

St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

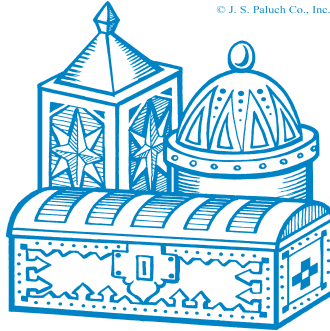
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Sacramental Life

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

January 4, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS 

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This is the day when the presence of the Messiah was first made known to the non-Jewish world. Three Kings, or wise men come from the east. They had heard stories from the Jewish people in exile within their lands of the coming of the Messiah. They were very observant and scholarly men so when they saw something unusual in the world they sought its meaning. Finding in the Jewish stories the coming of the King they sought him out. If these men from the east could see the importance of Jesus, how much more should we see in him? We are called to seek out Jesus in this day and age as much as the wise men did so many years ago. And if we search diligently we will find Him just as assuredly as the wise men did. In this way we do him honor and worship, serving Him in the here and now. Then like the wise men we can then share our Good News of the birth and life and death and resurrection of the Lord throughout the world.

J. Bell

 **Thank You**

A big thanks to all members of St. Alphonsus who helped with adopted families. Through the community supported program we have helped 98 children in the Southwestern School District have a bright Christmas. We are truly blessed to be part of such a giving community. Thanks and have a blessed Christmas.

Mary Cambron



From Death to New Life

Lord, Grant eternal rest to the soul of Margie Schieler, mother of Michelle Wolff. We extend our sincere parish sympathy.

January 5 Monday	NO MASS
January 6 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: All Souls BY: John and Marcia Quakenbush
January 7 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Raymond and Eilene Miller BY: Lyn and Colette Miller
January 8 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: All Souls BY: Mike and Sherry Allen
January 9 Friday	NO MASS
January 10 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: David Diestelhorst, Jr. BY: The Schetter family
January 11 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Bernardine Huebener BY: Virginia Kuhnline



Frank Millitello, 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

	January 10 Saturday 5:00 pm	January 11 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	Meghan Wolff Rachel Wolff	Sarah Goforth Ashlyn Darr
Lector	Tammy Wolff	Becky Huebener
E. Min.	L. Miller T. Wolff J. Beilsmith L. Beilsmith	K. Vinyard J. Hanneken G. Walden M. Masterson
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Kevin Walden family
Ushers	T. Wolff A. Grube	K. Walden D. Huebener

Collections will be listed in bulletin next week due to early deadline.

Winners

PSR basket raffle winners are: Ashlyn Darr, Zach Weiner, Liz Stutz and Peg Bierman. Thank you to everyone that took a chance on our baskets.

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.



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LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	January 11 Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	J. Schaefer
E. Min.	M. Schaefer E. Reed P. Reed
Gift Bearers	The Schaefer family
Ushers	M. Schaefer C. Reed

Mass Intentions

January 11 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Melissa Loy Kalbfell BY: Curtis and Michelle Litchfield
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Altar Society

St. John's Altar Society meeting has been changed to **Saturday, January 17 @ 9:30 am**

January schedule:

Vestments - Maxine Tonsor
Cleaning - Maxine Tonsor/Shirley Long
Hostesses - Trish Catlett/Kim Reed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11