

# 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

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**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.

March 21, 2021



## THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, GRANITE CITY

Outside the abortion clinic called Hope in Granite City, 40 Days for Life keeps vigil with peaceful prayer and presence, providing pregnant women with God's love, support, hope, direction, and better alternatives in their decision regarding the blessing God has placed in their womb. Our parish would like to sponsor a vigil for a full day, if we have enough interest.

General information can be found at [www.40daysgc.com](http://www.40daysgc.com), and our coordinator, Jane Hanneken can be reached at **618-420-5537**.

If you would like to sign up to keep vigil for a 1-hour time block on another day of your choosing (2/28 - 3/31), Jane can assist with that as well.

*Please note: this is an outdoor event—rain or shine.*

## St. Alphonsus

<b>March 22 Monday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Margaret M. Burns BY: Deacon Bill & Pat Kessler
<b>March 23 Tuesday</b>	<b>No morning mass</b>
<b>March 24 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Larry Bray BY: Greg Berry family
<b>March 25 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Grace Berry BY: Berry family
<b>March 26 Friday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Bill Leady (deceased) BY: Berry family
<b>March 27 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Larry Bray BY: Patti K. Updike
<b>March 28 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Cal Vonnahmen BY: Mary Beilsmith

## St. John

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

<b>March 28 Sunday 10:30 am</b>	FOR: Carolyn Reed 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.

***Reminder: The dispensation for the Sunday obligation will be lifted Sunday, April 11, 2021.***

*For more details, please visit:  
<https://www.dio.org/backtomass/letter.html>*



**03/07  
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$3,115.48
Loose.....	\$360.00
Total Collected.....	\$3,475.48
Needed to meet budget 03/01 - 03/07.....	\$2,822.58
Surplus for week.....	+\$652.90
Maintenance.....	\$95.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$55.00
ACSA.....	\$30.00

**03/07  
St. John**

Regular.....	\$2,655.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$2,660.00
Needed to meet budget 03/01 - 03/07.....	\$1,016.13
Surplus for week.....	+\$1,643.87
Maintenance.....	\$50.00
Catholic Times.....	\$45.00
Food Pantry.....	\$45.00
ACSA.....	\$5.00

*Collections from 03/14 to 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

*\* 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, 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, Gary Schafer, Sandy Suetterlin, Aaron Biermann. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

## Calendar of Events

March 24	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
March 28	Palm Sunday	8:30 am
	Followed by Easter Egg Hunt*	
March 28	Palm Sunday	10:30 am
March 31	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
April 2	Good Friday	7:00 pm
April 3	Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
April 4	Easter Sunday	8:30 am
April 4	Easter Sunday	10:30 am

*\*Safe social distancing and / or the use of masks are encouraged for adults. Hand sanitizer will be provided for everyone 5 years and up.*