

St. Alphonsus

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Catholic Churches



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Parish Website: www.sap-brighton.org

Diocesan Website: www.dio.org

Parish YouTube Channel: St Alphonsus Catholic Church

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number: (217) 321-1155

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.

December 27, 2020



St. Alphonsus

WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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THANK YOU

A huge thank you to those who donated to our local “adopted” children this Christmas. Your generosity is much appreciated and greatly helped to give each of them a very merry Christmas!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

There will be no PSR class on Wednesday, December 30. Class will resume on Wednesday, January 6. Have a wonderful New Year’s Day!

December 28 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Cal Vonnahmen BY: Ramona Berry
December 29	No morning mass
December 30 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Lacy Huebener (special intention) BY: Charles Huebener family
December 31 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: People of the Parish
New Year’s Day January 1 Friday 9:00 am	Solemnity of Mary FOR: Dominic Gray BY: Dan & Becky Huebener
January 2 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Rava Nell Lombardo BY: Charles Huebener family
January 3 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Dominic Gray BY: Mike & Sherry Allen

St. John

(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)

New Year’s Eve December 31 Thursday 4:00 pm	Vigil for Solemnity of Mary FOR: Sarah Walker BY: Jane Hanneken
January 3 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family

To attend mass, please visit our online Sign Up Form. Below is the link, which can also be found on the main page of our parish website.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ABA72CA3FF2-public>

If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our website to watch the LIVE stream of each mass said by Father Bill at St. Alphonsus Church.

The dispensation for the Sunday obligation remains in place.



Pray For

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12/13 St. Alphonsus

Regular.....	\$1,741.00
Loose.....	\$141.25
Total Collected.....	\$1,882.25
Needed to meet budget 12/07 - 12/13.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$940.33
Christmas Flowers.....	\$175.00
Maintenance.....	\$167.00
Marquette High School.....	\$35.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope.....	\$20.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$191.00
ACSA.....	\$75.00

12/13 St. John

Regular.....	\$395.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$400.00
Needed to meet budget 12/07 - 12/13.....	\$1,016.13
Deficit for week.....	-\$616.13
Maintenance.....	\$25.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$40.00

Collections from 12/20 will be listed in the next bulletin.

OFFERTORY GIFT

During this time, if you are unable to attend mass and will be viewing the YouTube livestream instead, please consider mailing your regular offertory gift to our office. For those with internet access, you can find links to tithe to our parishes below. Thank you to those who have continued to support the Church in anyway you can — your generosity is much appreciated!

St. Alphonsus

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stalphonsusbrighton>

St. John

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stjohntheevangelistmedora>

Checks may be mailed to 920 N. Main, Brighton

Office Hours

Available by phone / appointment

Monday — Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday — Thursday, 8:30am - 11:30am

Dan Kitzman, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Richard Cox, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Rachel Muffley Huddelston, Angie Stassi, Mary Hurd, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sher Lyerla, Bobbi Ulrich, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Patricia Alward Johnson, Alice Greeling, Ronald Bellitto, 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, 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, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Dolly Grube, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Denise Horton, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Mike Mohr, Karlie Swisher, Bill Hurd, Gary Schell, Carey Keay, Mary Kay Green, Lyn Miller, Cindy Klunk. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 27, 2020

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

— *Luke 2:30-31*

eBulletin SIGN UP

If you wish to receive an electronic copy of our bulletin each week, please email the Parish Office with the email address you would like it sent to, and we will add you to the list.