

St. Alphonsus

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St. John

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Catholic Churches

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St. Alphonsus

St. John

Religious Education:.....Mary Kate Kinder

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Music Coordinators:.....Ramona Berry / Colette Miller.....Stacey Bierman

Altar Society President:.....Donna Mizerski

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: Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am
Holy Days, 9:00am or 7:00pm

St. John: Sundays at 10:30am
Holy Days, Vigil 4:00pm or 7:00pm

Reconciliation

St. Alphonsus: Saturdays from 4:30-4:55pm
Anytime by appointment

St. John: Third Sunday of the month
following mass
Anytime by appointment

Baptism

St. Alphonsus: Third Saturday of the month
following parent preparation class.
Contact the parish office 2 months prior.

St. John: Third Sunday of the month
following parent preparation class.
Contact the parish office 2 months prior.

Matrimony

St. Alphonsus & St. John: Contact the
parish office 6 months prior to wedding.

Funeral & Other Emergency

St. Alphonsus & St. John: Contact the
parish office 24 hours a day.

January 7, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”
– Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Pray For

Dan Kitman, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Angie Stassi, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Alice Greeling, Ronald Bellitto, Zoe Kienstra, Ben Howell, Theresa Mayhall (sister of JoAnn Wheeler) Charlie Wolff, Linda Partridge, Joan Kerkemeyer, Marilyn Rose, Deborah Olney, Allen Garrett, Frank McDowell, Scott Beilsmith, Kane McCauley, Cliff Woodson, Minnie Richards, Ron Hicks, Jeremy Hawkins, Mark Golike, 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), Forrest Randolph, Ella Curry, Lisa Mosby, Shirley Vinyard, Bob Plogger, Trista Golike, Denise Horton, Phyllis Plogger, Georgie Riddle, Mike Mohr, Bill Hurd, Carey Keay, Mary Kay Green, Lyn Miller, Cindy Klunk, Susie Gable, Edith Maher, Gary Schafer, Marya Davidson, Joshua Hawkins, Steve Arbuthnot, Susie Matsche, Cadyn Oberkfell, Patricia Pohlman, Slate Rangel, Philip Wheeler, Telly Pippa, Bernie Howard, Bill Metheny, Johnny Carmona & family, Shiloh Loy, Lisa Alward, Bob Wahl, David Ulrich. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

St. Alphonsus

January 8 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Bobbi Ulrich BY: Pat Pohlman
January 9 Tuesday	No morning mass
January 10 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Pete/Margaret Ondersma families BY: Ondersma family
January 11 Thursday 7:30 am	FOR: Ramona Berry BY: Anonymous
January 12 Friday 7:30 am	FOR: Andy Kerkemeyer BY: Anonymous
January 13 Saturday 5:00 pm	FOR: Lawrence Pohlman BY: Joann Benz
January 14 Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Torrez family BY: John Torrez

St. John

January 14 Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Delbert Kahl BY: Pat & Edith Reed
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Prayer for Unity

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who makes us more open to each other, resolves conflict, and strengthens our bonds of communion. May we grow in mutual affection and in the desire to announce the Gospel message more faithfully, that the world may come together in unity and welcome the Prince of Peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekly Offering

For 12/24/2023

St. Alphonsus

Regular.....	\$1,874.00
Loose.....	\$396.00
Total Collected.....	\$2,270.00
Needed to meet budget 12/18 - 12/24.....	\$3,004.17
Deficit for week.....	-\$734.17
Parish Community Tithe (ACSA).....	\$390.00
Christmas.....	\$2,081.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$896.05

St. John

Regular.....	\$1,010.00
Loose.....	\$165.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,175.00
Needed to meet budget 12/18 - 12/24.....	\$1,081.50
Surplus for week.....	+\$93.50
Parish Community Tithe (ACSA).....	\$355.00
Christmas.....	\$1,707.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$826.00

Tithing Options

Please consider mailing your regular offertory gift to our office (920 N. Main Street, Brighton) should you forget to bring it to mass.

For those with internet access, links to tithe to our parishes are listed below. Includes option for **automated tithe** — simply enter dollar amount and select frequency. A receipt will be emailed to you and the check will be sent directly to our parish office.

St. Alphonsus

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stalphonsusbrighton>

St. John

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stjohntheevangelistmedora>

Thank you to those who have continued to support the Church in anyway you can — your generosity is much appreciated!

Liturgical Roles

For Next Weekend Mass

St. Alphonsus *

	January 13 Saturday 5:00 pm	January 14 Sunday 8:30 am
Server	Volunteer	Jeffery Bagley
Lector	Tammy Wolff	L. Hawkins
E. Ministers	G. Huebener T. Wolff L. Hawkins B. Huebener	G. Walden M. Masterson A. Berry J. Hanneken
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Kevin Walden family
Ushers	T. Wolff S. Wolff	K. Walden A. Berry

* Note: If you help with the mass and prefer to receive the monthly schedules via e-mail, please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail so that we can add you to our e-mail list.

St. John

	January 14 Sunday 10:30 am
Server	Volunteer
Lector	M. Alward
E. Ministers	P. Reed P. Tonsor E. Reed
Gift Bearers	Ushers
Ushers	B. Muffley C. Reed

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**Office Hours *
For The Week**

Available by phone / appointment
Monday — Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday — Thursday, 8:30am - 11:00am

Available remotely by email
Wednesday — Thursday, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

** Subject to change.*

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