

# ST. ALPHONSUS ST. PETER

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## ST. PETER CHURCH — BUFFALO

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### **Religious Education**

Elementary - Nancy Stalder ..... 381-2058

Intermediate - Scott Heskett ..... 381-4991

## 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.

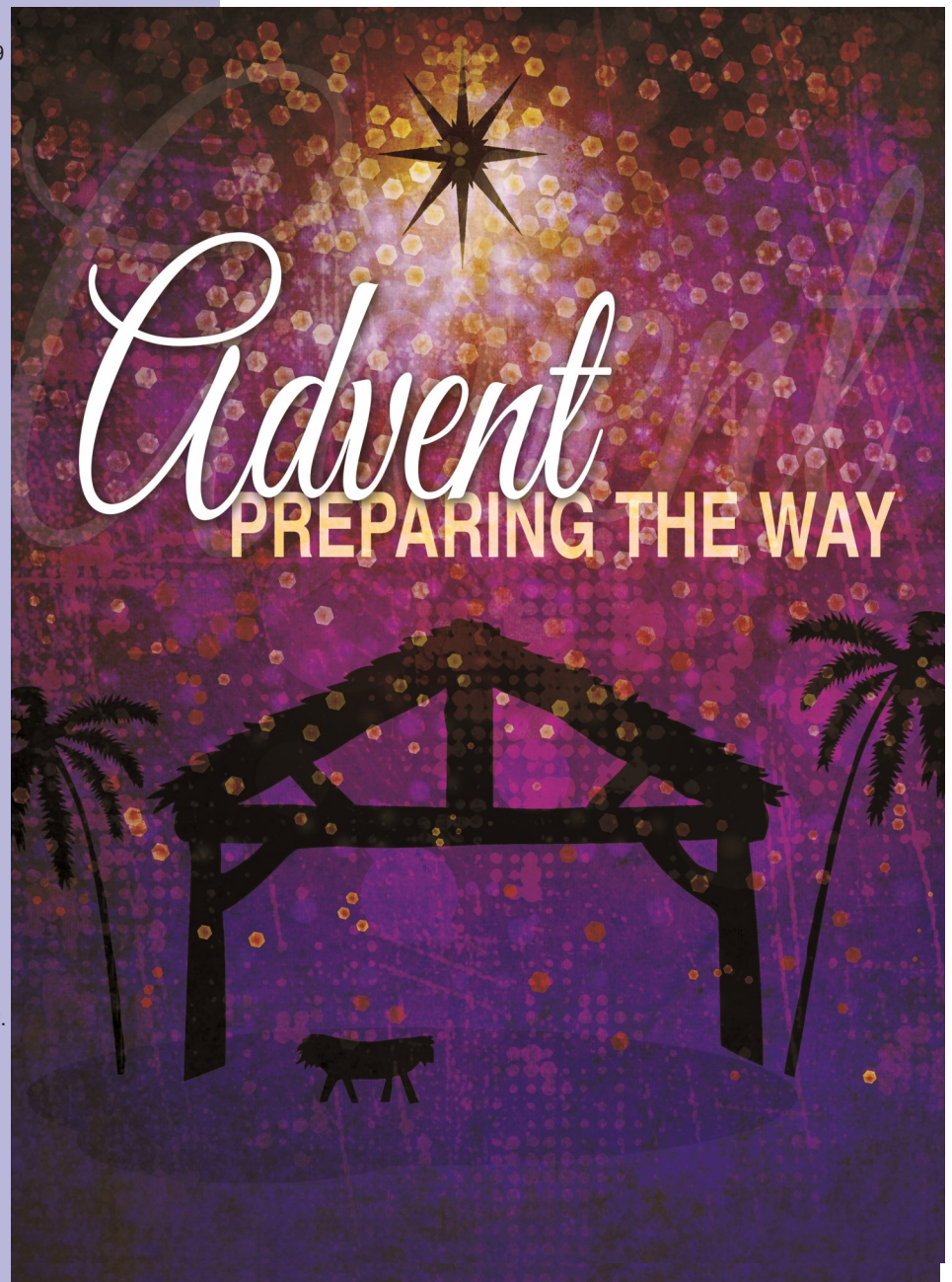
•**RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

•**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](mailto:vac@diodav.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	<b>St. Alphonsus</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	<b>St. Alphonsus</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>St. Peter</b>

**Confessions** beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Saturdays before 4:00 p.m. Mass. Available by appointment, please call the parish office.



**DECEMBER 9, 2018--SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

# GENERAL NEWS

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18**

From Father's Desk

Last weekend was the Hundredfold Workshop, a time for people from around the diocese to begin praying for and supporting vocations in our diocese. In order to help us all pray for vocations (especially for priests and nuns) I have included two vocation prayers in the bulletin today. Please pray for them frequently and encourage vocations!

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.  
Amen.

Eternal God, Bless your Church with holy and faithful priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

-Fr. Paul

Eagles' Wings, 5816 Telegraph Rd.  
Thursday, December 13th, 1 PM Mass with Adoration beginning at noon. Reconciliation available before Mass and prayers for healing following.

## MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS-Q & A

Come to an Open Forum on Marriage, Divorce and Annulment presented by our Tribunal Staff at **7 p.m. on January 23, 2019** at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 417 N. Main St., Davenport. Bring your questions and learn what our Church teaches about marriage, divorce, and the healing ministry of annulment.

Questions? Call Beth Blough, Tribunal Auditor, (563)888-4236.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Today Dec 9 Second Sunday of Advent

09:00 AM Elementary Rel. Ed/St Peter  
10:00 AM Pageant Practice/St Peter

**Mon. Dec 10** 08:30 AM Adoration/St Alphonsus  
06:30 PM Choir Practice/St Alphonsus  
07:00 PM Altar & Rosary Christmas Party/St Peter

**Tues. Dec 11** 07:35 AM Pro Life Rosary/St Alphonsus

**Wed. Dec 12** 09:00 AM Sewing Group/St Alphonsus  
10:30AM Mass/Good Samaritan  
01:00 PM Altar Linen Sewing Group/St. Clement  
06:30 PM Religious Ed/ St Alphonsus

**Fri. Dec 14** 06:30 PM **St Al's Youth Night/St. Al's Youth Room**

**Sat. Dec 15** 07:00 PM **Intermediate Youth Night/St Peter**

### Sun. Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent

09:00 AM Elementary Rel. Ed/St Peter  
10:00 AM Pageant Practice after Mass  
02:30 PM **High School Youth Group/St Al's**

**Youth Room**  
06:00 PM Intermediate Rel Ed/St Peter

## ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL WINTER INFORMATION KNIGHT SESSION

**Wednesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 in the AHS Carroll Lab.**

This is an informative session for parents to learn about academic offerings and financial aid options. Assumption High School offers a challenging curriculum designed to give students a solid foundation in preparation for life beyond high school. Please join us to learn more.

Any K-8 student in attendance will be partnered with a group of AHS Student Ambassadors for a variety of activities and a tour of the school. Please park in the main student entrance. There will be AHS Student Ambassadors showing families to the Carroll Lab. Contact Kris Thomas, AHS Director of Admissions, with questions: **(563) 326-5313 ext. 230** or [kris.thomas@assumptionhigh.org](mailto:kris.thomas@assumptionhigh.org).

**Video-making Contest for Youth Grades K-12:** As part of the Vision 20/20 process all youth (individuals or groups) of the diocese are invited to create a 30-90 second video to celebrate their Catholic faith. The winning submission will celebrate with Bishop Zinkula. Entries are due by January 15. For contest rules go to <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/vision-2020-video-contest>.

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION

**Sunday December 16** 10:00 AM Mass for the People

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR DECEMBER 16

Greeters..... Kyle & Megan Fox  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Ron Stalder  
 Lectors ..... Dan Dankert & Chae Tisinger  
 Altar Servers..... Kolton Clark & Madi Davis

### DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING: All ladies of the parish

St. Peter ADA – Goal: \$9,424 Pledged: \$9,762

Thank you to everyone in the parish who baked cookies and treats for the cookie walk. Thanks to everyone who did set up and worked the sale. It was a great success for the whole parish.

*Merry Christmas!*

### St. Peter Altar & Rosary Christmas Party

The Christmas party for all the women of the parish will be Monday, **December 10 at 6 pm** in the Rectory. Please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. A \$5 gift exchange item is optional. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area. Join us for an evening of holiday fun.

### National Catholic Youth Conference Information Meetings

Come learn why over 20,000 people attended this convention last year and how you can be a part of it. If you are a youth or parent of a youth in grades 8-11, you can attend either the meeting 1:00 pm **December 9th @ St. Mary Hall** or **6:30 pm December 13 @ St. Clements Center** at St. Alphonsus.

### Winter Escape

Do you ever feel like your life is chaotic and revolves too much around electronic devices? If you are in high school, come forget what it feels like to be on a schedule with this no screens, no clocks New Years retreat. The retreat will start at 4 pm December 31st with Mass and will go until 8 am January 2nd. It will be located at Camp Loud Thunder. Cost to attend is \$25. Come early and spend some time at Snow Star. If you are interested, contact Jasmin Tone for more information. 319-671-3399



Have you perused the Angel Tree yet? There are still many of the homeless vets from the shelter, Good Sam's and St. Mary's Nursing home residents and retired clergy that could use the knowledge that someone thought of them this season. Packages need to be brought back to church by December 16th.

## ST. ALPHONSUS – DAVENPORT

Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday's at 3:15-3:45 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Week of December 10-16

**Mon.** 8:00 † Caroline York  
**Tues.** 8:00 † Charles Rodenburg  
**Wed.** 10:30 † Sandra Peters  
**Thurs.** 9:00 † Merrily Dankert  
**Fri.** 8:00 † Virginia Kaucher  
**Sat.** 4:00 † Dawian Hagen  
**Sun.** 8:00 L/D Nienaber/Stahler Families

### Ministries for December 15 & 16

### LECTORS

**Sat.** 4:00 Sara Lannan/Gloria Chavarria  
**Sun.** 8:00 Tammy Midey

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Sat.** 4:00 Liz Moritz/Pat Taylor/Sharon Williams  
**Sun.** 8:00 Dawn Shaw/Dottie Gallagher/Dick Poster

### ALTAR SERVERS

**Sat.** 4:00 Joseph & Ben Moneymaker  
**Sun.** 8:00 Owen & Lucy Stieger

### Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers please fill out an envelope that are in the pews or in the back of church. If you would like them in memory of a loved one who has passed away, please add their name to the envelope. Thank you.

**All Saints Catholic School** will present their annual Winter Concerts during the month of December. All concerts will be in the All Saints gym.

The Middle School Concert featuring the middle school choir, band and swing choir will be held at 1 and 6:30 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 10.**

The first elementary concert will feature first, third and fifth grades as well as the beginning band at 1 and 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, Dec. 11.**

To wrap up the season students in kindergarten, second and fourth grade will perform at 1 and 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, Dec. 13.**

Please join us in celebrating this wonderful time of year.

**St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings Goal: \$4,000 12-02: \$6,660**  
**Annual Appeal Goal: \$33,293—Pledged: \$26,601**

**KAHL HOME LIVE NATIVITY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-7pm-6701** Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport. Featuring a Live Christmas Nativity Scene with animals!  
Santa will be handing out Candy. Refreshments will be served during this event.