

# St. Alphonsus

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# St. John

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## Catholic Churches



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### St. Alphonsus

### St. John

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**Parish Website:** [www.sap-brighton.org](http://www.sap-brighton.org)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

**Parish YouTube Channel:** St Alphonsus Catholic Church

*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.

December 6, 2020



### St. Alphonsus

#### GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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<b>December 7 Monday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Kerkemeyer family (living & deceased) BY: Ramona Berry
<b>December 8 Tuesday 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>  <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>December 9 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
<b>December 10 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Matthew Korte BY: John & Jeanette Medlock
<b>December 11 Friday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Berry family (living & deceased) BY: Ramona Berry
<b>December 12 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Nell Lombardo BY: Dan & Becky Huebener
<b>December 13 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Matthew Korte BY: Brighton Quilters

### St. John

<b>December 13 Sunday 10:30 am</b>	FOR: Ambrose Fleming BY: Jeff & Susie Matsche
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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

**To attend mass, please visit our online Sign Up Form. Below is the link, which can also be found on the main page of our parish website.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ABA72CA3FF2-public>

If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to visit our website to watch the LIVE stream of each mass said by Father Bill at St. Alphonsus Church.

*The dispensation for the Sunday obligation remains in place.*



**11/22  
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$725.00
Loose.....	\$200.00
Total Collected.....	\$925.00
Needed to meet budget 11/16 - 11/22.....	\$2,916.67
Deficit for week.....	-\$1,991.67
Campaign for Justice & Hope.....	\$65.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$40.00
ACSA.....	\$150.00

**11/22  
St. John**

Regular.....	\$100.00
Loose.....	\$0.00
Total Collected.....	\$100.00
Needed to meet budget 11/16 - 11/22.....	\$1,050.00
Deficit for week.....	-\$950.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope.....	\$33.00
ACSA.....	\$30.00

**11/29  
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$585.00
Loose.....	\$31.00
Total Collected.....	\$616.00
Thanksgiving Day.....	\$70.00
Needed to meet budget 11/23 - 11/29.....	\$2,903.23
Deficit for week.....	-\$2,217.23
Marquette High School.....	\$15.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope.....	\$10.00
ACSA.....	\$10.00

**11/29  
St. John**

Regular.....	\$665.00
Loose.....	\$6.00
Total Collected.....	\$671.00
Thanksgiving Day.....	\$68.00
Needed to meet budget 11/23 - 11/29.....	\$1,045.16
Deficit for week.....	-\$306.16
Maintenance.....	\$25.00
Food Pantry.....	\$25.00

# Pray For

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Dan Kitzman, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Richard Cox, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Rachel Muffley Huddelston, Angie Stassi, Mary Hurd, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sher Lyerla, Bobbi Ulrich, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Patricia Alward Johnson, Alice Greeling, Ronald Bellitto, 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, 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, Patty Carpunky (cousin of Jan Rimbey), Mike Gibbons (son in law of Cal Vonnahmen), Dolly Grube, Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Denise Horton, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Mike Mohr, Karlie Swisher, Bill Hurd, Gary Schell, Carey Keay, Mary Kay Green, Lyn Miller, Cindy Klunk. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

### OFFERTORY GIFT

During this time, if you are unable to attend mass and will be viewing the YouTube livestream instead, please consider mailing your regular offertory gift to our office. 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 — your generosity is much appreciated!

**St. Alphonsus**

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

**St. John**

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

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

**Office Hours**

**Available by phone / appointment**

Monday — Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

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