

St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

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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

December 7, 2014

MASS
INTENTIONS 

“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

With these words we begin to hear of the coming promise of the Messiah. For generations that promise was foretold. For Israel had gone astray, but God who is faithful was going to restore all things to Israel when they had made amends for their sins. Everyone was looking for signs of this redemption, so when John the Baptist was first seen in the desert people must have been surprised by the power of his witness to God. They began to see in him the possibility of redemption and so believed that he may have been the Messiah. John very clearly says “No”, and he also tells the people how he will be the Messiah. He did not come to restore the political kingdom of Israel but to call her back to faithful communion with God. Isaiah saw this and wrote of it to the Jewish people but they did not fully understand his prophesy. He prophesied: “Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” Thus not only would Israel be called to faithfulness but indeed all the world. John calls to us this day as strongly as he did to the Israelites. Let us repent of our sins making our hearts and minds and souls ready to receive the Lord when he comes again.

Second Collection next weekend

There will be a second collection next weekend for the support of our parish Maintenance Fund.

Parish Penance Service

Next Sunday at 3:00 PM at Saint Alphonsus Church there will be an Advent Penance Service for our Parishes. We will gather together and ask the Lord’s forgiveness. We will in the process of this have individual confessions with myself and priests from around the area. Please come and reconcile yourself with God clearing the wreckage of sin and making yourself ready to receive the Lord anew.

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 and a food basket. **Deadline is December 8.**

December 8 Monday 7:00 pm	FOR: Robert Klingler BY: Faye Klingler IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
December 9 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: Mary Maupin BY: Worksaver, Inc.
December 10 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: James McCauley BY: Margaret McCauley
December 11 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: All Souls BY: James Brockway family
December 12 Friday	NO MASS
December 13 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Helen Rody BY: The Dalton family
December 14 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Ed Kerkemeyer BY: Jackie Dalton



Nancy Quirk Stinnet, 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, 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.



LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	Dec. 8 Monday 7:00 pm Holy Day	Dec. 13 Saturday 5:00 pm	Dec. 14 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	R. Wolff I. Wolff	A. Schetter I. Wolff	M. Nolte E. Berry
Lector	G. Huebener	J. Diestelhorst	G. Walden
E. Min.	B. Huebener C. Huebener F. Huebener L. Miller	D. Mizerski L. Miller P. Schetter B. Klunk	G. Walden K. Vinyard J. Highfill M. Masterson
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers	K. Walden family
Ushers	B. Huebener C. Huebener	A. Grube B. Klunk	K. Walden M. Allen

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Four children from St. Alphonsus received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 3.

Julianna Buchanan
Mya Burns
Owen Gray
Rebecca Hall

Congratulations to all of you and a BIG thank you to Mrs. Mary Kate Kinder for preparing these children for their First Reconciliation.



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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	December 7 Sunday 7:00 pm Holy Day	December 14 Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	M. Longmeyer	K. Moore
E. Min.	P. Reed E. Reed C. Alward	P. Tonsor D. Longmeyer L. Longmeyer
Gift Bearers	The Longmeyer family	J. Wheeler M. Loy
Ushers	D. Longmeyer D. Longmeyer	P. Tonsor B. Bierman

Mass Intentions



December 7 Sunday 7:00 pm	FOR: Shirley Hook BY: Marimore McKee Immaculate Conception Vigil mass
December 14 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Melissa Loy Kalbfell BY: Curtis and Michelle Litchfield



DECEMBER



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