

# ST. ALPHONSUS

# 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**

|                 |          |               |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| <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 pm on Saturdays before 4:00 PM Mass.  
Available by appointment, please call the parish office.



## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may  
be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19

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**MAY 16, 2021-.7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

## Some Practical Tips for Storm Season

We have a little break from my usual column today. Usually, I write about important theological topics or long-range planning. Today I will take a little different focus and show you how the Corporal Works of Mercy can help us prepare for potential disasters in our area.

1. **Feed the Hungry.** In times of natural disaster, food supplies may be disrupted. Grocery stores could run out of food in just a few days! Now is the time to pack away some canned goods, dried foods, and plant a garden. Set up a plan in your family to have two weeks of food on hand in order to make it through the initial phases of a disaster.
2. **Give Drink to the Thirsty.** One of the worst effects of a natural disaster is often the sickness that follows in its wake when people drink from contaminated water supplies. Plan to have a few extra cases of bottled water, a filter, or chemical treatment to make the water safe to drink.
3. **Clothe the Naked.** If the power is out, it can be difficult to get clean clothes. Some churches have organized laundry runs for communities without power in order to provide clean clothes to those working to rebuild. Now is a good time to clean out your closets and donate used clothing to area shelters.
4. **Shelter the Homeless.** In large scale disasters, housing may soon become a critical need. Do you have extra bedding and supplies for guests in case you need to shelter a family member or neighbor in need?
5. **Visit the Sick.** In times of disaster a little knowledge can help quite a bit. A basic first aid class can save a life in time of disaster, as can keeping some simple supplies. Take a look at your home first aid kit and make sure everything is up to date. You can supplement your kit with extra gauze, antibiotic ointment, and medicine for common ailments.
6. **Visit the Imprisoned.** Be aware that social order can easily break down when the power goes out for a long period. Avoid having to be visited in jail by getting to know your neighbors, maintaining a peaceful atmosphere around you, and following the law even when no one is looking.
7. **Bury the Dead.** While this is not a pleasant thing to think about, proper respect should always be shown to those who have lost their lives. Just because a crisis is happening doesn't mean that we stop having funerals and caring for the deceased.

I hope these tips have helped you think about ways to practice your faith even when it is difficult. While we can't predict when and where a disaster might happen, we can prepare now for anything that comes and do it in a way that shows our faith to the world.

-Fr. Paul

## Parish Updates

- \* The finance council voted to start a \$50,000 investment fund out of parish checking because we had enough surplus cash to do so. This investment fund will supplement everyday expenses. The Foundation Account has been converted to grow a little more aggressively since we don't intend to draw on that money for some time. This will be a more responsible use of the parish savings.

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

*When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.*

Psalms 139:13-15 | Job 10:8  
Isaiah 44:2 | Psalms 22:9-10  
Romans 9:10-11  
Hosea 12:3 | ProLife  
Genesis 25:21-22  
Luke 1:41 | Genesis 16:11

"We are called to be Pro-Life" -Tim Tebow

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34/ 1Co 12:3b-7,12-13/ Gal 5:16-25

# 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 FOR MAY 17 - 23

|               |      |                               |
|---------------|------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Mon.</b>   | 8:00 | L/D Holy Name Society Members |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 8:00 | Carla Hurto†                  |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 7:15 | Latin Mass - Lynn Corpstein†  |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 8:00 | Richard J. Castel†            |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | 8:00 | Sharon Linz†                  |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | 4:00 | Cyril H. Parker Family        |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | 8:00 | Bill M. Reagan†               |

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAY 22 & 23

#### LECTOR

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday 4 PM..... | Tammy Midey     |
| Sunday 8 AM.....   | Diana Underwood |

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday 4 PM..... | Tammy Midey     |
| Sunday 8 AM.....   | Diana Underwood |

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings May 8 & 9*  
*Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$3,945*

## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION - MAY 23

**Sun.** 10:00 Pro Populo

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Today May 16** Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Tue. May 18** 1:00 PM Quilting Group/ St. Alphonsus

**Wed. May 19** 2:00 PM Sewing Group/ St. Alphonsus  
 6 - 8:00 PM Adoration/ St. Peter

**Sun. May 23** Pentecost Sunday



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.*

*If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.*

*Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.*

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