

St. Alphonsus

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St. John

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Catholic Churches



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St. Alphonsus

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Parish Website: www.sap-brighton.org

Diocesan Website: 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 13, 2020



FEAST OF FAITH
The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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St. Alphonsus

December 14 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Arrow's Mission for Our Lady BY: Ramona Berry
December 15 Tuesday	No morning mass
December 16 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
December 17 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Cal Vonnahmen BY: Mary Korte
December 18 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Lucia McNear BY: The Simmons family
December 19 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Fr. Peter Donohoe BY: Peg Biermann
December 20 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Matthew Korte BY: Norm & Shirley Waddington

St. John

December 20 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Fr. Peter Donohoe BY: Leonard & Marie Hernandez
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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.



**12/06
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$3,501.48
Loose.....	\$134.00
Total Collected.....	\$3,635.48
Thanksgiving Day.....	\$25.00
Needed to meet budget 11/30 - 12/06.....	\$2,903.23
Surplus for week.....	+\$757.25
Maintenance.....	\$120.00
Marquette High School.....	\$100.00
Campaign for Justice & Hope.....	\$35.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$25.00
ACSA.....	\$35.00

**12/06
St. John**

Regular.....	\$583.00
Loose.....	\$5.10
Total Collected.....	\$588.10
Needed to meet budget 11/30 - 12/06.....	\$1,045.16
Deficit for week.....	-\$457.06
Maintenance.....	\$235.00

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

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 24	Christmas Eve mass at St. Alphonsus*	4:00pm
December 24	Christmas Eve mass at St. Alphonsus	7:00pm
December 25	Christmas mass at St. Alphonsus	9:00am

*St. John's is still closed for repairs.

eBulletin SIGN UP

If you wish to receive an electronic copy of our bulletin each week, please email the Parish Office with the email address you would like it sent to, and we will add you to the list.