

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 13, 2015

MASS
INTENTIONS 

**“Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!”**

The words of the Prophet Zephaniah give us the pattern for our celebration this weekend. We look joyfully to the celebration that is to come. We are not quite there but we can see the day on the horizon. John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ and thus to many of his day they wondered as the Gospel tells us “whether John might be the Christ.” John firmly tells them he is not but gives them the words by which they can have hope. He promises that the one who is to come will give the people the outpouring of God’s own Holy Spirit and the fire that lifts life to hope. This Sunday is known in the Church as “Guadete”, Rejoice. Let us then rejoice in anticipation of that great day when Jesus will make complete the promise spoken by John. Then we will know fully our lives in the presence of God. Christmas is but a few days away let us make ourselves ready to receive Jesus anew!

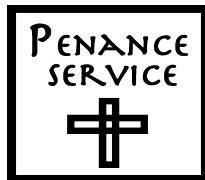
Christmas Mass Schedule

Please find below our Mass schedule for the Celebration of Christmas.

Saint John the Evangelist, Medora, December 24th at 4:00 pm

Saint Alphonsus, Brighton, December 24th at 7:00 pm

Saint Alphonsus, Brighton, December 25th at 9:00 am



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Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill will be having an Advent Penance Service Sunday, December 13 beginning at 3:00 pm at St. Alphonsus. We will gather together and ask the Lord’s forgiveness. We will in the process of this have individual confessions with Fr. Bill and priests from around the area. Please come and reconcile yourself with God clearing the wreckage of sin and making yourself ready to receive the Lord anew.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Jesus, listen to my prayer...I cannot pray without the power of your Spirit. I am waiting, I am expecting, I am hoping. Do not leave me without your Spirit.

Amen

December 14 Monday	NO MASS
December 15 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: Sis Gray BY: Norm and Alice Matsche
December 16 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Helena Maria Buie BY: Norm and Shirley Waddington
December 17 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Freda Rae Maher BY: Tom and Mary Korte
December 18 Friday	NO MASS
December 19 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Cliff Beilsmith BY: Dennis and Mary Wieseman
December 20 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Ira and Marie Metheny and Gene and Paul Masterson BY: Sid and Mary Masterson



Jonny Wade, Anna Mae Mills, Tom Mills, Ryan Page, Dan Kallal, Margaret McCauley, Dolores Weiss, Dennis House, Joan Kerkemeyer, Pat Schetter, Mark Price, Bobbie Ulrich, Michelle Miller, Dale Rimbey, Richard Alward, Mike Beer, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Delmar Sandage, Nancy Scharfenberg (sister of Kim Vinyard), Brayden Granda, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence Albert, Kathryn Weiner, Michele Bryant, Lynn Turner, Rhonda Pruitt, Mitch Bryant, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Harold Becker (brother of Pat Pohlman), Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Edna Plogger, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Robert Logan, 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.

Third Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	December 19 Saturday 5:00 pm	December 20 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	J. Buchanan T. Mizerski	K. Holtorf E. Berry
Lector	Donna Mizerski	Gayle Huebener
E. Min.	J. Beilsmith D. Mizerski L. Miller M. Miller	B. Huebener G. Huebener G. Walden J. Hanneken
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers
Ushers	M. Miller A. Grube	B. Huebener K. Walden

CHURCH SUPPORT

Regular	\$4,592.20
Loose	\$130.00
Total Collected	\$4,722.20
Total needed to meet budget 11/30-12/6	\$2,306.48
Surplus for week	+\$2,415.72
Marquette	\$267.00

Thank You

In late September I was graced by a good God to celebrate 65 years in the Priesthood of Christ and 90 years of life. And now to the many from Brighton and Medora, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your presence, prayers and generosity. I feel humbled and blessed with your friendship and thoughtfulness.

May God and His Blessed Mother richly bless and watch over you always. Gratefully in the Lord,
Fr. Peter Donohoe

Mark Your Calendar

December 13	Advent Penance Service	3:00 pm
December 16	PSR Christmas program & party	6:00 pm
December 20	Youth Group meeting	CANCELLED
December 24	Christmas Eve Mass - St. John	4:00 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Mass - St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm
December 25	Christmas Mass - St. Alphonsus	9:00 am
December 31	New Year's Eve mass - St. John	4:00 pm
Jan. 1, 2016	New Year's Day mass - St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	December 20 Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	K. Wilson
E. Min.	P. Tonsor D. Longmeyer L. Longmeyer
Gift Bearers	J. Wheeler M. Loy
Ushers	P. Tonsor C. Bierman

Mass Intentions

December 20 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Robert and Verna Kahl BY: Jack and Bette Mills
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Regular	\$821.00
Loose	\$47.00
Total Collected	\$868.00
Total needed to meet budget 11/30-12/6	\$846.95
Deficit for week	-\$21.05



St. Alphonsus/St. John PSR will be having their annual Christmas play entitled "Christmas, Past, Present and Future", Wednesday, December 16 @ 6:00 pm. A party will be held immediately following in the Christian Life Center with Santa and lots of goodies for the kids!! Please join us and support the work the children have done preparing for the Christmas play.

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.