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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 21, 2014

MASS INTENTIONS 

**“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”**

What faith it must have taken to express these simple words. In Mary’s day it was a sin punishable by death to have a child out of wedlock. Knowing this Mary still said yes to this request of the Father. In doing so she is an example of who we are called to be as Christians. In this way Mary was the very first Christian for in saying yes to the Father, she said yes to Jesus. Not only did she say yes but she believed that He would be the savior of the world. We then are called to follow her example. We will not be asked to bear the Son of God into the world in the same manner as Mary, for she did this once and for all. But we are called to bear her Son into the world by all that we say and do. In our belief in Jesus we are saying yes to the Father and the Son as did Mary. Every time we do some act because of our love for all those around us, even those we do not particularly care for, we are saying yes as did Mary. Let us therefore boldly proclaim in our lives, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord!”

December 22 Monday	NO MASS
December 23 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: Card and Dalton families BY: Jackie Dalton
December 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	FOR: Cliff Beilsmith BY: Jean Beilsmith CHRISTMAS EVE
December 25 Thursday 9:00 am	FOR: Vincent Klingler BY: Faye Klingler CHRISTMAS DAY
December 26 Friday	NO MASS
December 27 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Leon Schetter BY: The family
December 28 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Robert Klingler BY: Jimmy Klingler

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. John	Christmas Eve	4:00 pm
St. Alphonsus	Christmas Eve	7:00 pm
St. Alphonsus	Christmas day	9:00 am

Second Collection on Christmas

There will be a second Collection on Christmas for the support of the Catholic Children’s Home. Please help support this ministry of Catholic Charities to young people in need of our help.



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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.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! ‘Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	Dec. 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm Christmas Eve	Dec. 25 Thursday 9:00 am Christmas Day
Servers	Timothy Mizerski Sam Wolff	Adlai Schetter
Lector	Becky Huebener	Jane Diestelhorst
E. Min.	T. Wolff D. Mizerski P. Schetter S. Allen	S. Allen C. Huebener F. Huebener A. Berry
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers
Ushers	M. Allen D. Huebener	C. Huebener A. Berry

	Dec. 27 Saturday 5:00 pm	Dec. 28 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	Adlai Schetter Timothy Mizerski	Maria Berry James Brockway
Lector	Donna Mizerski	Gayle Huebener
E. Min.	J. Beilsmith L. Miller J. Diestelhorst M. Miller	B. Huebener G. Huebener J. Highfill M. Masterson
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Bill Huebener family
Ushers	M. Miller B. Klunk	B. Huebener B. Gray

Church Support

Will be listed in bulletin next weekend due to early bulletin deadline

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	December 24 Wednesday 4:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE	December 28 Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	K. Moore	T. Catlett
E. Min.	P. Tonsor E. Reed P. Reed	M. Alward K. Alward C. Alward
Gift Bearers	The Halder family	The Catlett family
Ushers	P. Tonsor C. Reed	K. Alward C. Alward

Mass Intentions

December 24 Wednesday 4:00 pm	FOR: Verna Kahl BY: Jack and Bette Mills CHRISTMAS EVE
December 28 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Kraig and Kris Reno and all departed souls BY: Kay and Kelly

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

 **DECEMBER** 

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



The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.