

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 4:30-4:55
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 15, 2020



THIRST

Each time today’s Gospel story is read, I can’t help but think of the many television commercials I’ve seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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**SAINT JOSEPH,
HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Feast Day: March 19**

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus’ story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: “With a husband’s love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus” (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive “Saint Joseph’s Table,” welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps March 19 as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David’s house, which God finished “building” through Joseph’s provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature’s rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph’s silent obedience and Mary’s “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity’s spiritual rebirth.

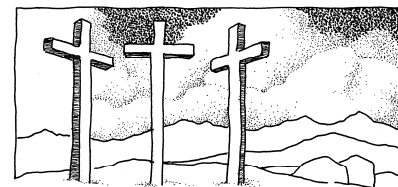
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St. Alphonsus

March 16 Monday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
March 17 Tuesday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
March 18 Wednesday 6:15 pm	Penance Service
March 19 Thursday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
March 20 Friday 7:30 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
March 21 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Margaret M. Burns BY: Deacon Bill & Pat Kessler
March 22 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Grace & Maria Berry BY: Ramona Berry

St. John

March 22 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: John Welby BY: Linda Bierman
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**Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020**

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— *Romans 5:8*



**3/8
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$1,902.00
Loose.....	\$137.00
Total Collected.....	\$2,039.00
Needed to meet budget 3/2 - 3/8.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$783.58
Maintenance.....	\$625.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$230.00

**3/8
St. John**

Regular.....	\$895.00
Loose.....	\$83.00
Total Collected.....	\$978.00
Needed to meet budget 3/2 - 3/8.....	\$1,016.13
Deficit for week.....	-\$38.13
Maintenance.....	\$514.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$177.00

Pray For
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Dan Kitzman, Kevin Goss, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Richard Cox, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Greg Green, Rachel Muffley Huddelston, Jacquelyn Howser, Angie Stassi, William Swarnes, Mary Hurd, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sher Lyerla, Bobbi Ulrich, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Patricia Alward Johnson, Alice Greeling, Ronald Bellitto, Mabel Grace Rench, Zoe Kienstra, Ben Howell, Theresa Mayhall (sister of JoAnn Wheeler) Charlie Wolff, Jessie Highfill, Linda Partridge, Joan Kerkemeyer, Marilyn Rose, Deborah Olney, Peggy Kahl, Allen Garrett, Mary Cambron, Paul Griffin, Frank McDowell, Carroll White, Sandi Ozee, Scott Beilsmith, Kane McCauley, Gene Miller, Cliff Woodson, Minnie Richards, Ron Hicks, Jeremy Hawkins, Mark Golike, Anna Mae Mills, Dan Kallal, Pat Schetter, Michelle Miller, Mike Reno, Kathy Risley, Nancy Quirk Stinnet, Brayden Granda, Steven Ahrens, Lawrence Albert, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Don Keil, Dolly Grube, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Denise Horton, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Mike Mohr, Carolyn Hernandez, Karlie Swisher, Rita Ortman. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Alphonsus

	March 21 Saturday 5:00 pm	March 22 Sunday 8:30 am
Servers	Adult Volunteer	Katlynn Kemna
Lector	Tonya Strohbeck	Lyn Miller
E. Min.	T. Wolff B. Klunk L. Hawkins D. Mizerski	K. Vinyard M. Masterson S. Lyerla A. Berry
Gift Bearers	Bill Klunk family	Ushers
Ushers	S. Wolff B. Klunk	A. Berry B. Gray

St. John

	March 22 Sunday 10:30 am
Servers	M. Alward
Lector	M. Alward
E. Min.	B. Bechtold E. Reed P. Reed
Gift Bearers	Ushers
Ushers	C. Beierman C. Reed

PENANCE SERVICE

Our Penance Service will be held at St. Alphonsus on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:15 pm. *We will have multiple priests available to hear confessions.*