

St. Alphonsus

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Catholic Churches



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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.

January 31, 2021



St. Alphonsus

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

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February 1 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Bill Brown BY: Deacon Bill & Pat Kessler
February 2 Tuesday	No morning mass
February 3 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Brian Cairns BY: Jackie Dalton
February 4 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Fr. Donohoe BY: Korte family
February 5 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Emily Berry BY: Berry family
February 6 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
February 7 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Dominic Gray BY: Mike & Sherry Allen

St. John

(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)

February 7 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Brian Cairns BY: Leonard & Marie Hernandez
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

www.usccb.org

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.



**01/24
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$1,337.00
Loose.....	\$129.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,466.00
Needed to meet budget 01/18 - 01/24.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$1,356.58
Maintenance.....	\$70.00
Catholic Times.....	\$30.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$330.00
ACSA.....	\$145.00

**01/24
St. John**

Regular.....	\$340.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$345.00
Needed to meet budget 01/18 - 01/24.....	\$1,016.13
Deficit for week.....	-\$671.13
Maintenance.....	\$25.00
Food Pantry.....	\$10.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$5.00
ACSA.....	\$15.00

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

** Subject to change.*

Pray For

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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, Susie Gable, Edith Maher. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

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.

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.