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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.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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MARCH 14, 2021--THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

More Lenten Reading

This week I have been reading a book on Christian history by Hilaire Belloc, a Catholic historian. This book, "The Great Heresies," tracks the many challenges to the faith that have occurred in Christianity over her 2000-year history. The Church has always faced questions of doctrine in every generation and faithful Catholics have always returned to the teachings of Christ in order to come to an answer. The most interesting part of this study is that the questions that arise over the centuries are often very similar, as are the answers. Here are a few examples that might help to explain some of things going on in our world now.

The first of the great heresies was Arianism. This held (simply put) that Jesus was not divine. He had all the power to do miracles and other amazing things, but at the level of his person, he was just a man. The early Church condemned this idea since if he was just a holy man or a prophet, there was nothing unique about what he did. He could be considered just one holy person among many religious figures, not the only Son of God.

Later, the Church dealt with a heresy known as Manicheanism. This came out of the question of good and evil. Manicheans believed that good and evil could be explained by the existence of two equal gods- one good and one evil. People were always caught between these two forces and this is why good and bad things happen to us. This was roundly rejected by the Church, which still holds that there is only one true God, who is good, and evil is a result of rebellion against his will.

In the 12th and 13th Centuries, something called the Albigensian heresy arose. Here is what it taught: "All the sacraments were abandoned. In their place a strange ritual was adopted, mixed up with fire worship, called "The Consolation," in which it was professed that the soul was purified. The propagation of mankind was attacked; marriage was condemned, and the leaders of the sect spread all the extravagances which you find hovering around Manicheanism or Puritanism wherever it appears. Wine was evil, meat was evil, war was always absolutely wrong, so was capital punishment; but the one unforgivable sin was reconciliation with the Catholic Church." This dangerous teaching was only defeated by the intervention of a French lord with a thousand knights and Saint Dominic at the battle of Muret in 1213. Had those brave knights not won a victory, it could have been the end of Christianity since their teachings amounted to a direct rejection of truths from sacred scripture.

So what about today? What do you call Christians who believe that all religions are equal, reject the divinity of Christ, consider that the devil is as powerful as God, promote abortion or sterilization, abandon the sacraments, reject marriage, and contradict sacred scripture whenever they feel like? They might be free-thinkers, intellectuals, modernists, indifferentists, or a host of other names; but it would be hard to call them Catholic.

-Fr. Paul

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all volunteers who have donated their time and energy thus far to St. Al's Lenten fish fry! A special thanks to those who donated desserts to our working volunteers. This tradition wouldn't be possible without all of you!

TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Do you have any old Latin mass missals laying around? Donate them to St. Alphonsus for our Latin mass community! God bless.

Knights of Columbus News!

Next Knight of Columbus Council meeting at St Alphonsus **March 16 @ 7:00 pm**

Day of Recollection - Men's retreat for our Knights of Columbus council members.

Saturday, March 20th

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Alphonsus

This retreat will also be made available through Zoom for those who choose to attend remotely due to Covid. Contact Ken Tisinger 563-210-4503 if you plan to attend either in person or remotely.

Lunch will be provided from Chick-fil-A, please let Doug Shaw (fordf150white@hotmail.com) know your meal choice.

Reconciliation will be offered and we will conclude with Mass.

Why do they call us "clumps of cells" when they want to kill us, but "human tissue" when they want to sell us? Choose Life.

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 15 - 21

Mon.	8:00	Robin Hansen
Tues.	8:00	Joe O'Brien†
Wed.	7:15	Latin Mass - Bill M. Reagan†
Thurs.	8:00	Poor Souls in Purgatory†
Fri.	8:00	Bill Lorenz†
Sat.	4:00	L/D Cyril Parker Family
Sun.	8:00	Bill M. Reagan†

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings March 6 & 7
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$3,086*

Christian Music Fundraiser Concert

Project 15:12 Love One Another, a Quad Cities non-profit organization, is hosting Christian music artist Jason Gray. Jason is a singer/songwriter who combines the sounds of folk and pop music and adds his own spiritual flare to create Christian contemporary music everyone can enjoy. The concert will be held **Thursday, March 25, 7 PM** at Bettendorf Christian Church. Tickets can be purchased (\$15 and \$20) through Project 15:12's website, www.project1512.com or at the door the night of the concert. Safety precautions and social distancing will be followed.

There will be a meeting for all 8th Grade Girls interested in playing Softball this summer on **Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m.** in the Cafeteria at Assumption High School.

- What:** 2021 Assumption Softball Player and Parent Meeting
- Who:** Girls in grades 8-12
- When:** March 10/7 p.m.
- Where:** Assumption High School Cafeteria
- Contact:** Head Coach Ron Ferrill at FerrillRonaldW@sau.edu

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - MARCH 21

Sun. 10:00 Pro Populo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

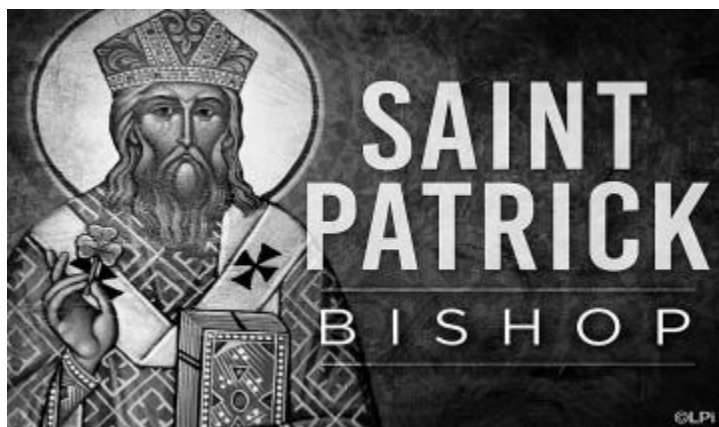
Today Mar. 14	The Fourth Sunday of Lent	08:30 AM Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
Tue. Mar. 16	07:00 PM	KoC Meeting/ St. Alphonsus
Wed. Mar. 17	06:30 PM	NO Religious Ed/ St. Alphonsus
Fri. Mar. 19	03:00 PM 03:30 - 7 PM	Stations of the Cross/ St. Alphonsus Drive-thru Fish Fry/ St. Alphonsus
Sat. Mar. 20	10:00 AM	KoC Men's Retreat/ St. Alphonsus
Sun. Mar. 21	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	08:30 AM NO Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter

Mount Calvary & Holy Family Cemeteries serving the Catholic community for 150 years

Spring clean-up is scheduled for March 15th through April 1st. Items not removed by March 15th will be removed and disposed of. For more information, please call (563) 391-3550

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