

ST. ALPHONSUS

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ST. PETER

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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

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

FEBRUARY 9, 2020--THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENERAL NEWS

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Sir 15:50-20 (76A)/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34/1Co 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,27-28,33-34a,37

From Father's Desk

More Mission News and Some Thoughts on Politics

As of this writing, I have been able to secure a guest speaker for the first night of our parish mission. Here is a short bio:

Keith Nester is a former pastor/youth pastor with more than 20 years in full-time ministry. Keith served in United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free churches in various roles. In 2017, after a 20 year long discernment process, Keith resigned his full-time ministry position and joined the Catholic Church. In October of 2018, Keith felt the call of God to write a book about what life is like for converts in their first year. *The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism: Your first Year in the Church* is a down to earth, realistic look at the transitions, obstacles, joys and challenges converts face in their first year in the Church. Keith hopes this book will help people who are making the transition into the Church to not only survive but thrive in their new home.

Keith and his wife Estelle have 3 adult children and live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They own and operate Cast of Thousands Photography which specializes in Portrait and Commercial photography.

Keith continues to use his preaching gifts to speak in Churches and events about faith, theology and his journey to Catholicism. In his spare time, Keith loves to ride his Harley, spend time with his family, and friends.

Also as of this writing, the Iowa Caucuses have still not been decided! As we get further into election season I fear that it will only become more chaotic. I encourage all parishioners to stay focused on the core issues that matter to the Church and rise above personal attacks when discussing the election. Life, Religious Freedom, Good Jobs, and policies that help those most in need should be forefront in our discussions. Be civil and do your best to listen more than you talk.

-Fr. Paul

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Feb 9	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
09:00 AM	Elementary Religious Ed/St. Peter
04:30 PM	Youth Night/St. Peter
06:00 PM	Intermediate Religious Ed/St. Peter
Mon. Feb 10	08:30 AM Adoration/St. Alphonsus
	06:00 PM YM Adoration/St. Alphonsus
	06:30 PM Choir Practice/St. Alphonsus
Tues. Feb 11	09:00 AM Sewing Group/St. Alphonsus
Wed. Feb 12	02:00 PM Linen Sewing Group/St. Clements
	06:00 PM Bible Study Group/St. Alphonsus
	06:30 PM Religious Ed/St. Alphonsus
Sun. Feb 16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	09:00 AM Elementary Religious Ed/St. Peter

CALLED BY NAME, a program to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, will begin in our parish next weekend. Pray for vocations. Details next Sunday.

There is still time! You can make it!

You and your spouse can still sign up for the best weekend in your marriage! It is a weekend experience called Marriage Encounter, and during this weekend you will spend some wonderful, quality time with your spouse deepening your love, deepening your commitment, and best of all, welcoming God into your marriage. Ask anyone who has ever attended – they will tell you it is the best thing they ever did for each other! And you can go more than once – if you feel that need for closeness and marriage enrichment, or just want to spend some quality time with your spouse, come and join us! The weekend is in Clinton again this year, **February 14-16, 2020**. This is the best gift you will ever give your spouse - and your marriage! For more information or to make reservations, use one of the handouts in the back of the church, or call Deacon John or Cheryl Wagner at 563.391.2805. Make this a memorable 2020!! We want to see you there!

2020 Sacred Heart Cathedral Red Dinner: This year's fund-raising dinner will be held on **Friday, February 14**, at the St. Ambrose University Rogalski Center. Social begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$65 per person/\$520 per table of 8. This year's highlight is a raffle for a trip for two to Rome, which includes airfare, hotel and \$1000 in spending money. Trip can be taken any time between April 10 - October 20, 2020. Raffle ticket is \$100 and only 300 will be sold. Need not be present at the Red Dinner to win. To make reservations for the dinner and/or to purchase a raffle ticket, go to shcdavenport.org. You may also contact the parish office at 563.324.3257.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION

Sunday February 16 10:00 AM For the People

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR FEBRUARY 16

Greeters.....Terry Grabosch & Peggy Scott
 Eucharistic Minister Ron Stalder
 Lectors Anton Kordick & Bev Heintz
 Altar Servers.....Colton Pilgrim & Dominic Paquet

FEBRUARY CHURCH CLEANING: Margaret Conger & Carol Mosier

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

February 28th is the start of the Annual Lenten Fish Fry's here at St. Al's. Each Friday we serve between 800 and 900 meals. This enormous task requires the unselfish donation of time and energy of over 100 volunteers. Soon there will be sign-up sheets in the back of the church to volunteer as a Fish Fry Worker, or you can volunteer at the church website. Please consider sharing your time and helping with this year's Fish Fry's.

The **Special Needs Fish Fry** will be **Friday, Feb. 28** in the St Alphonsus school gym from **4-6pm**. It is open to anyone who cannot navigate the stairs leading to the cafeteria in the school where the regular Fish Fry is held. A reservation is required for you and your companions and must be made by calling the church office at 322-0987 by Feb 25.

INCLUSIVE RENEWAL DAY FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

On Saturday, **February 29th from 9 AM–3:30 PM** at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church's Parish Center, 4105 North Division Street in Davenport there will be a day of spiritual renewal, songs, and crafts for Adults with Disabilities and their family, friends and caregivers. Please call (563) 210-3470 to register, volunteer or if you have any questions.

The Catholic Messenger helps build on faith

Subscribe to *The Catholic Messenger* to become more tuned in to diocesan news, events and happenings and to learn what's going on in the world regarding our Catholic faith. Having the paper visible and readily available in our homes provides opportunities for even youths to pick it up and find out more about their church and faith. It's a bargain at \$29 per year for 50 issues – print and/or e-edition!

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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 Feb 10 - Feb 16

Mon.	8:00	Mary Ann Gordon†
Tues.	8:00	Emmett Rilinger†
Wed.	10:30	Bill M. Reagan†
Thurs.	8:00	Genie Werthmann†
Fri.	8:00	Linda Hennes†
Sat.	4:00	Pat Lundquist†
Sun.	8:00	Bonnie Bearbower†

Ministries for Feb 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

St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings February 1 & 2
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$4,906.10

Save the Date

All Saints will hold their annual Gala fundraiser **5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 29** at the Iowa Building located at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 W. Locust St. in Davenport. This year's theme will be Sock Hop and will feature food, music, live and silent auctions and more. For more information, to donate an item or for reservations, call the school office at 563-324-3205.

Letters For Troops

The brave men and women in our Armed Forces always appreciate receiving thanks for their service. We are asking everyone to show their support by writing letters (or drawing pictures), which will be sent to Deployed Service Members or Wounded Warriors. This is an activity where your whole family can participate.

Your correspondence will be forwarded to Operation Gratitude for distribution on Armed Forces Day in May. Please place your submissions in the box in St. Clement's Hall before February 23rd .

Please call Rita Wacker with any questions 563-299-9002