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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.

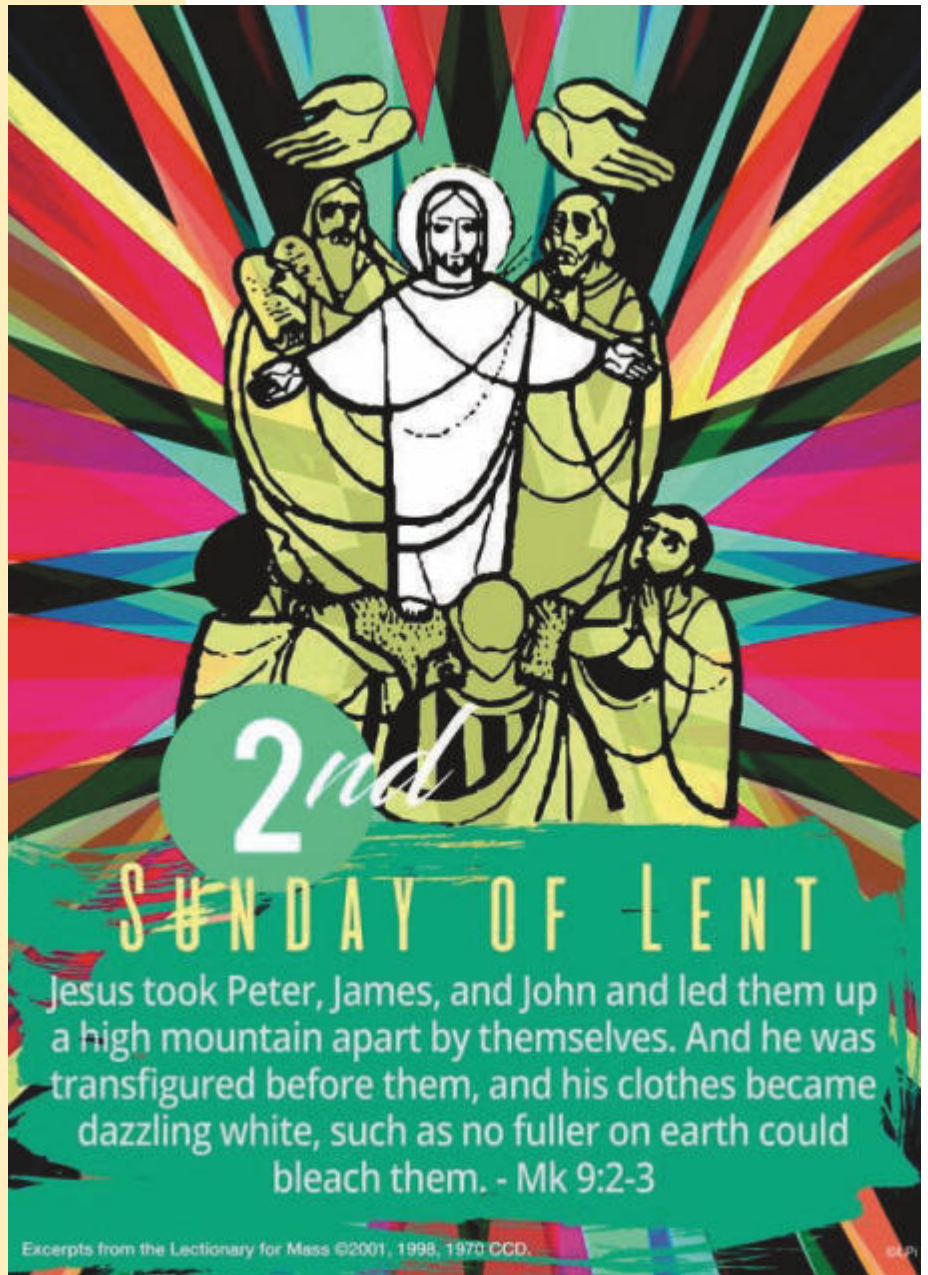
- **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

- **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.



FEBRUARY 28, 2021--THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

Spiritual Reading

It sounds like many of you are enjoying the Consecration to St. Joseph. The books that Father Nicholas provided went fast and I even gave up my own copy for a parishioner! I have been doing a bit of spiritual reading during Lent and cut back on TV and internet time to get more done. The latest book I am working on is about the Marian apparitions at Fatima.

On May 13, 1917, and in each subsequent month until October of that year, three young peasant children, Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, reportedly saw a woman who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. The lady (the Virgin Mary), encouraged everyone to pray the Rosary and do penance so that sinners may be saved from the fires of Hell. In particular, she warned against the "errors of Russia" that would spread and cause much disaster around the world. However, in the end, her Immaculate Heart would triumph.

It is unfortunate that it seems the "errors of Russia" have spread; not just in the persecution of the Church under communism, but also in the atheistic, materialist society of the West. Though accomplished in different ways, the ultimate error is the sad belief that God does not exist and there is no use in prayer. Now more than ever we should commit ourselves to praying the rosary and doing penance for sin, asking God to convert sinners and save souls in danger of going to Hell.

One question that had been bothering me about this apparition was "why did Mary appear to shepherd children? Why not appear to kings and bishops with this message?" The author of the book I am reading helped to provide an answer. The community in which these children lived was profoundly religious. They had holy pastors, sang religious songs, attended Mass frequently, and memorized their catechism before first communion! In short, the nation of Portugal had a robust Catholic culture that was able to produce children capable of receiving such a vision. In our fast-paced, materialistic culture would any of us even notice the Blessed Mother if she appeared?

I would suggest that it is high time we started to rebuild this Catholic culture so that we can hear the voice of God and our Blessed Mother just as those children did. Slow down, pray, study your faith, and remove all those things in your life which are making you blind and deaf to the grace of God. Our Lady is speaking to us even now with words of peace. Let us open our ears and listen!

-Fr. Appel

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The first Lenten Fish Fry of the 2021 season, and our first Drive-thru Fish Fry, was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS! Thanks to the many, many people of the community and nearly 100 devoted volunteers, we served 960 meals. That is a new first-night record! The St. The Alphonsus Parish family is very blessed and we have so much to be proud of. We are grateful to our Parish Family and the community for their continued support.

- The Holy Name Society and Altar & Rosary Society

BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are under-nourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Assumption High School is having their April Knight Cash Raffle

All proceeds go to April Knight, Assumption High School's largest fundraiser, which benefits ALL students in academics, athletics, fine arts & technology.

The price is \$100 for combined Grand Raffle (4-23-21) & Early Bird Raffle (4-14-21) drawings.

Purchase raffle ticket with e-check here:

<http://forms.diamondmindinc.com/assumptionhigh/tickets>

Download & print ticket and mail in here:

<https://www.assumptionhigh.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/35thAnnualRaffle-Ticket.pdf>

The Davenport KoC is serving their annual Friday night Lenten catfish dinner. Dine in or carry out. February 19 - April 2. 4pm - 7pm. \$10/person. 563-391-1532.

BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17/
Ps 19:8,9,10,11/ 1Co 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25**

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 - MARCH 1 - 7

Mon.	8:00	William "Bill" Podhirny†
Tues.	8:00	Molly Osterhaus†
Wed.	7:15	Latin Mass - James Quasny†
Thurs.	8:00	Sister Ludmilla Benda†
Fri.	8:00	Joe O'Brien†
Sat.	4:00	Rita O'Brien†
Sun.	8:00	Randy McIntyre†

St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings February 13 - 14
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$5,790

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!

For all tickets, please visit www.showtix4u.com/events/78

Please Note: No tickets will not be sold at the door

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn't really mind.

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - MARCH 7

Sun. 10:00 Pro Populo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Feb. 28	The Second Sunday of Lent
	08:30 AM NO Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
Wed. Mar. 3	06:30 PM Religious Ed/ St. Alphonsus
	07:00 PM Stations of the Cross/ St. Peter
Fri. Mar. 5	03:00 PM Stations of the Cross/ St. Alphonsus
	03:30 - 7 PM Drive-thru Fish Fry/ St. Alphonsus
Sun. Mar. 7	The Third Sunday of Lent
	08:30 AM Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
	06:00 PM Intermediate Religious Ed/ St. Peter



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