, let us adore Him.*

(On the Eve of Christmas add:)

Elders Child: Tomorrow the wickedness of the whole world will be destroyed, and over us will reign the Savior of the world.

All: *Our Lord and King is drawing near, O come, let us adore Him.*

Elders Child: Near at last is Christ our King.

All: *O come, let us adore Him.*

All: *Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is nigh: behold, He will come to save us, alleluia, alleluia!*

Scripture Reading

Dec 16: Genesis 3:1-15; Romans 1:18-26

Dec 17: Genesis 3:14-20; Romans 5:12-21

Dec 18: Genesis 17:15-23; Romans 4:13-23

Dec 19: Deuteronomy 15:13-20; Acts 3:18-26

Dec 20: Isaiah 28:14-20; Romans 10:5-11

Dec 21: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Luke 1:26-39

Dec 22: Deuteronomy 7:6-21; Ephesians 2:12-22

Dec 23: Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

Dec 24: Micah 5:1-5; Luke 2:1-8

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Leader: Drop down dew from above, O you heavens, and let the clouds rain the Just One.

Magnificat (all together)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, And has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. He come to the help of his servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. Glory be... Amen.

Closing Prayer:

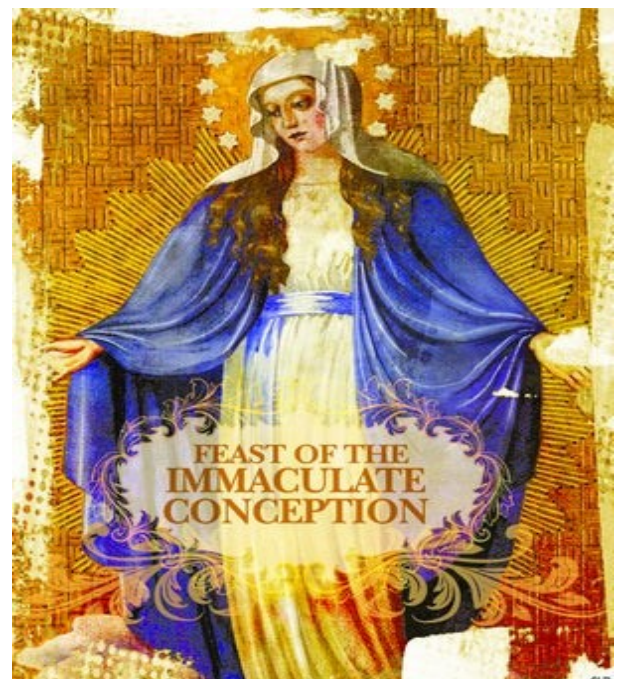
Father: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: *And let my cry come to You.*

Father: Let us pray: Hasten, we beseech You, O Lord; do not delay; grant us the help of supernatural virtue, so that Your coming will be a consolation to those who hope in Your mercy. You who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God world without end. **All:** *Amen.*

Father: Let us bless the Lord. **All:** *And give Him thanks.*

Father: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. **All:** *Amen.*



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Is 61:1-2a,10-11(8B)/ Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54/ 1Th 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8,19-28

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 - DECEMBER 7 - 13

Mon.	8:00	Mary Soto†
	6:00	Vocations
Tues.	8:00	Poor Souls†
Wed.	8:00	Joe VanCamp†
Thurs.	8:00	Vocations
Fri.	8:00	Jane Siefers†
Sat.	4:00	Pat Lundquist†
Sun.	8:00	Pat Lundquist†

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings November 28 & 29
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$1,970*

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.



ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - DECEMBER 13

Sun. 10:00 Pro Populo†

ADA Update

	St. Alphonsus	St. Peter
Goal :	\$28,124	\$8,333
Pledged:	\$25,105	\$8,638
	89.27%	103.66%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Dec. 6	Second Sunday of Advent	08:30 AM	Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
Mon. Dec. 7	06:00 PM		Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
Wed. Dec. 9	06:30 PM		NO Religious Ed/ St Alphonsus
Sun. Dec. 13	Third Sunday of Advent	08:30 AM	Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?