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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.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” -Jn 2:14-15a

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MARCH 7, 2021--THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

GENERAL NEWS

From St. Thomas Aquinas' Meditations on Lent for the 3rd Sunday:

The Passion of Christ is the proper cause of the remission of our sins, and that in three ways:

1. Because it provokes us to love God. St. Paul says, *God commendeth his charity towards us; because when as yet we were sinners Christ died for us (Rom. v. 8).*

Through charity we obtain forgiveness for sin, as it says in the gospel, *Many sins are forgiven her because she hath loved much (Luke vii. 47).*

2. The Passion of Christ is the cause of the forgiveness of sins because it is an act of redemption. Since Christ is Himself our head, He has, by His own Passion undertaken from love and obedience delivered us His members from our sins, as it were at the price of His Passion. Just as a man might by some act of goodness done with his hands buy himself off for a wrong thing he had done with his feet. For as man's natural body is a unity, made up of different limbs, so the whole Church, which is the mystical body of Christ, is reckoned as a single person with its own head, and this head is Christ.

3. The Passion of Christ was a thing equal to its task. For the human nature through which Christ suffered His Passion is the instrument of His divine nature. Whence all the actions and all the sufferings of that human nature wrought to drive out sin, are wrought by a power that is divine.

Christ, in His Passion, delivered us from our sins in a causal way, that is to say, He set up for us a thing which would be a cause of our emancipation, a thing whereby any sin might at any time be remitted, whether committed now, or in times gone by, or in time to come: much as a physician might make a medicine from which all who are sick may be healed, even those sick in the years yet to come.

But since what gives the Passion of Christ its excellence is the fact that it is the universal cause of the forgiveness of sins, it is necessary that we each of us ourselves make use of it for the forgiveness of our own particular sins. This is done through Baptism, Penance and the other sacraments, whose power derives from the Passion of Christ.

By faith also we make use of the Passion of Christ, in order to receive its fruits, as St. Paul says, *Christ Jesus, whom God hath proposed to be a propitiation, through faith in His blood (Rom. iii 25).* But the faith by which we are cleansed from sin is not that faith which can exist side by side with sin—the faith called formless—but faith formed, that is to say, faith made alive by charity. So that the Passion of Christ is not through faith applied merely to our understanding but also to our will. Again, it is from the power of the Passion of Christ that the sins are forgiven which are forgiven by faith in this way.

NO BAKE BAKE SALE

This year in lieu of accepting baked goods for the fish fry desserts we will be accepting cash donations to purchase pre packaged pies. If you would like to help us out you can drop off your donation to the parish office marked "no bake bake sale" or drop it in the offertory basket at church. Cash is preferred. God bless you for your support of St. Alphonsus.

- The Altar & Rosary Society

SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit csrrice-bowl.org to learn more.

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help **Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



I'm a Child not a choice

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2Chr 36:14-16,19-23/
Ps 137:1-2,3,4-5,6/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21**

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 8 - 14

Mon.	8:00	Maria Podhirny†
Tues.	8:00	Joe VanCamp†
Wed.	7:15	Latin Mass - Margaret Garnaas†
Thurs.	8:00	Carla Hurto†
Fri.	8:00	Mylo Hurto†
Sat.	4:00	L/D Williams & Taylor Families
Sun.	8:00	Stanley Podhirny Sr.†

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings February 27 & 28
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$1,900*

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New additions are now open.

Assumption High School is having their April Knight Cash Raffle

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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>

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - MARCH 14

Sun. 10:00 Pro Populo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Mar. 7	The Third Sunday of Lent
	08:30 AM Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
	06:00 PM Intermediate Religious Ed/ St. Peter
Wed. Mar. 10	06:30 PM Religious Ed/ St. Alphonsus
	07:00 PM Confirmation/ St. Alphonsus
Fri. Mar. 12	03:00 PM Stations of the Cross/ St. Alphonsus
	03:30 - 7 PM Drive-thru Fish Fry/ St. Alphonsus
Sun. Mar. 14	The Fourth Sunday of Lent
	08:30 AM Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

GOSPEL READING

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

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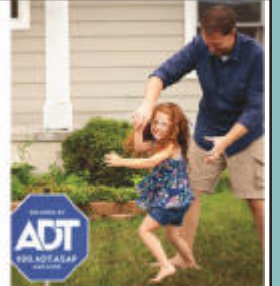
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