

# St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

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## **Sacramental Life**

### **Eucharist**

St. Alphonsus- Sundays at 8:30am  
Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm  
Holy Days- 7:00 pm  
St. John- Sundays at 10:30am  
Holy Days- (Vigil) 7:00pm

### **Reconciliation**

St. Alphonsus- Saturdays from 4:15-4:45  
Anytime by appointment  
St. John- Anytime by appointment

### **Baptism**

St. Alphonsus- Third Saturday of the month following parent preparation class. Contact the office 2 months prior.  
St. John- Third Sunday of the month following parent preparation class. Contact the office 2 months prior.

### **Matrimony**

St. Alphonsus & St. John- Contact the parish office 6 months before the wedding.

### **Funeral & Other Emergency**

St. Alphonsus & St. John- Contact the parish office 24 hours a day

# December 14, 2014

MASS  
INTENTIONS 

**“He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.”**

Today we hear more about John the Baptist, this time from the Gospel of Saint John. There were those in Israel who knew of the coming of the Messiah and thus were constantly looking for him. They saw the work of John and wondered if he was the one who they were waiting. John very clearly knew what his role was and made certain that they knew who he was. And who was he, he is the precursor spoken of in the writings of the Prophet Isaiah. He pointed the way to the One who was to come. And while he inspired great acts of faith from those who he baptized he understood that with Jesus so much more would happen. Hence he proclaimed Jesus to be the greater. Like John we are called to proclaim the coming of Christ. He has already come into the world in His birth at Bethlehem, but he will come again in glory. Until that day, like John, we proclaim the Lord to all those we meet. We recognize our need for repentance and seek God’s forgiveness. We then offer that forgiveness in the world, announcing the mercy and grace of Jesus as we do so. Let us not be silent in our faith, but boldly proclaim the coming of Jesus with all that we say and do.

### New Sign for Saint Alphonsus

You might have noticed that the sign in front of Saint Alphonsus was taken down this past week. Well after many years looking like the “Leaning” Tower of Pisa, we decided it was time for a replacement. Thanks to Jean Kramer and her family we will shortly be installing an updated and modernized sign. Please look for that in the days to come. Also please make sure to thank Jean for her generosity.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

We will have Christmas mass according to the following schedule:

St. John	Christmas Eve	4:00 pm
St. Alphonsus	Christmas Eve	7:00 pm
St. Alphonsus	Christmas day	9:00 am

Please plan to come and celebrate  
the birth of our Lord.

<b>December 15 Monday</b>	NO MASS
<b>December 16 Tuesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Bernardine Huebener BY: Ryan Long
<b>December 17 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Mary Maupin BY: Worksaver, Inc.
<b>December 18 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: All Souls BY: Kathryn Weiner
<b>December 19 Friday</b>	NO MASS
<b>December 20 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Sis Gray BY: Frank and Marie Millitello
<b>December 21 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Vernon C. Beilsmith BY: Mary L. Beilsmith



Frank Millitello, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Bill Muffley, Delmar Sandage, Faye Klingler, Lea Miller, Nancy Scharfenberg (sister of Kim Vinyard), Brayden Granda, Brooke Patton, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence and Adelle Albert, Kathryn Weiner, Michele Bryant, Lynn Turner, Rhonda Pruitt, Sue Bryant, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Ed Mueth, Harold Becker (brother of Pat Pohlman), Tammy Rosentreter, Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Edna Plogger, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Bob Lahr, Robert Logan, Freda Rae Maher, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Theresa Beaver, Denise Horton, Dave Drasnin, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Gene Wayman, Jewel Wayman, John Wolff. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.



# LITURGICAL ROLES

## St. Alphonsus

	Dec. 20 Saturday 5:00 pm	Dec. 21 Sunday 8:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Rachel Wolff Luke Wolff	Sarah Goforth Emily Berry
<b>Lector</b>	Abby Mizerski	Debbie Nash
<b>E. Min.</b>	J. Beilsmith L. Beilsmith T. Wolff M. Miller	C. Huebener F. Huebener S. Allen A. Berry
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ushers	C. Huebener family
<b>Ushers</b>	T. Wolff A. Grube	M. Allen B. Gray

## Church Support

Regular	\$3,128.00
Loose	\$83.00
Total collected	\$3,211.00
Immaculate Conception	\$461.00
Total budgeted for Dec. 1-7	\$2,835.45
Budget surplus	+\$836.55
Marquette	\$151.00



Our PSR children will be performing a Christmas play at St. Alphonsus on December 17 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited and encourage to attend. Refreshments will be served in the CLC following the play. We will even have a visit from Santa with goodies for all of the children. Please support our children and their hard work by attending this event.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone that donated towards our PSR "adopted" Christmas family. Clothes, toys, books, coats, hats, and much more was purchased. They will be delivered to Brighton North Wed., Dec. 17. Thanks again for making this a special Christmas for this family!

# LITURGICAL ROLES

## St. John

	December 21 Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Lector</b>	M. Longmeyer
<b>E. Min.</b>	J. Alward D. Longmeyer L. Longmeyer
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	The Longmeyer family
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer

## Mass Intentions

<b>December 21 Sunday 10:30 am</b>	<b>FOR:</b> Melissa Loy Kalbfell <b>BY:</b> David and Roberta Young
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Supporting your Church  
means you have  
Living Faith.

Regular	\$927.00
Loose	\$75.00
Total collected	\$1,002.00
Immaculate Conception	\$432.00
Total budgeted for Dec. 1-7	\$1,321.42
Budget surplus	+\$112.58

## DECEMBER

Dec. 14	Advent Penance Service at St. Alphonsus	3:00 pm
Dec. 15	St. Theresa's Christmas dinner	6:00 pm
Dec. 17	PSR Christmas program	6:00 pm
Dec. 18	Clean St. John's and decorate	9:00 am
Dec. 20	Decorate St. Alphonsus for Christmas	9:00 am
Dec. 24	Mass at St. John	4:00 pm
Dec. 24	Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm
Dec. 25	Mass at St. Alphonsus	9:00 am
Dec. 31	Mass at St. John	4:00 pm
Jan. 1	Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm