

# St. Alphonsus - St. John Catholic Church

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	<u><b>St. Alphonsus</b></u>	<u><b>St. John</b></u>
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<b>Music Coordinators:</b>	Ramona Berry Colette Miller	Stacey Bierman
<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 4:30-4:55  
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.

May 3, 2020

St. Alphonsus

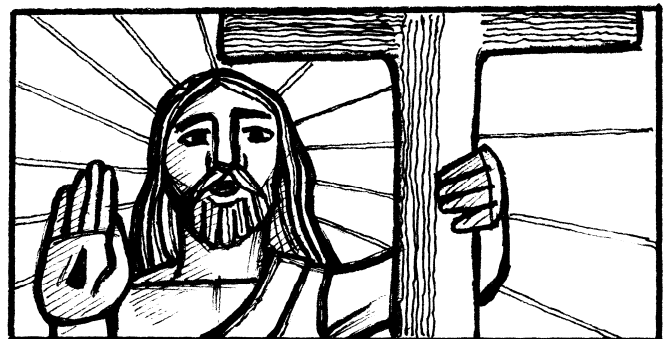
IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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<b>May 9 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Marie Millitello BY: Frank Millitello family
<b>May 10 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Emily Gray (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.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Are you currently spring cleaning and need a place to donate the gently-used unwanted items you have cleared out? **Please consider donating to the St. Alphonsus PSR Fall Rummage Sale**—held at the Christian Life Center on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:00pm. *Call our office to set up a time for drop-off.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



**4/26  
St. Alphonsus**

Needed to meet budget 4/20 - 4/26.....\$2,916.67

**4/26  
St. John**

Needed to meet budget 4/20 - 4/26.....\$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>

*Checks may be mailed to 920 N. Main, Brighton*

**Temporary Office Hours—Available by Phone**  
Monday & Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm



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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2020**

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

— *1 Peter 2:24a*

**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.