

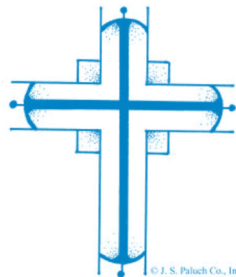
# St. Alphonsus

920 North Main Street Brighton, IL 62012

# St. John

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## Catholic Churches



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### St. Alphonsus

### St. John

#### **Religious Education:**

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Ramona Berry  
Colette Miller

Stacey Bierman

#### **Altar Society President:**

Donna Mizerski

**Parish Website:** [www.sap-brighton.org](http://www.sap-brighton.org)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.dio.org](http://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.

January 17, 2021



**SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING**

In today’s first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God’s persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. “Speak, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. “Speak,” they say, “we are listening.”

God’s voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God’s word. Let’s ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don’t miss God’s voice.

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**CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY**

If you are looking to grow in your understanding of Scripture and develop a new perspective to the things of this world, we highly suggest The Bible in a Year Catholic podcast. It released this year, and has ranked as the **#1 Podcast in the Nation** (across all categories) for two weeks now!

Each podcast episode is around 20 minutes. You may follow along in your Bible, or simply listen to each episode.

This free Bible study identifies the 14 narrative books that tell the story of Scripture from beginning to end. The remaining “supplemental books” of the Bible are then contextualized within the storyline of the 14 narrative books.

The reading plan covers the entire Catholic Bible in 365 days. Each day, Father Mike Schmitz will read 2-3 Scripture passages that coincide with the 12 time periods that serve as “chapters” in salvation history. The Psalms and Proverbs are spread out throughout the year to provide additional opportunity for prayer, reflection, and practical wisdom (many of those Psalms specifically connect to that day’s readings). You can listen to “The Bible in a Year” on a podcast player app, or through a web browser on the Ascension Press website.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

Whether you choose to partake or not, please consider adding Fr. Mike to your prayers. He will surely be facing serious spiritual battles now that he is in the public eye while working to grow God's kingdom.

**St. Alphonsus**

<b>January 18 Monday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
<b>January 19 Tuesday</b>	<b>No morning mass</b>
<b>January 20 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Arrow's Mission for Our Lady BY: Ramona Berry
<b>January 21 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Frank Vicari BY: Mary Korte
<b>January 22 Friday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Brian Cairns BY: Leonard & Marie Hernandez
<b>January 23 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Lucia McNear BY: Kent & Donna Scheffel
<b>January 24 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Mary Vincent BY: Norm & Shirley Waddington

**St. John**

*(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)*

<b>January 24 Sunday 10:30 am</b>	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
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**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.*

**01/03  
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$2,346.48
Loose.....	\$141.80
Total Collected.....	\$2,488.28
Christmas Offering.....	\$45.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$141.00
Needed to meet budget 12/28 - 01/03.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$148.30
Maintenance.....	\$130.00
Marquette High School.....	\$90.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$60.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$65.00
First Offering.....	\$297.00

**01/03  
St. John**

Regular.....	\$2,655.00
Loose.....	\$0.00
Total Collected.....	\$2,655.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$135.00
Needed to meet budget 12/28 - 01/03.....	\$1,016.13
Surplus for week.....	+\$1,798.87
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$30.00
First Offering.....	\$20.00

**01/10  
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$1,751.00
Loose.....	\$254.00
Total Collected.....	\$2,005.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00
Needed to meet budget 01/04 - 01/10.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$807.58
Maintenance.....	\$175.00
Catholic Times.....	\$145.00
First Offering.....	\$30.00

**01/10  
St. John**

Regular.....	\$300.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$305.00
Needed to meet budget 01/04 - 01/10.....	\$1,016.13
Deficit for week.....	-\$711.13
Maintenance.....	\$40.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$15.00

**Pray For**  
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**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