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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 4:30-4:55
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 23, 2020



FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you’re looking for real foolishness, you’ll find it in today’s readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge” (Leviticus 19:18). We’ve heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called “practical realities of life.” Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better “become a fool,” because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This “foolishness” continues in the Gospel: “Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you’ve been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. “So be perfect,” says Jesus, “just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (5:48).

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite’s “Lenten Announcement” sounds surprising: “Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!” Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: “Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don’t be jealous.” A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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St. Alphonsus

February 24 Monday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 25 Tuesday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 26 Ash Wednesday 6:00 am 7:00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 27 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Tom Korte BY: Korte family
February 28 Friday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
February 29 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: William Walker BY: Jane Hanneken
March 1 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Becky Droste BY: Mike & Sherry Allen

St. John

February 26 Ash Wednesday 4:00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
March 1 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Ed Tonsor BY: St. John’s Altar Society

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020**

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
— *Leviticus 19:2b*



LITURGICAL ROLES

2/16 St. Alphonsus

Regular.....	\$1,791.00
Loose.....	\$326.00
Total Collected.....	\$2,117.00
Needed to meet budget 2/10 - 2/16.....	\$3,017.24
Deficit for week.....	-\$900.24
Maintenance.....	\$40.00
First Offering.....	\$10.00
Catholic Times.....	\$15.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe.....	\$25.00

2/16 St. John

Regular.....	\$900.00
Loose.....	\$105.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,005.00
Needed to meet budget 2/10 - 2/16.....	\$1,086.21
Deficit for week.....	-\$81.21
Food Pantry.....	\$261.00
Catholic Times.....	\$15.00

St. Alphonsus

	Feb. 26 Ash Wed. 7:00 pm	Feb. 29 Saturday 5:00 pm	March 1 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	Amelia Walden Ava Ballard	Adult Volunteer	Adult Volunteer
Lector	Tammy Wolff	Donna Mizerski	Grace Berry
E. Min.	K. Vinyard S. Lyerla T. Wolff S. Allen	B. Huebener G. Huebener D. Mizerski T. Wolff	K. Vinyard M. Masterson S. Lyerla S. Allen
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Ushers	M. Allen S. Wolff	B. Huebener S. Wolff	A. Berry B. Gray

Pray For

Dan Kitzman, Kevin Goss, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Richard Cox, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Greg Green, Rachel Muffley Huddelston, Jacquelyn Howser, Angie Stassi, William Swarnes, Mary Hurd, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sher Lyerla, Bobbi Ulrich, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Patricia Alward Johnson, Alice Greeling, Ronald Bellitto, Mabel Grace Rench, Zoe Kienstra, Ben Howell, Theresa Mayhall (sister of JoAnn Wheeler) Charlie Wolff, Jessie Highfill, Linda Partridge, Joan Kerkemeyer, Marilyn Rose, Deborah Olney, Peggy Kahl, Allen Garrett, Mary Cambron, Paul Griffin, Frank McDowell, Carroll White, Sandi Ozee, Scott Beilsmith, Kane McCauley, Gene Miller, Cliff Woodson, Minnie Richards, Ron Hicks, Jeremy Hawkins, Mark Golike, Anna Mae Mills, Dan Kallal, Pat Schetter, Michelle Miller, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Brayden Granda, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence Albert, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Denise Horton, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Mike Mohr, Carolyn Hernandez, Rita Ortman, MaryAnn Pranger. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

St. John

	February 26 Ash Wed. 4:00 pm	March 1 Sunday 10:30 am
Servers	M. Alward	O. Alward M. Alward
Lector	M. Alward	D. Christopher
E. Min.	P. Tonsor E. Reed P. Reed	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Longmeyer family
Ushers	P. Tonsor B. Muffley	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer