

St. Alphonsus

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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: 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 24, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 24	Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt at St. John After 10:30am mass
March 28	Holy Thursday mass at St. John 7:00pm
March 29	Good Friday service at St. Alphonsus 7:00pm
March 30	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at St. Alphonsus 8:00pm
March 31	Easter Sunday at St. Alphonsus 8:30am at St. John 10:30am
April 6	Recognition of PSR students for Confirmation & First Holy Communion at St. Alphonsus 5:00pm
April 7	Recognition of PSR students for Confirmation & First Holy Communion at St. John 10:30am
April 15	St. Theresa Altar Society Meeting at St. Alphonsus CLC 7:00pm

Dear Parishioners,

Available to you today is a Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena Pamphlet in the back of church. It is offered to you for two reasons:

1. Praying the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** daily is a very strong petition to God the Father to have mercy on us and on the whole world.
2. Praying the **Divine Mercy Novena** from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 (novena is 9 days) and going to Confession and Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, and having complete detachment from sin will gain you a Plenary Indulgence. If you are not in need of a Plenary Indulgence, you can transfer it to a deceased member in Purgatory.

Remember, when you go to Confession, your sins are forgiven after you do your penance. **But...** You still have to do the **“time for your crime” aka temporal punishment**, in Purgatory etc. for committing the sins.

**A full Plenary Indulgence removes
all temporal punishment due to one’s sins
if all the requirements are met,
and if what you ask for is compatible with God’s Will.**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

St. Alphonsus

March 25 Monday 7:30 am	FOR: Sister Sharon Nolte BY: Anonymous
March 26 Tuesday	No morning mass
March 27 Wednesday 7:30 am	FOR: Grace Engel (birthday) BY: Berry family
March 28 Holy Thursday	No morning mass
March 29 Good Friday 7:00 pm	<i>Service only</i>
March 30 Holy Saturday 8:00 pm	FOR: Kerkemeyer family living & deceased BY: Berry family
March 31 Easter Sunday 8:30 am	FOR: Berry family living & deceased BY: Berry family

St. John

March 28 Holy Thursday 7:00 pm	FOR: Margaret Ondersma BY: Anonymous
March 31 Easter Sunday 10:30 am	FOR: Shiloh Loy BY: Daren & Rebecca Loy

Pray For Dan Kitzman, Dave Pranger, Abel Green, Joan Cox, Roger Loy, Angie Stassi, Lindell Thompson, Geneva Quirk, Sherry Tuttle, Brantley Noble, Alice Greeing, 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.

Weekly Offering

For 3/3/2024

St. Alphonsus

Regular.....	\$2,610.00
Loose.....	\$401.00
Total Collected.....	\$3,011.00
Needed to meet budget 2/26 - 3/3.....	\$3,004.17
Surplus for week.....	+\$6.83
Marquette High School.....	\$149.00

St. John

Regular.....	\$681.00
Loose.....	\$209.00
Total Collected.....	\$1,090.00
Needed to meet budget 2/26 - 3/3.....	\$1,081.50
Surplus for week.....	+\$8.50
LF/BK Kids Club.....	\$20.00

“Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me.”

Have you ever been frustrated and felt like giving up? You are not alone in this trial. Jesus, like us in all things but sin, was scared and frustrated that all he had done might be for naught. Thus, he asked His Father to free him from the task to which he had been born. I know there have been moments when I just gave up and walked away. Jesus could not do this and thus acknowledged:

“But not what I will but what you will.”

How easy would it have been for Jesus if he had just run away and not allowed the Pharisees to capture him? But he could not deny himself and fail to do what fulfilled his call and mission. Though we sometimes desire to give up out of weariness, we, like Jesus, must accept our call to endure and push through that weakness. We do so not by our strength alone but with the strength Jesus gave us. With that strength, there is nothing that we cannot endure, no challenge that we cannot meet; even though we die, we can do so by the will of the Father. On this Passion Sunday, let us keep faith in Jesus and follow in his footsteps. Then let us continue our Journey into Holy Week through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

— Fr. Bill

Liturgical Roles

For Next Weekend Mass

St. Alphonsus *

	March 30 Holy Saturday 5:00 pm	March 31 Easter Sunday 8:30 am
Server	Volunteer	Amelia Walden
Lector	L. Hawkins	A. Kemna
E. Ministers	P. Schetter D. Mizerski B. Huebener L. Hawkins	G. Walden M. Masterson A. Berry J. Hanneken
Gift Bearers	Ushers	Ushers
Ushers	T. Wolff B. Huebener	B. Kemna 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

	March 31 Sunday 10:30 am
Server	Volunteer
Lector	C. Geisler
E. Ministers	E. Reed P. Reed M. Alward
Gift Bearers	Ushers
Ushers	K. Alward C. Alward

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 email address you would like it sent to, and we will add
 you to our list.

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, 8:30am - 4:15pm
 Wednesday — Thursday, 8:30am - 11:15am

Available remotely by email
 Tuesday, 8:30am - 4:15pm
 Wednesday — Thursday, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

** Subject to change.*

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