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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 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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AUGUST 15, 2021--THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

Something Light

The last few months of studying the virtues have been pretty heavy, so I thought this week we might take a little diversion. Below are some humorous stories about the saints taken from an article by TJ Burdick. As you can see, even the saints were not above having a little fun.

“Saint Philip Neri is the king of practical jokesters. Aside from showing up to the house of one of his parishioners with half of his beard shaved off, Philip also took the liberty of adding humor to his homilies. Once, when a scholarly bishop who was used to the stoic seriousness of his office attended Philip’s Mass. To lighten the ambiance, Philip committed every possible error in pronunciation during that homily. The crowd wasn’t sure if they should laugh or remain silent. Philip himself likely laughed for days after the Mass, but maintained his mispronouncing character throughout the entire sermon.

“Saint John Bosco was a restless servant of God. He had a zeal for souls, especially for youth, that led him to master many “unpriestly” skills such as juggling, acrobatics, and magic tricks. His reputation grew among the young boys in Turin, Italy where he taught them, lived with them, and helped them lead happier, holier lives. His methods were a bit unorthodox, which led a few of his fellow priests to recommend John to the insane asylum. When the priests came for him with horse and carriage, John Bosco knew of their intentions. He politely waited as the two priests entered into the carriage. When it was his turn to step up, he slammed the door, slapped the horse and yelled to the carriage drive, “To the asylum! They’re expected!”

“Saint Christina (the astonishing) was a devoted woman whose heart for the lame and destitute brought her to extreme servitude. At the age of 21, she suffered from an intense seizure that left her in the clutches of death. It wasn’t long after that her soul departed from her body and the people of her hometown of St. Trond, Belgium, commenced with her funeral. While her body laid motionless in the coffin, it began to levitate. Higher and higher it flew until it touched the ceiling of the Church. To the amazement of all, the priest ordered Christina to return to her coffin, which she did out of obedience to his authority. As soon her body found its place, she woke up fully alive and with more zeal to serve God through prayer and fasting than ever before. She later told the people that the reason she levitated was so that she could escape the foul smell of their sins. She spent the rest of her life praying and fasting for the remission of those sins. She died when she was 74 years old.”

God Bless,

-Fr. Appel

SAVE THE DATE

Please join the St. Alphonsus Family for a day of retreat with Fr. Bob Miller and Dr. Mark Nimo **Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 8-4** at 2618 Boies Avenue, Davenport, IA in the St Clements Center. The retreat is titled: *Wrestling with God*. Please call Laura Patton at 563-940-1873 with any questions or to reserve a spot.

Parish Festival

Saturday, August 28th 5pm –9pm

Donations for Country Store Drop Off dates and location:

Please drop off in the gym any household items, craft items, collectibles and other yard/tool items. No clothes, TVs, or flammables. Country store brings in about 30% of the needed funds for insurance, you donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the following times: Friday Aug. 20th after 5:00 PM: Saturday Aug 21st 9 AM—Noon: Mon. - Wed. Aug. 23, 24, 25th 9 AM—6PM.

Wine Walk: Also accepting Wine donations for the Wine Walk; you may drop off at the Rectory Office, please call ahead at 563-322-0987

Basket Donations: Remember to sign up for Silent Auction Baskets, sign up sheets are at the back of the church on the table. I’m sure they will be spectacular!

Congratulations to Thomas & Paige King

It's a Boy!

Victor Allen King

Born: 07/19/21—6lbs 13oz

Teachers are needed for the Religious Education Program @ St. Alphonsus. We meet Wed. from 6:30-7:30 PM during the school year. If interested please call Mary Ann Hagemann **391-8593** or e-mail davstaldre@diodav.org Thank you and God bless!

The Small Faith group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the gathering area at St Peter's. On Tuesday, August 24th we will study the Gospel for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. Please join us.

The Bishops: Motivation is Pastoral, the salvation of souls and reparation of scandal. There is nothing punitive in stating and restating the truth of Catholic belief, and it's implication for an

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ John 6:63c, 68c

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 August 16 - 22

Mon.	8:00	Janice Penny †
Tues.	8:00	Robert & Christopher Speece †
Wed.	7:15	Lorenzo Diocson Jr †
Thurs.	8:00	Joe Van Camp †
Fri.	8:00	Barb Poster †
Sat.	4:00	Joan Giudici †
Sun.	8:00	Pro Populo †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR August 21 & 22

LECTOR	
Saturday 4 PM.....	Tammy Midey
Sunday 8 AM.....	Diana Underwood
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	
Saturday 4 PM.....	Tammy Midey
Sunday 8 AM.....	Diana Underwood

No Quilting Session on Tuesday, August 24th, so that the Ladies may attend Fr. Miller's Retreat.

There will be a Council Committee Chairperson and Religious Education Teachers meeting at St. Peter's rectory on August 26 at 7PM to determine the calendar of events and religious education schedule for 2021-2022. If you have any questions please call Larry Cawiezell Parish Council President @ 381-5288"

Celebration of Life

Sunday, August 15; 6 - 7:30pm
Prairie Heights Baseball Field, #3
5600 Eastern Ave., Davenport

This year's Celebration of Life, is in lieu of the annual Black and White Gala. Folks of all ages are invited. Bring chairs or blankets, and refreshments. There is also a park available for the children to enjoy. Madeline Murphy & Caroline Sieren will be performing! A "token" of appreciation/donation for our local life ministries is much appreciated. 100% of donations will be shared with the causes. Questions? Email Brad Merritt at: dr.bradmerritt@gmail.com
Rain date: Tuesday, Aug 17, 6 - 7:30 pm

Join the 41st annual Iowa City Family Fun Festival on August 20th and 21st. Open to the public, live bands, games, petting zoo, food and beverage tent, bingo, carnival and so much more! All proceeds benefit Regina Catholic Education Center. Visit: regina.org/familyfunfest "

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - August 22

Sun. 10:00 Anthony Burge †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR August 22

LECTORS Dave Keeney & Janel Clark
ALTAR SERVERS Austin Clark & Brayden Behncke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues. Aug. 17 8:30 AM Grief Support Group/ St. Alphonsus
9:30 AM Quilting Group/ St. Alphonsus

Wed. Aug. 18 10:30 AM Mass/ Good Samaritan
2:00 PM Altar Linen Sewing Group/ St. Alphonsus
6 - 8 PM Adoration/ St. Peter
6:00 PM Study Group/ St. Alphonsus

Sat. Aug. 21 4:00 PM Bless Your Backpack

Sun. August 22 21st The 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

More listening sessions remain for diocesan study

The diocesan planning study is off to a great start! The first listening sessions have been held, offering parishioners a chance to learn more about the proposed goals and give their feedback. Please consider attending one of these remaining meetings:

- **Tue., Aug. 17, 7 p.m.:** St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 916 E. Rusholme St., Davenport
- **Wed., Aug. 18, 7 p.m.:** St. Patrick Parish, 4330 St. Patrick Dr., Iowa City
- **Tue., Aug. 24, 7 p.m.:** St. John Vianney Parish, 4097 18th St., Bettendorf
- **Wed., Aug. 25, 7 p.m.:** St. Joseph Parish, 417 6th Ave., DeWitt
- **Tue., Aug. 31, 7 p.m.:** Sacred Heart Parish, 1115 S. 8th Ave. E., Newton

You may also read about the proposed diocesan plans at davenportdiocese.org, where you can also complete the survey: Go to "Diocese of Davenport Fundraising Feasibility Study" on the home page, click on "Take the survey" and enter the password: DAVDIOCESE.