

# St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

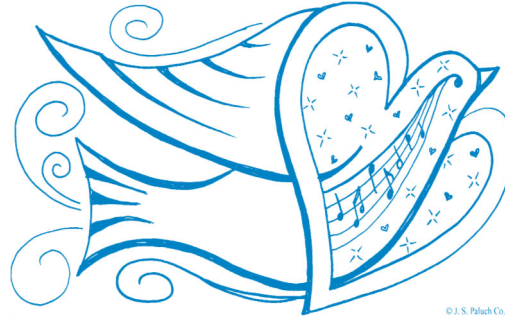
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<b>Altar Society President:</b>	Donna Mizerski	

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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

**February 12, 2017**

**"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."**

The Pharisees knew the Law of God, given by Moses. Indeed, they lived by it faithfully, some might say obsessively. But the deeper meaning of that Law escaped them. For us it cannot be so. Jesus calls us to live fully the Law of God. We heard two weeks ago, of the Beatitudes, those instructions which help us to engage the world around us. Last week we were called into the world to share, like salt which flavors, God's mercy with the world. If we are to live out the teachings of Jesus we must know and understand that there is more than mere obedience to the letter of the Law. We know this not only by the Word of God handed on through the Gospel but also by the presence of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit gives us a wisdom that shows clearly the full extent of God's commandments. Thus, by studying the Word of God, Jesus the Son of God, we grow in knowledge and understanding. Through communion with the Holy Spirit we gain wisdom and vision to bring that knowledge and understanding into action in the world.

*J. Bell*

**NOTICE**

The parish office will be closed  
Monday, February 13

**CHOICE**

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

<b>February 13 Monday 7:00 pm</b>	FOR: John Wolff BY: Jean Beilsmith
<b>February 14 Tuesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: The health of Glenda Walden BY: Jeff and Susie Matsche
<b>February 15 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Arlene Capozzi BY: Norm & Shirley Waddington
<b>February 16 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: John Wolff BY: Don and Joan Reno
<b>February 17 Friday 6:00 pm</b>	FOR: John Wolff BY: Kathryn Weiner
<b>February 18 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Candace Walz BY: Lindell and Helen Thompson
<b>February 19 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Dolores Weiss BY: Friends of the family

**PLEASE Pray for all the Sick**

Maxine Tonsor, Glenda Walden, Marilyn Christopher, 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

	February 18 Saturday 5:00 pm	February 19 Sunday 8:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Rachel Wolff Luke Wolff	James Brockway Nicholas Ragsdale
<b>Lector</b>	Lyn Miller	Tonya Ballard
<b>E. Min.</b>	M. Miller L. Hawkins B. Klunk L. Miller	M. Masterson S. Allen J. Highfill S. Lyerla
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Bill Klunk family	Bill Gray family
<b>Ushers</b>	B. Klunk M. Miller	M. Allen B. Gray

Contributions will be listed in bulletin  
next weekend



St. Alphonsus will be having a **RUMMAGE SALE** Saturday, March 4, 8:00 am - noon. A preview sale will be held Friday, March 3 from 3 - 7 pm (\$1 admission Friday only). Proceeds to help send our youth to the Steubenville conference this summer.

Items may be dropped off at the Christian Life Center. If you need items picked up, you may contact Ramona Berry @ 917-6391 or the parish office @ 372-3352.



Parish Council meeting will be held  
Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### St. John

	February 19 Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Lector</b>	T. Ziegler
<b>E. Min.</b>	P. Tonsor R. Kern B. Kern
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	T. Ziegler family
<b>Ushers</b>	C. Alward C. Reed



February 19  
10:30 am

FOR: Gary Christopher  
BY: His family

## BRIGHTON FOOD PANTRY

St. Alphonsus is continuously collecting for our local food pantry. If you could donate anything non-perishable to our food pantry container, it would be very much appreciated.

Our 2nd donation container in the church is for the **TWIGS** program associated with the St. John's UCC. They provide food/snacks to children in the school district that have little to eat after school and on weekends. Checks may also be made payable to "Loyal Daughters-St. John's UCC" and placed in the collection basket. Suggestions: Fruit roll-ups, individual cereal cups, granola bars, canned soups with pop top, Jell-O or pudding cups.



Youth Group will meet Sunday, February 19  
6:30 - 8:00 pm in the CLC

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY