

# St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

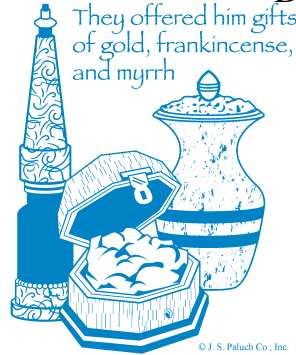
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<b>Altar Society President:</b>	Donna Mizerski	

**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 4:15-4:45  
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 3, 2016

MASS  
INTENTIONS 

**“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.”**

I don't know about you, but I am a bit hung-over from the Christmas season. It began way back on October 31<sup>st</sup> when the Halloween decorations were replaced by Christmas ones. This was followed by one commercial experience of Christmas after another, Shopping, Eating, and Watching: the Charlie Brown Christmas Story, It's a Wonderful Life and the Christmas Story. These experiences can desensitize us to the fullness of the mystery of the Nativity. This was a moment of history that's importance reverberates to this very day. The 3 Wise Men call us to a deeper understanding of what just happened. They rejoiced in the promise of the new King of Jews following the star until it led them to Jesus. Then having seen this child these great men laid down before him so great was their reverence. They saw in the child not a regal king of earthly power but the very Son of God. Let us not then be blinded by the glitz and glamour around us but with renewed eyes see the Miracle of Jesus, God with us.

*J. Bell*

**LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES**

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

<b>January 4 Monday</b>	NO MASS
<b>January 5 Tuesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Freda Rae Maher BY: Lyn and Colette Miller
<b>January 6 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Bill McNear BY: Norm and Shirley Waddington
<b>January 7 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Leon Schetter BY: Pat Schetter
<b>January 8 Friday</b>	NO MASS
<b>January 9 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Cliff Beilsmith BY: Dennis and Mary Wieseman
<b>January 10 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Robert Kahl BY: Don and Janet Werts



Auggie Geisler, Jonny Wade, Anna Mae Mills, Tom Mills, Ryan Page, Dan Kallal, Margaret McCauley, Dolores Weiss, Dennis House, Joan Kerkemeyer, Pat Schetter, Mark Price, Bobbie Ulrich, Michelle Miller, Dale Rimbey, Richard Alward, Mike Beer, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Delmar Sandage, Nancy Scharfenberg (sister of Kim Vinyard), Brayden Granda, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence Albert, Kathryn Weiner, Michele Bryant, Lynn Turner, Rhonda Pruitt, Mitch Bryant, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Harold Becker (brother of Pat Pohlman), Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Edna Plogger, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Robert Logan, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Theresa Beaver, Denise Horton, Dave Drasnin, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Jewel Wayman, John Wolff. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	January 9 Saturday 5:00 pm	January 10 Sunday 8:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Luke Wolff Rachel Wolff	James Brockway
<b>Lector</b>	Tammy Wolff	Glenda Walden
<b>E. Min.</b>	T. Wolff L. Miller J. Diestelhorst L. Beilsmith	G. Walden B. Huebner G. Huebener M. Masterson
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ushers	K. Walden family
<b>Ushers</b>	T. Wolff A. Grube	B. Huebener K. Walden

# LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	January 10 Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Lector</b>	M. Alward
<b>E. Min.</b>	M. Alward K. Alward C. Alward
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	The Halder family
<b>Ushers</b>	K. Alward C. Alward

## OFFERING

Weekend of 12/19 and 12/20

Regular	\$1,691.00
Loose	\$174.00
Total collected	\$1,865.00
Total needed to meet budget 12/14-12/20	\$2,295.55
Deficit for week	-\$430.55
Retired Priests	\$50.00
PSR Quilt Raffle	\$111.00

## CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of the PSR quilt raffle was Alan Friedrich. Congratulations!

### Additional Christmas memorials...

Catherine and Oliver Gray by Bill and Mary Gray  
Mary Lou and Horace Trammel by Bill and Mary Gray  
Leon Schetter by Pat Schetter  
The Schetter and Roberts families by Pat Schetter

Youth Group meeting will be held  
Tuesday, January 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

## Mass Intentions

<b>January 10 Sunday 10:30 am</b>	FOR: Mary Ann Vieregge BY: Debbie Christopher and family FOR: John and Lela Reed BY: Their family
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*Where your treasure is,  
there your heart is also.*

MATTHEW 6:21

Weekend of 12/19 and 12/20

Regular	\$978.00
Loose	\$71.00
Total collected	\$1,049.00
Total needed to meet budget 12/14-12/20	\$842.94
Surplus for week	+\$206.06

## ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. John Altar Society's January meeting date has been changed. The new date will be Saturday, January 16 at 9:00 am. They will follow the "working meeting" with an outing for lunch.

# 20+G+M+B+16