

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 18, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS 

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

From Death to New Life 

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Arlene Capozzi. "May Christ, the Good Shepherd, lead you safely home to be at peace with God our Father."



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- December 19 St. Theresa's Altar Society
Christmas Party, 7:00 pm
- December 21 and 28 NO PSR
- December 24, St. John, 4:00 pm
- December 24, St. Alphonsus 7:00 pm
- December 25, St. Alphonsus, 9:00 am (only)
- December 31, St. Alphonsus, 5:00 pm
- January 1, St. Alphonsus, 8:30 am
- January 1, St. John, 10:30 am

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

Charles Dickens

December 19 Monday 7:00 pm	FOR: John Wolff BY: David and Debbie Nolte
December 20 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: Dolores Weiss BY: James and Georgiann Ursch
December 21 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: All Souls BY: Jackie Dalton
December 22 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: All Souls BY: Dan and Becky Huebener
December 23 Friday 6:00 pm	FOR: All Souls BY: Jamie and Linda Carter
December 24 Saturday 7:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE	FOR: Living and deceased members of the Berry family BY: Greg Berry family FOR: Wayne and Dolores Weiss BY: Friends of the family
December 25 Sunday 9:00 am CHRISTMAS DAY	FOR: Living and deceased members of the Kerkemeyer family BY: Greg Berry family

Sick Friends & Relatives

Sandi Ozee, Jody Hagen (sister of Fran Bellitto), Scott Beilsmith, Kane McCauley, Gene and Bernice Miller, Cliff Woodson, Minnie Richards, Courtney Christopher Craig, Ron Hicks, Veronica Greeing, Phil Owens, Bernadine Kelsey, Alice Turner, Wilma Gibson, Jeremy Hawkins, Ron Scherer, Mary Cambron, Terry Burch, Lindell Thompson, Mark Golike, Walter (Wally) Hunn, Donna Moore, Anna Mae Mills, Tom Mills, Ryan Page, Dan Kallal, Joan Kerkemeyer, Pat Schetter, Bobbie Ulrich, Michelle Miller, Richard Alward, 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, 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, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Theresa Beaver, Denise Horton, Dave Drasnin, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	December 24 Saturday 7:00 pm Christmas Eve	December 25 Sunday 9:00 am Christmas Day
Servers	R. Wolff S. Wolff	J. Brockway M. Berry
Lector	Tammy Wolff	Tonya Ballard
E. Min.	T. Wolff L. Miller M. Miller B. Klunk	B. Huebener S. Lyerla S. Allen J. Highfill
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers
Ushers	B. Klunk T. Wolff	M. Allen J. Torrez

Church Support

Regular	\$2,375.00
Loose	\$176.00
Total Collected	\$2,551.00
Total needed to meet budget 12/05-12/11	\$2,494.94
Surplus for week	+\$56.06
Maintenance	\$629.00
Marquette	\$42.00
Retired Religious	\$275.00
ACSA16	\$35.00

FOOD PANTRY

We are continuously collecting for our local food pantry but with the holidays approaching they are especially in need. If you could donate anything non-perishable to our food pantry container, it would be very much appreciated.

MILITARY MASS

Please join us to celebrate a Mass for the Military on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00 pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton. Come wish our active Military and our veterans a Merry Christmas!

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	December 24 Saturday 4:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE
Lector	J. Granda
E. Min.	R. Kern E. Reed P. Reed
Gift Bearers	Ushers
Ushers	B. Muffley C. Reed

Mass Intentions

December 24 Saturday 4:00 pm Christmas Eve	FOR: Mary Ann Vieregge BY: Debbie Christopher
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Tithing, your gift to God

Regular	\$727.00
Loose	\$81.00
Total Collected	\$808.00
Total needed to meet budget 12/05-12/11	\$922.65
Deficit for week	-\$114.65
Maintenance	\$594.00
Food Pantry	\$100.00
Retired Religious	\$394.00

SSPP TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, January 14

Marquette Catholic High School

8 players per table Cost \$160.00

Doors open at 6 pm Trivia starts at 7 pm

Cold drinks and popcorn are included

Bring your own additional snacks

Reservations now being accepted

Call Julie Kline at 618/604-1249 or

SSPP at 465-8711

1st prize	\$320.00
2nd prize	\$240.00
3rd prize	\$160.00