

# St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

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**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 4:30-4:55  
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.

April 19, 2020



## THE HOLY SPIRIT

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20  
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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## St. Alphonsus

<b>April 25 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Ed Tonsor BY: Dan & Becky Huebener
<b>April 26 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Adam Berry (birthday) BY: Ramona Berry

**Please visit our website to watch the LIVE stream of each private mass said by Father Bill on Saturday and Sunday at St. Alphonsus Church.**

## SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109)

**Feast Day: April 21**

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule’s balanced “prayer and work,” this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today’s *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: “Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!” “Faith seeking understanding” was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed “A Prayer for My Friends” and “A Prayer for My Enemies,” reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

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**4/12  
 St. Alphonsus**

Needed to meet budget 4/6 - 4/12.....\$2,916.67

**4/12  
 St. John**

Needed to meet budget 4/6 - 4/12.....\$1,050.00

**OFFERTORY GIFT**

Amid the many concerns currently facing us, please also remember that your parish depends on your generosity and support. With the cancellation of masses, our parishes have lost offertory collections that are essential to pay staff and bills for the maintenance of our churches. If you are able to, please consider mailing your regular offertory gift to our office, during this unprecedented time. For those with internet access, you can find links to tithe to our parishes below. Thank you to those who have continued to support the Church in anyway you can.

**St. Alphonsus**

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stalphonsusbrighton>

**St. John**

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stjohntheevangelistmedora>

**Parish Office Hours—Available by Phone**

Monday & Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30am - 11:30am



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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, Bill Hurd. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

**Second Sunday of Easter  
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
 April 19, 2020**

“Blessed are those who have not seen  
 and have believed.”

— *John 20:29b*

**REMINDER**

If you, or a fellow parishioner, are of the most vulnerable to COVID-19 and need assistance in picking up groceries and other essentials, please contact the parish office. We have parishioners who have kindly offered their help. If you are able and wish to volunteer or contribute in anyway, please also call or email the parish office.