

St. Alphonsus

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St. John

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Catholic Churches



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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.

April 11, 2021



DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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PRAYERS FOR RETREAT

PSR will be holding their retreat on April 17th in the Christian Life Center Hall. We ask that you keep the students and volunteers in your prayers for a spiritually enriching experience. May each child’s faith and understanding continue to increase as they journey toward First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Any monetary retreat donations you can offer are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

The children will receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on May 15th.

St. Alphonsus

April 12 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Larry Bray BY: Greg Berry family
April 13 Tuesday	No morning mass
April 14 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: The repose of the soul of Charlene Berry BY: Greg Berry family
April 15 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Bill Leady (deceased) BY: Berry family
April 16 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Brian Cairns BY: Charles & Theresa Cairns
April 17 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Larry Bray BY: Leonard & Marie Hernandez
April 18 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Nancy Holtorf BY: Mike & Sherry Allen

St. John

(said at St. Alphonsus during closure for repairs)

April 18 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.

Reminder: The dispensation for the Sunday obligation has been lifted, as of Sunday, April 11, 2021.

*For more details, please visit:
<https://www.dio.org/backtomass/letter.html>*



03/28
St. Alphonsus

Regular.....	\$1,510.00
Loose.....	\$391.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,901.00
Needed to meet budget 03/22 - 03/28.....	\$2,822.58
Deficit for week.....	-\$921.58
Maintenance.....	\$1,065.00
Marquette High School.....	\$10.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$35.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$130.00

03/28
St. John

Regular.....	\$460.00
Loose.....	\$5.00
Total Collected.....	\$465.00
Needed to meet budget 03/22 - 03/28.....	\$1,016.13
Deficit for week.....	-\$551.13
Maintenance.....	\$40.00
Food Pantry.....	\$25.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$5.00

Collections from 04/04 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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

—*St. Julian*