

St. Alphonsus

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Catholic Churches



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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.

January 24, 2021



A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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St. Alphonsus

January 25 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Ed Murphy BY: Deacon Bill & Pat Kessler
January 26 Tuesday	No morning mass
January 27 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
January 28 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Arrow's Mission for Our Lady BY: Ramona Berry
January 29 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Lawrence Albert BY: Leonard & Marie Hernandez
January 30 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Dominic Gray BY: Charles Huebener family
January 31 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Charlene Berry BY: Norm & Shirley Waddington

St. John

(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)

January 31 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Mary F. Vincent 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.



01/17
St. Alphonsus

Regular.....	\$2,052.00
Loose.....	\$231.50
Total Collected.....	\$2,283.50
Needed to meet budget 01/11 - 01/17.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$539.08
Maintenance.....	\$100.00
Marquette High School.....	\$10.00
Catholic Times.....	\$60.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$85.00
First Offering.....	\$10.00
ACSA.....	\$350.00

01/17
St. John

Regular.....	\$1,870.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,875.00
Needed to meet budget 01/11 - 01/17.....	\$1,016.13
Surplus for week.....	+\$858.87
Maintenance.....	\$150.00
Food Pantry.....	\$60.00

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

** Subject to change.*



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, Susie Gable, Edith Maher. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

If you are looking to grow in your understanding of Scripture and develop a new perspective to the things of this world, we highly suggest The Bible in a Year Catholic podcast. It released this year, and has ranked as the **#1 Podcast in the Nation** (across all categories) for three weeks now!

Each podcast episode is around 20 minutes. You may follow along in your Bible, or simply listen to each episode.

This free Bible study identifies the 14 narrative books that tell the story of Scripture from beginning to end. The remaining “supplemental books” of the Bible are then contextualized within the storyline of the 14 narrative books.

The reading plan covers the entire Catholic Bible in 365 days. Each day, Father Mike Schmitz will read 2-3 Scripture passages that coincide with the 12 time periods that serve as “chapters” in salvation history. The Psalms and Proverbs are spread out throughout the year to provide additional opportunity for prayer, reflection, and practical wisdom (many of those Psalms specifically connect to that day’s readings). You can listen to “The Bible in a Year” on a podcast player app, or through a web browser on the Ascension Press website.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

Whether you choose to partake or not, please consider adding Fr. Mike to your prayers. He will surely be facing serious spiritual battles now that he is in the public eye while working to grow God's kingdom.