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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.
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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.

February 21, 2021



St. Alphonsus

February 22 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
February 23 Tuesday	No morning mass
February 24 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Arrow's Mission for Our Lady BY: Ramona Berry
February 25 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Dorothy Boren BY: Mary Korte
February 26 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Fr. Raphael Paul BY: Berry family
February 27 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Brian Cairns BY: Charles & Theresa Cairns
February 28 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Cal Vonnahmen BY: Mike & Sherry Allen

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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St. John

(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)

February 28 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Larry Bray BY: Jeff & Susie Matsche
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SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Brian Cairns, son of Charles & Theresa Cairns. Brian passed away on December 12, 2020 at the age of 37. He lived in Iron Station, NC. Brian loved his family fiercely and loved being a husband and dad. Although quiet and reserved, he was loved by many for his positive personality and infectious smile.

Lord, grant eternal rest to the soul of Brian Cairns.

We extend our sincere parish sympathy to the family.

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.



02/14

St. Alphonsus + St. John

*Collections from 02/14 to be listed
in the next bulletin.*

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.*



**First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021**

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalm 25:4*

Pray For

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,

15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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