

# 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 17, 2020



## THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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## SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457)

Feast Day: May 22

If you’re ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita’s shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. “Divine Savior,” Rita prayed, “let me suffer like you!” Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita’s two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven.

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## St. Alphonsus

<b>May 23 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Millard E. & Pauline Masterson BY: Sidney & Mary Masterson
<b>May 24 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Edward A. Kerkemeyer 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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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

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**5/10  
St. Alphonsus**

Needed to meet budget 5/4 - 5/10.....\$2,822.58

**5/10  
St. John**

Needed to meet budget 5/4 - 5/10.....\$1,016.13

**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

**THANK  
YOU**



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**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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020**

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”

— *John 14:16-17*

**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.*