

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

March 6, 2016

“My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

Are we stingy with the generous mercy of God? The elder brother here is disappointed because he expected his father to be harsh with the rebellious, sinful son. But the father rejoices in the safe return of his son. Often we can look at our lives and wonder why people who have done bad things can get a second chance, when he recognized the error of their ways. God is so much more generous to us than we can possibly imagine. He accepted in His Son the penalty for our sin. He so wanted us to be reconciled that he accepted the punishment that was by right ours. If God wills this for us, then can we be any less generous? We might be just as unsettled as the brother, but reflecting in all that God has shared with us we can move out of our anger and into the generous and merciful love of God for ourselves and all those around us. Let us then seek the reconciliation God desires, leaving behind our sinful, selfish way finding in its place forgiveness, grace and mercy!

Parish Penance Service

On Sunday March 20th we will have our Lenten Parish Penance Service. It will be held at Saint Alphonsus in Brighton at 3:00 PM. Please come and find the forgiveness that Jesus died to give you!

Second Collection

Next weekend we will take up a second collection for the support of our parish maintenance funds.

J. Bell

Saint Alphonsus Chicken Dinner 2016

There will be a meeting for all those willing to help organize the first Chicken Dinner we have had since the refurbishment of the CLC Kitchen. If you have been involved in the past, we need your help. If you have never been involved, we need your help. Those of you who were leaders for the different aspects of the dinner, even if you cannot lead, we need your wisdom and knowledge. The Meeting will be April 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Christian Life Center. The dinner will be held on October 23rd (the fourth Sunday of October) so we need to get things rolling, please help us however you are able!

MASS
INTENTIONS



March 7 Monday	NO MASS
March 8 Tuesday 7:30 am	FOR: Helena Maria Buie BY: Keith and Jessie Highfilll
March 9 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Neal Schwartzkopf BY: Deacon Bill and Pat Kessler
March 10 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Margaret McCauley
March 11 Friday 6:30 pm	FOR: Ralph and Isabelle Beilsmith BY: Mary L. Beilsmith Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
March 12 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: George McNear BY: Norm and Shirley Waddington
March 13 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Jonathan Simmons BY: The Schetter family



Terry Burch, Arlene Capozzi, Lindell Thompson, Sandi Ozee, Mark Golike, Walter (Wally) Hunn, Margo Kahl, Donna Moore, Auggie Geisler, Anna Mae Mills, Tom Mills, Ryan Page, Dan Kallal, Dolores Weiss, Dennis House, Joan Kerkemeyer, Pat Schetter, 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, 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

	March 12 Saturday 5:00 pm	March 13 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	Julianna Buchanan	Emily Berry Taylor Kemna
Lector	Jane Diestelhorst	Grace Berry
E. Min.	D. Mizerski M. Miller J. Diestelhorst P. Schetter	G. Walden C. Huebener F. Huebener J. Hanneken
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers
Ushers	M. Miller A. Grube	C. Huebener B. Gray

OFFERING

Regular	\$1,861.00
Loose	\$194.00
Total collected	\$2055.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00
Total needed to meet budget 02/22-02/28	\$2,453.86
Deficit for week	-\$388.86
Maintenance	\$60.00
Catholic Charities	\$381.00
ACSA15	\$402.00
Catholic Times	\$15.00



OUR CHOIR COULD USE YOU

Choir practice will be held Thursday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm. Please join us!

On Sunday, March 13 our **Youth Group** will be serving lunch to those in need at the St. John's breadline in Springfield, IL. They are asking for donations of socks, coats, hats/caps, scarves, mittens/gloves, plastic grocery bags and hotel size (or travel size) shampoo and soap. These items can be left in the back of the church or you can drop them off at the parish office. Thank you in advance!

The next Youth Group meeting will be held Sunday, March 20 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. John

	March 13 Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	J. Schaefer
E. Min.	M. Schaefer E. Reed P. Reed
Gift Bearers	The Schaefer family
Ushers	C. Reed M. Schaefer

Mass Intentions

March 13
Sunday
10:30 am

FOR: Reed, Kahl, Hampton
and Brown families
BY: Pat and Edith Reed

**Where your treasure is,
there your heart is also.**

MATTHEW 6:21

Regular	\$995.00
Loose	\$49.00
Total collected	\$1,044.00
Ash Wednesday	\$42.00
Total needed to meet budget 02/22-02/28	\$901.07
Surplus for week	+\$184.93
ACSA15	\$385.00

ALTAR SOCIETY

St. John Altar Society will meet Sunday, March 19. They will be cleaning the church in preparation for Easter services.

March hostesses: Jo Ann Richey
Cindy Halder

Vestments: Mary Loy



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