

# ST. ALPHONSUS

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# ST. PETER

BUFFALO

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## ST. PETER CHURCH — BUFFALO

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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](mailto:vac@diodav.org)

| <b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>      | 4:00 PM St. Alphonsus |
| <b>Sunday</b>        | 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.



## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday* **OF LENT**

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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**MARCH 17, 2019.-SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

# GENERAL NEWS

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

## From Father's Desk A Response

A couple weeks ago there was an opinion article in the Quad City Times penned by a professor of theology from Saint Ambrose University. In this article he claims many things, and most of them are wrong. This article is a partial response to some of his opinions. You can find the rest of the response in your Bible at home.

First, he claims that the Church is "obsessed with sex" and functions as the "sex police." Despite this, the Church is also embroiled in a sex scandal and this means that we have our teachings all wrong. He appears to be in favor of eliminating or at least drastically altering the Church's teachings on human sexuality as a result. In other words, because the Church teaches adherence to a strict moral code of behavior, this has caused its members to disobey these same codes. It is as if he is saying, "Because some people run the red light at Brady and Kimberly, we should remove all stop lights." This is patently ridiculous. When a law is broken that results in harm, the proper response is punishment and increased enforcement. While it appears that the Church is certainly having a hard time dealing with this problem, the proper response is not to stop teaching our ethical code. Further, we do not teach these things because a group of old men smoking cigars in the Vatican decided to write down a bunch of arbitrary, made-up laws. They were laid down by God, practiced for thousands of years, and appear to be our best chance at protecting the weak and ensuring stability for future generations.

Similarly, he believes that the Church should increase access to abortions (he uses the euphemism "women's health care" as if the Church did not want to allow women access to doctors). Unfortunately for his argument, abortion and women's health care are actually separate issues. Further, he delves into the thorny issue of LGBTQ rights, ordination of women, and married clergy as if this would solve all of our problems. Fr. Young remarked to me that this church model actually exists in the Episcopal community, and it does not appear to be having much success. While these may be commonly held beliefs and ideologies in our modern age, they do not have any basis in our scripture. While we may want to say "anything goes," we would cease to be the organization that Christ instituted in order to bring God's Word to the world. We would then only be a human organization, teaching as divine merely human precepts.

Most importantly, he calls for a serious top-down change in the hierarchy. At least on this we can agree, but I suspect it is along different lines. Rather than abolishing the hierarchy, we need more bishops who are willing to stand up for biblical principles, enforce the moral code, and call to account those who violate their vows. It is only in the truth that we can be saved.

-Fr. Paul

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                     |                              |   |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Today Mar 17</b> | <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> |   |
|                     | 09:00 AM                     | Elementary Rel. Ed/St Peter                 |
|                     | 02:30 PM                     | High School Youth Group/St Als              |
| <b>Mon. Mar 18</b>  | 08:00 AM                     | Adoration/St Alphonsus                      |
|                     | 06:30 PM                     | Choir Practice/St Alphonsus                 |
| <b>Tues. Mar 19</b> | 07:35 AM                     | Pro Life Rosary/St Alphonsus                |
|                     | 07:00 PM                     | Knights of Columbus Meeting/St. Peter       |
| <b>Wed. Mar 20</b>  | 09:00 AM                     | Sewing Group/St Alphonsus                   |
|                     | 10:30 AM                     | Mass/Good Samaritan                         |
|                     | 02:00 PM                     | Altar Linen Group/St. Alphonsus             |
|                     | 06:00 PM                     | Bible Study/St Alphonsus                    |
|                     | 06:30 PM                     | Religious Ed/ St Alphonsus                  |
|                     | 07:00 PM                     | Stations of the Cross/St. Peter             |
| <b>Fri. Mar 22</b>  | 03:30 PM                     | Stations of the Cross/St. Al                |
|                     | 4:00 PM                      | Fish Fry/St. Alphonsus                      |
|                     | 06:30 PM                     | Middle School Youth/St Alphonsus            |
| <b>Sat. Mar 23</b>  | 07:00 PM                     | Middle School Youth/St Peter                |
| <b>Sun. Mar 24</b>  | <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>  |   |
|                     | 09:00 AM                     | Elementary Rel. Ed/St Peter                 |
|                     | 02:30 PM                     | High School Youth Group/St Als              |
|                     | 03:00 PM                     | <b>Communal Penance/Our Lady of Lourdes</b> |
|                     | 06:00 PM                     | Confirmation Rehearsal & Potluck/St. Al     |

**CALL BEFORE COMING TO CHURCH OFFICE:** for the next couple of weeks you may want to call the church office before making a trip as Debbie's last day was March 15 and Paige will not begin employment for another week or so.

**Communal Penance** at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, March 24 at 3PM and at Our Lady of Victory at 6PM on Monday, March 25.

**Stations of the Cross** at St. Peter every Wednesday night during Lent at 7PM and at St. Alphonsus every Friday afternoon during Lent at 3:30PM.

**Confirmation** is April 3, 2019 at 7PM at St. Alphonsus.

## THANK YOU

I wish to say a huge THANK YOU to Altar & Rosary for hosting my retirement reception this past Saturday. Thanks to all who came and celebrated this giant new step with me, it was great to see your faces! Thanks to all who wished me well, gave me hugs, cards and gifts. ALL were greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure working with all of you for these many years. A lot of you have become my extended family and I will miss you!

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION

**Sunday Mar 24 10:00 AM** Mass for the People

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MARCH 24

Greeters..... Jim & Sharon Snawerdt  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Jane Gadzik  
 Lectors ..... Ron Stalder/Chae Tisinger  
 Altar Servers..... Ian Keeney, Mason Morgan/Anselm Frietsch

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MARCH CHURCH CLEANING: Angie Keeney & Cara Morgan

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### YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

Revive 2019

Come join your peers from other parishes in Muscatine for an exciting day of fun and faith growth. 6th-8th grade event is Saturday, April 6, 1-5PM. High school event is Sunday, April 7, 1-5PM. Registration forms can be found in the back of churches. Cost is \$18/person before March 27. If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact Jasmin Tone. davclusterym@diodav.org or 319-671-3399.

Humility Homes & Services, (formerly Humility of Mary Housing), will hold their semi-annual Fresh Start Benefit Sale on Friday, April 26, 8am to 4pm and Saturday, April 27, 9am to 3pm. 3805 Mississippi Ave. Davenport, IA. HHSI supports individuals and families that have been homeless, providing emergency shelter, housing and supportive services. Donations not used by our participants will be for sale; all proceeds used to support the individuals and families we serve. Furniture, antiques, housewares, collectibles, jewelry, decorating décor, artwork, room décor, clothing & accessories for all ages, and much more are included in the sale. Donations for the sale will be accepted until April 17th. Call 563-326-1330; ask for Patti for further info. or to volunteer.

### VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Volunteers are needed for the Parish Directory picture sessions in August & September. Sign up sheets are in back of church. Please get the spots filled. Thanks.

## 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 March 18 thru March 24

|               |       |                               |
|---------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Mon.</b>   | 8:00  | † Mary Zinkula                |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 8:00  | † Charles Rodenburg           |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 10:30 | † Sandra Peters               |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 8:00  | † Charles Rodenburg           |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | 8:00  | † Bernice Dugan               |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | 4:00  | † Bill Podhirny               |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | 8:00  | L/D Stahler/Nienaber families |

### Ministries for March 24

### LECTORS

|             |      |                                 |
|-------------|------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sat.</b> | 4:00 | Marsha Menke/Joe Quinn          |
| <b>Sun.</b> | 8:00 | Diana Underwood/Beth Ripslinger |

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

|             |      |  |
|-------------|------|--|
| <b>Sat.</b> | 4:00 | Sandy & Walt Huntington/Bill Kieffert    |
| <b>Sun.</b> | 8:00 | Diana Underwood/Tori & Brileigh McCumsey |

### ALTAR SERVERS

|             |      |  |
|-------------|------|--|
| <b>Sat.</b> | 4:00 | Owen Logsdon/Jana Anderson/Michael Quinn |
| <b>Sun.</b> | 8:00 | Joey Stieger/Mikey Stieger               |

**St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings Goal: \$4,000**  
 3/10/19 \$2,115

### LENTEN PRAYER BASKETS

St. Alphonsus Altar & Rosary is offering the opportunity to participate in the Lenten Prayer Exchange and all are welcome. There are baskets on the table at the back of church with request forms and envelopes for your intentions. Anyone may select a sealed envelope and pray for the enclosed request during Lent. There is no limit to the number of requests you may place in or select from the baskets. This is a great opportunity to pray for evangelization in our parish.

