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



The Solemnity OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19

MAY 30, 2021.-THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

Working on Virtue

A well-lived Christian life should always be moving towards greater holiness and union with God. In order to accomplish this, one must practice the virtues. Here is the definition in the Catechism:

1803 "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Phil 4:8)

A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions. The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God. (St. Gregory of Nyssa, De beatitudinibus)

The Catechism continues,

1804 Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. the virtuous man is he who freely practices the good.

The moral virtues are acquired by human effort. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts; they dispose all the powers of the human being for communion with divine love.

The most important virtues are called *cardinal virtues*:

1805 Four virtues play a pivotal role and accordingly are called "cardinal"; all the others are grouped around them. They are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. "If anyone loves righteousness, [Wisdom's] labors are virtues; for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice, and courage." (Wis 8:7) These virtues are praised under other names in many passages of Scripture.

The Catechism explains that:

1806 Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it; "the prudent man looks where he is going." (Prov 14:15) "Keep sane and sober for your prayers." (1 Pet 4:7) Prudence is "right reason in action," writes St. Thomas Aquinas, following Aristotle (STh II-II, 47, 2).

Next week we will look at a few more!

-Fr. Paul

Closure of Birthright of Davenport, Inc.

Due to Covid-19, Birthright of Davenport temporarily closed on March 15, 2020.

We have been humbled and honored to serve so many who sought us out for help in various ways. As times and circumstances have changed, our Board of Directors has made the difficult decision for the local chapter to close permanently.

Other Birthright Chapters in Iowa continue in operation, as well as, the Helpline (1-800-550-4900) 24/7. Birthright.org is also a helpful on-line resource.

We are grateful for the support of so many in this community for the past 50 years! Thank you so much!

Our mail is being forwarded so please use the 2020 Harrison, Davenport, IA 52803 address if you wish to contact us.

-Birthright of Davenport

American Rescue Plan Funding: The City of Davenport will receive \$40.9M in COVID relief funding. This one-time money will be used to improve the quality of life for Davenport residents, to provide for immediate recovery needs, and to create a long-term investment for Davenport's future. The city is asking for any specific project/program ideas that meet the eligibility criteria. To read more about the funding, criteria and to complete the short survey to submit your ideas go here: <http://www.davenportiowa.com/covid>. You do not need to be a resident of Davenport to complete.

Pregnancy Resources
GIVEAWAY!
DRIVE UP, GRAB YOUR ITEMS, AND GO!

- Diapers
- Summer Clothes
- Blankets
- Books
- While Supplies Last

2706 W. Central Park Ave
Davenport, IA 52804

AND

3825 16th St.
Moline, IL 61265

June 7, 2021
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

"Killing babies in abortions is the "greatest moral tragedy of our day"

-Southern Baptist Pastor J.D. Greear

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 31 - June 6

Mon.	8:00	Robert & Christopher Speece†
Tues.	8:00	The St. Alphonsus class of 1980 & their families
Wed.	7:15	Latin Mass - Bev Buchmeyer†
Thurs.	8:00	Gary Bifano†
Fri.	8:00	Margaret Garnaas†
Sat.	4:00	L/D Williams & Taylor Families
Sun.	8:00	Pro Populo

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR JUNE 5 & 6

LECTOR

Saturday 4 PM.....	Sara Lannan
Sunday 8 AM.....	Mary Kraxner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Saturday 4 PM.....	Sara Lannan
Sunday 8 AM.....	Dick Poster

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - JUNE 6

Sun. 10:00 Lori Ridpath†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today May 30 The Most Holy Trinity

Mon. May 31 Memorial Day
Rectory & Daycare closed

Tues. June 1 1:00 PM Quilting Group/ St. Alphonsus

Wed. June 2 10:30 AM Mass/ Good Samaritan
2:00 PM Sewing Group/ St. Alphonsus
6 - 8:00 PM Adoration/ St. Peter

Fri. June 4 4:00 PM Rosary & Communion Service/ St. Peter

Sun. June 6 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings May 22 & 23
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$1,295*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work. Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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