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PARISH SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism:** Baptismal preparation class by appointment.
- Please contact office for more information.

• **Weddings:** Make arrangements pastor at least six months before the wedding date. Dates and times for wedding in both parishes must be scheduled by contacting the pastor.


• **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

• **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING:** Call Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Alphonsus
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Alphonsus
	10:00 AM	St. Peter @ St. Alphonsus

Confessions beginning at 3 pm on Saturdays before 4:00 PM Mass.
Available by appointment, please call the parish office.



**1st SUNDAY
OF LENT**

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"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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FEBRUARY 21, 2021--THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

House Cleaning for Lent

The season of Lent provides a time for us to prepare for the high holy days of the Triduum. The Church teaches that we are to fast, pray, and give alms during this time in order to unite more closely with our Lord and attain a more perfect spiritual life. However, many people find this difficult to do and after a few days of good practice, they fall back into their old habits. Here in this article, I suggest a few practical tips to make your spiritual endeavors more fruitful.

First, clean your home. If you are going to order your spiritual life, you had best order your material life as well. This means removing clutter, dealing with that old pile of mail and books on the counter, and organizing your personal papers. Once you have made your bed and dusted the shelves, it is time to go in for a little deeper cleaning.

Now, take stock of your possessions and begin cleaning out all those things that are detrimental to your spiritual life. Do you need that vast collection of VHS tapes and DVDs? What about your magazine and music collection? Are there things there that don't belong in a Catholic home? If there is anything that could be considered immoral or unsavory, get rid of it! Don't let these easily avoided distractions take you away from your Lenten devotions. It goes without saying that anything relating to foreign worship, idolatry, or heathenism should be pitched out too!

Next, take a look in the fridge. Is it full of old expired things you don't need? Is the food healthy? Is it consistent with the traditions of the Church that limit rich, sweet, and fatty foods during Lent? You might think this is an unnecessary observance, but the most ancient traditions of our faith teach that there is a powerful connection between the things we eat and the state of our spiritual life. Our Lord went forty days in the desert without eating at all- we can limit our diet and untie that penance to his. Throw out anything that isn't promoting your health and well-being.

Finally, clean yourself of regrets, disappointments, grudges, old hurts, and resentments. Just as you were able to pitch out old junk from your desk, throw out the old sins that have been cluttering up your spiritual life. This makes room for Christ and provides fertile ground for the rest of your Lenten observances to bear fruit.

-Fr. Appel

Fish Fry News!

This year St. Alphonsus will be doing a **drive-thru fish fry**. Dates will be Feb 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, & 26. Pick up anytime between **3:30-7 pm**, Fridays. You will have the choice between a baked or fried dinner and each meal will cost \$10. Enter parking lot through Birchwood gate.

The Catholic Service Board (CSB) is looking for women interested in joining its organization. Catholic Service Board is a volunteer group of about 100 women who give their time volunteering in Kahl Home activities and help support a project wish list for the Kahl Home as well as other charities. To support these endeavors, CSB operates the Cinderella Resale Shop at 230 W. 35th St. For more information or to get involved contact Rose Hoenig, 563-949-9786, hoenigroase@gmail.com or Linda Redington, 563-468-8729, lredington31@gmail.com.

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger— it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit csrice-bowl.org to learn more.



CHOOSE LIFE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/
Ps 116:10,15,16-17,18-19/ Rm 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. ALPHONSUS – DAVENPORT

Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday's at 3 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 22 - 28

Mon.	8:00	Caroline Dudley†
Tues.	8:00	Judy Voss†
Wed.	7:15	Latin Mass - Poor Souls†
Thurs.	8:00	Bill M. Reagan†
Fri.	8:00	Ethel Dorothea Quasny†
Sat.	4:00	Gene Oliver†
Sun.	8:00	Bonnie Bearbower†

St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings February 13 - 14
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$5,215.25

Plan on joining All Saints Catholic School virtually for our February 27th Gala Fiesta!

It's All Saints Catholic School Gala Time! Things will look different this year but your support is more important than ever. So, dust off your sombreros, prepare your favorite tacos and margaritas and gather friends and family for a Watch Party beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

Participants can bid LIVE on Facebook for amazing live auction items or call the school office and leave a maximum offer proxy bid. There also will be an online silent auction. This year's raffle tickets will be available for a 65" Flat Screen TV, a \$250 Hy-vee Gift card or \$250 Gas Card. Tickets are \$3 for one or \$5 for two.

New this year is the opportunity to purchase \$45 raffle tickets for our exclusive live raffle drawing for free tuition for one student for the 2021-2022 school year.

Supporters also can purchase NUT card packages of 6 cards for \$25.

Sign up at <https://one.bidpal.net/ascs gala/welcome> to view auction items as they become available.

To purchase Nut Cards and raffle tickets or for more information, call the school office at 563-324-3205 or visit <http://www.ascsdav.org/gala>.

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - FEBRUARY 28

Sun. 10:00 Pro Populo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Feb. 21	The First Sunday of Lent	
08:30 AM	Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter	
Wed. Feb. 24	06:30 PM	Religious Ed/ St. Alphonsus
Fri. Feb. 26	03:30 - 7 PM	Drive-thru Fish Fry/ St. Alphonsus
Sun. Feb. 28	The Second Sunday of Lent	
08:30 AM	NO Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter	

Praying the Psalms on the Way of the Cross: A Lent Retreat

Join fellow Catholics from across the diocese for a Virtual Retreat on Saturday, March 27th from 10AM-12PM. During our time together, we will consider the role of the Cross and its implications for living a life of discipleship, by reflecting on the Way of the Cross through the Book of Psalms and our own spiritual journey. A computer/tablet/smartphone and an Internet connection is required, but no microphone or webcam is needed. Cost is \$20/person until March 7th and \$25/person until March 24th. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.davenportdiocese.org/adult-retreat> or contact Rosina Hendrickson (563-888-4244 or hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org).

Join the Assumption Knight Players

as they present Shrek the Musical **March 5, 6, and 7!** Shrek brings all the beloved characters from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears. A limited number of in-person tickets will be available beginning February 22, or watch from the comfort of your couch with our live stream!

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