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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 6, 2015

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.”

These words from the Prophet Isaiah were code to the Israelites. They knew that this language announced the coming of the Messiah. But they, like us, seem determined to live a life contrary to the words of the prophet. We tend not to fill in the valleys, but instead dig ourselves in deeper, making the hills even higher. We try and do things entirely ourselves and find that we cannot, no matter how much we do, dig ourselves out of the mess we find ourselves in. But if we allow ourselves to be filled with the Good News, then God does what we cannot do for ourselves. The way we prepare the way of the Lord is then to open our hearts, rejecting the notion that we are the agents of our salvation. God gives to us that which makes straight the path, fills in the valleys, and makes level the hills. God’s Word is that which allows the changes in us that prepares us for the Day of the Lord. Let us then accept the word of God letting God’s Word make us ready and prepared.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation; willful avoidance of Mass this day is thus considered a mortal sin. We will have Mass on December 7th at 7:00 PM at Saint John the Evangelist in Medora. Mass at Saint Alphonsus will be on December 8th at 7:00 PM. If you cannot attend Mass either of these times, please find a Mass in another parish that meets your schedule. St. Ambrose will be having mass Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 8:15 am and 7:00 pm. St. Mary’s will be held Monday, Dec. 7 at 5:15 pm and Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:00 am, noon and 5:15 pm.

J. Bell

FOOD COLLECTIONS

Please consider donating to our **Food Drive** for the Brighton Food Pantry and Martha’s Pantry in Shipman. We are still accepting items for the TWIGS program as well. Any non-perishable items would be appreciated. A container is available in each parish for your donations.

MASS INTENTIONS 

December 7 Monday	NO MASS
December 8 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: Helena Maria Buie BY: Don and Janet Werts
December 8 Tuesday 7:00 pm	FOR: Sis Gray BY: Dan and Mary Jo Schetter <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
December 9 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Ed Mueth BY: Evelyn Mueth
December 10 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Freda Rae Maher BY: Norm and Shirley Waddington
December 11 Friday	NO MASS
December 12 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Vernon Beilsmith BY: Mary L. Beilsmith
December 13 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Ed Mueth BY: Evelyn Mueth



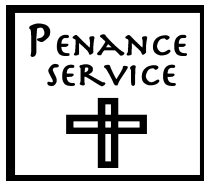
Jonny Wade, Anna Mae Mills, Tom Mills, Ryan Page, Dan Kallal, Margaret McCauley, Dolores Weiss, Dennis House, Joan Kerkemeyer, Pat Schetter, Mark Price, Bobbie Ulrich, Michelle Miller, Dale Rimbey, Richard Alward, Mike Beer, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Delmar Sandage, Nancy Scharfenberg (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.

Second Sunday of Advent

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	Dec. 8 Tuesday 7:00 pm	Dec. 12 Saturday 5:00 pm	Dec. 13 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	J. Brockway A. Schetter	I. Wolff E. Wolff	J. Brockway M. Berry
Lector	Tonya Ballard	Tammy Wolff	Dan Huebener
E. Min.	G. Walden K. Vinyard J. Diestelhorst J. Highfill	T. Wolff G. Huebener B. Huebener J. Diestelhorst	K. Vinyard J. Highfill M. Masterson J. Hanneken
Gift Bearers	K. Walden family	Ushers	D. Huebener family
Ushers	K. Walden B. Gray	B. Huebener T. Wolff	D. Huebener M. Allen



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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.

Mark Your Calendar

December 7	Mass at St. John	7:00 pm
December 8	Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm
December 13	Advent Penance Service	3:00 pm
December 16	PSR Christmas program & party	6:00 pm
December 20	Youth Group meeting	6:30 - 8:00 pm
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 7 Monday 7:00 pm	December 13 Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	M. Longmeyer	J. Schaefer
E. Min.	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer	M. Schaefer E. Reed P. Reed
Gift Bearers	The Longmeyer family	The Schaefer family
Ushers	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer	M. Schaefer C. Reed

Mass Intentions



December 7 Monday 7:00 pm	FOR: Mary Ann Vieregge BY: Pattie Alward-Johnson
December 13 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Bill Muffley BY: Margaret Alward and family



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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.

MILITARY MASS

The Military Prayer Ministry support group will be having their Mass for our Military on Monday, December 21 at 6:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Alton. All are invited to attend to pray for active military, veterans and their families.