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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 4:15-4:45
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

November 30, 2014

MASS
INTENTIONS 

“What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

That is what the season of Advent is all about. For in this season we actively await not merely the coming of Christmas, the day of the Lord’s birth, but also for the day when He will come again in glory. We therefore must make ourselves ready for both. We are called to strip away all those things that distract us and to focus on the day of the Lord. This is a real challenge because we have been overwhelmed with the messages of, as Charlie Brown calls it, “Commercialism!” While gifts given and received are an important part of our Christmas observances it is only a small part of the day. For in Jesus we are given the promise and gift of eternal life. We must then in the busy-ness of the Secular Commercial season make room for Christ. Advent calls us to be awake and alert so that the day when the Lord returns finds us ready. Through works of charity, moments of prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and celebration of the Eucharist we clear out the cobwebs and clear our eyes. Let us then be alert so that this advent finds us prepared not only for the celebrations of His birth, but also with hearts made ready to welcome Him again.

Advent Wreaths and Advent Calendars

One way to clear out the cobwebs is to make a special part of our day the observance of Advent. Prayers around an Advent Wreath, or meditating on Lord by the use of an Advent Calendar are wonderful ways of commemorating Advent.

**First Reconciliation and
PSR Advent Penance Service.**

This Wednesday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Second Graders. At the same time we will offer that Sacrament to all the students of the PSR. Please pray for these, our children, that they may grow closer to Christ in this Sacrament of love.

Parish Penance Service

On Sunday December 14th at 3PM we will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Parishes at Saint Alphonsus. Please come and make yourself ready to celebrate Christmas. It is suggested that we go to confession at least 2 times a year (more often if necessary). This would be an opportune time to undertake that yearly goal.

December 1 Monday	NO MASS
December 2 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: Mary Maupin BY: Florence Thartham
December 3 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: All Souls BY: Larry and Mary Goss
December 4 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: All Souls BY: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pohlman
December 5 Friday	NO MASS
December 6 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Anna and Frank Wolff BY: John Wolff family
December 7 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Bernardine Huebener BY: Bob and Rosemary Schoeberle



Bill Muffley, Delmar Sandage, Faye Klingler, Lea Miller, Nancy Scharfenberg (sister of Kim Vinyard), Brayden Granda, Brooke Patton, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence and Adelle Albert, Kathryn Weiner, Michele Bryant, Lynn Turner, Rhonda Pruitt, Sue Bryant, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Ed Mueth, Marlene Bellitto, Harold Becker (brother of Pat Pohlman), Tammy Rosentreter, Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Edna Plogger, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Bob Lahr, Robert Logan, Freda Rae Maher, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Theresa Beaver, Denise Horton, Dave Drasnin, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Gene Wayman, Jewel Wayman, John Wolff. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child’s.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	December 6 Saturday 5:00 pm	December 7 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	Sam Wolff Emily Wolff	Maria Berry Ashlyn Darr
Lector	Lyn Miller	Becky Huebener
E. Min.	J. Diestelhorst T. Wolff L. Beilsmith B. Klunk	B. Huebener K. Vinyard G. Huebener A. Berry
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers
Ushers	B. Klunk T. Wolff	B. Gray D. Huebener



Due to early bulletin deadline, offering will be listed in bulletin next weekend



Our PSR children will be performing a Christmas play at St. Alphonsus on December 17 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited and encourage to attend. Refreshments will be served in the CLC following the play. We will even have a visit from Santa with goodies for all of the children. Please support our children and their hard work by attending this event.

Help Others

St. Alphonsus PSR has once again “adopted” a family for Christmas. There are 4 boys - ages 6, 4 year old twins, and 1 year old. If you would like to contribute to help us give this family a Merry Christmas, you may contact the parish office @ 372-3352 or place a monetary donation in an envelope marked “PSR Christmas family” and we will be sure to use donations toward items on their wish list as well. **Deadline is December 8.**

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	December 7 Sunday 10:30 am	December 7 Sunday 7:00 pm Vigil Mass
Lector	M. Alward	M. Longmeyer
E. Min.	K. Alward E. Reed P. Reed	D. Longmeyer L. Longmeyer P. Reed
Gift Bearers	The Halder family	The Longmeyer family
Ushers	B. Muffley C. Reed	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer

Mass Intentions



December 7 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Melissa Loy Kalbfell BY: David and Roberta Young
December 7 Sunday 7:00 pm	FOR: Shirley Hook BY: Marimore McKee Immaculate Conception Vigil

DECEMBER

Dec. 3	First Reconciliation	6:00 pm
Dec. 7	St. John's A/S Christmas lunch	11:45 am
Dec. 7	Immaculate Conception vigil mass at St. John	7:00 pm
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception mass at St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm
Dec. 14	Advent Penance Service at St. Alphonsus	3:00 pm
Dec. 15	St. Theresa's Christmas dinner	6:00 pm
Dec. 17	PSR Christmas program	6:00 pm
Dec. 18	Clean St. John's and decorate	9:00 am
Dec. 20	Decorate St. Alphonsus for Christmas	9:00 am
Dec. 24	Mass at St. John	4:00 pm
Dec. 24	Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm
Dec. 25	Mass at St. Alphonsus	9:00 am
Dec. 31	Mass at St. John	4:00 pm
Jan. 1	Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:00 pm