

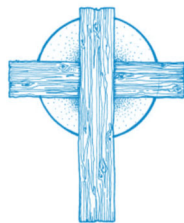
St. Alphonsus

920 North Main Street Brighton, IL 62012

St. John

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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.

March 14, 2021



GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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VIRTUAL LENTEN DEVOTION

sponsored by the

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, SDCCW

Join the women of SDCCW for an online Lenten evening on hope and renewal. This virtual evening will offer time for prayer, and reflection on our unique role as modern women at the cross. Presenters include Katie Price, Parish Vitality and Mission Advancement Director; and Sister M. Veritas Wilks, FSGM Women's and Youth Ministry Director.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 | 7:00 pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/3uMTQGZ>

or contact Myrna, sdccw32321@gmail.com

618-585-3090

St. Alphonsus

March 15 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Greg Berry BY: Berry family
March 16 Tuesday	No morning mass
March 17 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Ramona Berry BY: Berry family
March 18 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Jean Dixon BY: Mary Korte
March 19 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Bill Leady (deceased) BY: Berry family
March 20 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Larry Bray BY: Junior & Donna Davis
March 21 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Nell Lombardo BY: Dan & Becky Huebener

St. John

(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)

March 21 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Carolyn Reed BY: Greg Berry family
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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.



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**02/28
St. Alphonsus**

Regular.....	\$1,020.00
Loose.....	\$233.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,253.00
Needed to meet budget 02/22 - 02/28.....	\$2,989.44
Deficit for week.....	-\$1,736.44
Maintenance.....	\$25.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$70.00
ACSA.....	\$160.00

**02/28
St. John**

Regular.....	\$610.00
Loose.....	\$0.00
Total Collected.....	\$610.00
Needed to meet budget 02/22 - 02/28.....	\$1,076.19
Deficit for week.....	-\$466.19
Maintenance.....	\$20.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$48.00
Food Pantry.....	\$20.00
ACSA.....	\$30.00

Collections from 03/07 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.*

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, 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, Gary Schafer, Sandy Suetterlin. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, GRANITE CITY

Outside the abortion clinic called Hope in Granite City, 40 Days for Life keeps vigil with peaceful prayer and presence, providing pregnant women with God's love, support, hope, direction, and better alternatives in their decision regarding the blessing God has placed in their womb. Our parish would like to sponsor a vigil for a full day, if we have enough interest.

General information can be found at www.40daysgc.com, and our coordinator, Jane Hanneken can be reached at **618-420-5537**.

If you would like to sign up to keep vigil for a 1-hour time block on another day of your choosing (2/28 - 3/31), Jane can assist with that as well.

Please note: this is an outdoor event—rain or shine.



March 14	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 24	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
March 31	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm