

# 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

**Little Flowers Girls Club:**.....Jessica Alward / Christina McAfee

**Blue Knights Boys Club:**.....Kevin Alward / Ryan & Brandi Geisler

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

**Altar Society President:**.....Donna Mizerski

**Parish Website:** [www.sap-brighton.org](http://www.sap-brighton.org)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.dio.org](http://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.

**March 17, 2024**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>March 17</b>	Monthly Fellowship at St. John	<b>11:15am</b>
<b>March 20</b>	Penance Service at St. Alphonsus	<b>6:15pm</b>
<b>March 23</b>	Confirmation & First Holy Communion at Cathedral	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>March 24</b>	Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt at St. John	<b>After 10:30am mass</b>
<b>March 28</b>	Holy Thursday mass at St. John	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>March 29</b>	Good Friday service at St. Alphonsus	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>March 30</b>	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at St. Alphonsus	<b>8:00pm</b>
<b>March 31</b>	Easter Sunday at St. Alphonsus at St. John	<b>8:30am</b> <b>10:30am</b>
<b>April 6</b>	Recognition of PSR students for Confirmation & First Holy Communion at St. Alphonsus	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>April 7</b>	Recognition of PSR students for Confirmation & First Holy Communion at St. John	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>April 15</b>	St. Theresa Altar Society Meeting at St. Alphonsus CLC	<b>7:00pm</b>

**Parish Penance Service for Lent**

A parish Penance Service will begin on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Saint Alphonsus at 6:15 pm. This service is an excellent opportunity to prepare yourself for Easter. We are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent each year and more if you need to reconcile yourself to God. If you cannot attend this, I hear confessions each Saturday before the 5 pm Mass at Saint Alphonsus and at Saint John the Evangelist on the third Sunday of each month. If none of these times work, please call me (618-971-8487) to schedule reconciliation at another time. — Fr. Bill

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**

**St. Alphonsus**

<b>March 18 Monday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Norb Kramer BY: Anonymous
<b>March 19 Tuesday</b>	<b>No morning mass</b>
<b>March 20 Wednesday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Country of Japan BY: Anonymous
<b>March 21 Thursday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Norb & Jean Kramer & family BY: Margaret Ondersma
<b>March 22 Friday 7:30 am</b>	FOR: Helen Whited Klunk BY: Anonymous
<b>March 23 Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	FOR: Cindy Klunk BY: Peg Biermann
<b>March 24 Sunday 8:30 am</b>	FOR: Maria Berry (birthday) BY: Berry family

**St. John**

<b>March 24 Sunday 10:30 am</b>	FOR: Shiloh Loy BY: Daren & Rebecca Loy
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**“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”**

God promised that he would give us a place in his kingdom. He promised a new covenant that would bring forgiveness for all God’s children. That new covenant came to be through Jesus Christ, who, by his death and resurrection, offers us eternal life. He came into the world with this promise of forgiveness and eternal life. But some do not recognize this grace provided to us. We get mixed up, believing we have no place within the Kingdom of Heaven. We cannot allow ourselves to be like them; indeed, we need to bring the good news to them so that they may hear the voice of the Lord. That covenant calls to us; the covenant Jesus is what Jesus promised: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” Why, then, do we resist the voice of God? Pride, self-centeredness, and attachments to the world drown out that voice. We are coming to the final days of Lent. Now is the time to purge our lives of these obstacles to grace through acts of charity, prayer, reception of the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don’t let this season pass by without purging these sinful behaviors as best you can, and prepare yourself for the Joy of Easter!

## Pray For

Dan Kitzman, 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, Susie Gable, 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, Jon Kribs. We pray that God may grant them strength and courage.

## Liturgical Roles For Next Weekend Mass

### St. Alphonsus \*

	March 23 Saturday 5:00 pm	March 24 Sunday 8:30 am
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer	Jeffery Bagley
<b>Lector</b>	D. Mizerski	B. Huebener
<b>E. Ministers</b>	J. Dalton L. Hawkins L. Miller G. Huebener	K. Vinyard B. Kemna J. Hanneken F. Huebener
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ushers	Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	T. Wolff S. Wolff	A. Berry D. Huebener

\* 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

	March 24 Sunday 10:30 am
<b>Server</b>	Volunteer
<b>Lector</b>	D. Christopher
<b>E. Ministers</b>	P. Tonsor J. Alward P. Reed
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Ushers
<b>Ushers</b>	P. Tonsor M. Schaefer

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Check out the diocese's Lenten webpage  
**dio.org/lent**  
 where you can find inspiration, resources, and support for your Lenten journey, especially in seeking out the sacrament of confession.

**Office Hours \***  
**For The Week**

**Available by phone / appointment**  
 Monday — Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:15pm  
 Wednesday — Thursday, 8:30am - 11:15am

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

*\* Subject to change.*

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