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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.

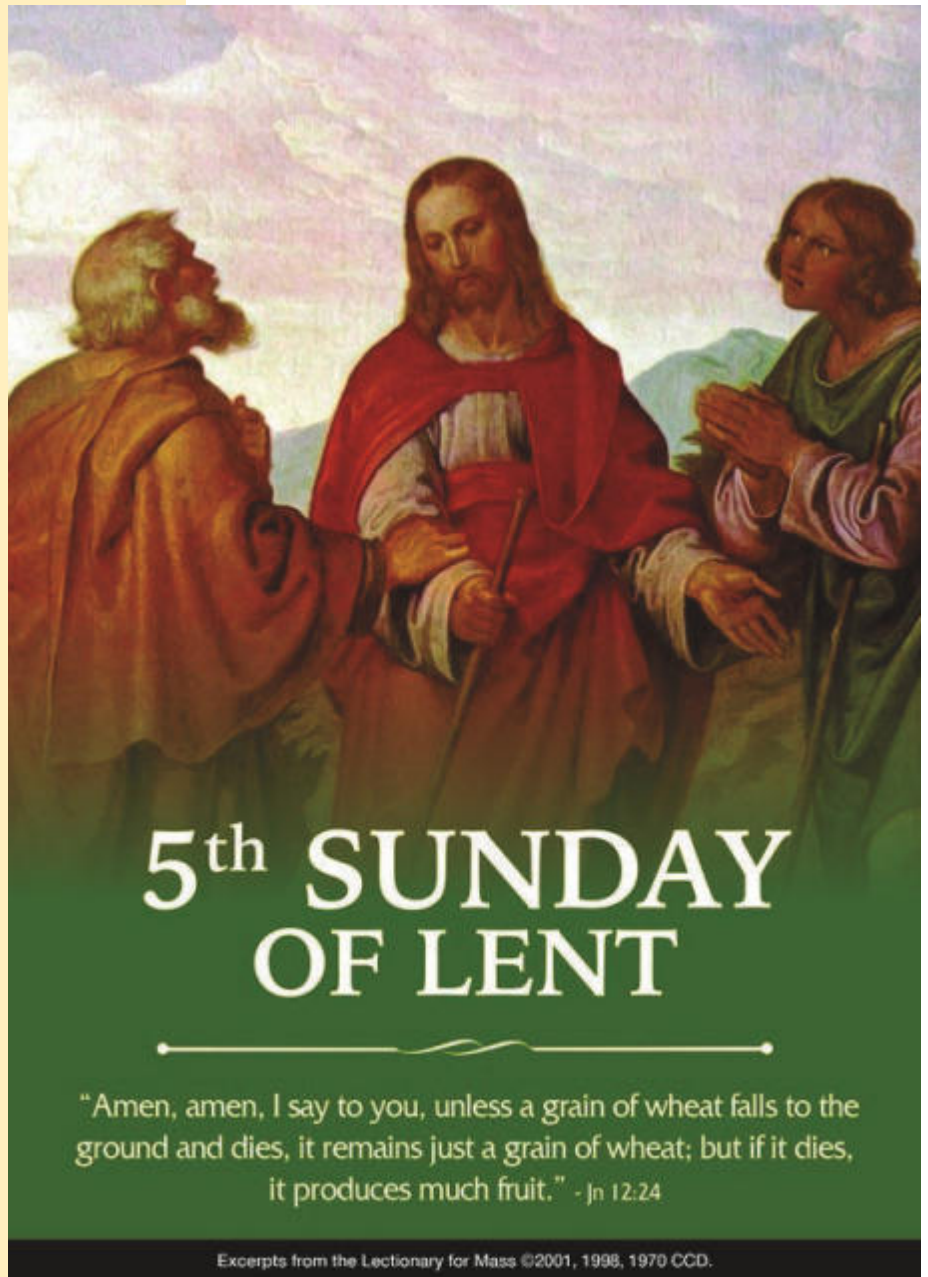
- **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

- **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**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	St. Alphonsus
<b>Sunday</b>	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.



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24

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**MARCH 21, 2021--THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

# GENERAL NEWS

From Father's Desk

## The Source of Truth

When I was in college at Saint Ambrose I took a number of philosophy classes in preparation for major seminary. These classes went through the history of philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, and morality. They helped me to better understand not just theology, but also history, politics, and economics. I learned that philosophy began as a quest to find the truth. The first philosophers (and even ones today) wanted an answer to the basic questions of existence. They wanted to know why we were here, what we were made of, how we should live our lives, and what was our ultimate destiny. The groundwork laid by ancient philosophy provided a foundation for western culture, of which we are thankful to a part of.

One class in particular stands out in my memory. It was a class I took over the summer and there was an eclectic group of people from all walks of life picking up that particular credit. The professor taught the class from the standpoint that there were certain universal truths that were common to all mankind and we should believe in since they were, in fact, true. For example, we can say that the sun rises in the east, the sky is blue, and human life is precious. These things are both knowable and useful. While most of the class was on board with this, there were a few who constantly disagreed. One lady in particular held the idea that even if these things were true, she still held the right to believe the opposite when it suited her. She liked the idea that human life was precious, but only if it did not conflict with other things that she wanted. Likewise, she agreed that the sun rose in the east, but acknowledged that other people did not believe that and it was just fine if they did.

This is what we call "Subjectivism." This is the idea that there are no absolute truths and people are free to believe whatever they want and even change their minds about it as often as they like. This mindset comes out of a misguided pursuit of freedom, thinking that absolute freedom is doing or believing anything you want regardless of the consequences. This is the complete opposite of what the Church teaches and represents one of the biggest obstacles to acceptance of the faith. It also shows why the Church is often at odds with the world. Many governments and ideologies believe that the people ought to vote on what we believe is acceptable for polite society every few years and the job of religion is simply to say "that's nice." "Go ahead." "We bless you." In this way, the churches conform to the world and everyone gets along, happily shuffling into sin and back to the ancient darkness of paganism and ignorance! The Church instead teaches that God has revealed himself clearly and reasonably throughout human history. Some ancient philosophies were ratified in the Old Testament and certain forms of governance succeeded because they conformed to God's will. The fullness of Truth was finally revealed in Jesus Christ and the teachings of his Church. This is why the Catholic Church does not change her teachings from year to year and instead demands that society be conformed to Christ and his Church, not the other way around. This is a narrower, more difficult path; but at least it leads to heaven.

-Fr. Paul

## COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.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.

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. Due to Covid-19 only a small number of priests will be attending and is closed to the public. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate by attending livestream at <https://tinyurl.com/58dc8npe>. A worship aid may be found at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/liturgy-events>.

The Chrism Mass is an annual liturgy in which the priests renew their commitment to priestly service and the Bishop consecrates/blesses the sacred oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders.

## 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](http://www.project1512.com) or at the door the night of the concert. Safety precautions and social distancing will be followed.

"The first person to recognize Jesus was an unborn child." Luke 1:41

# 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 22 - 28

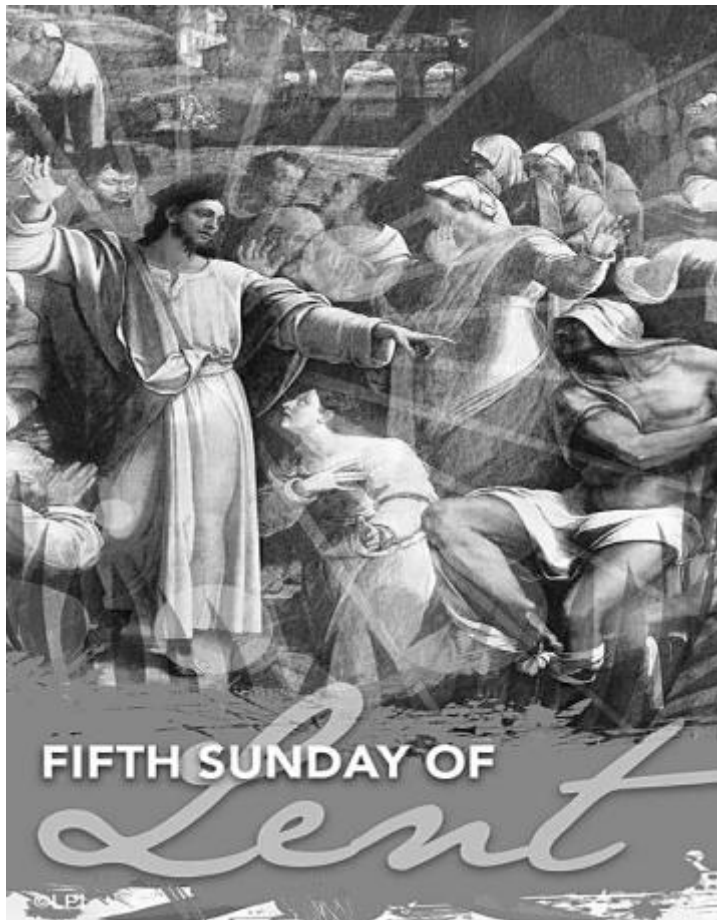
<b>Mon.</b>	8:00	Gary Bifano†
<b>Tues.</b>	8:00	Maria Podhirny†
<b>Wed.</b>	7:15	Latin Mass - Susan O'Brien†
<b>Thurs.</b>	8:00	Gene Oliver†
<b>Fri.</b>	8:00	Rita O'Brien†
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00	Mylo Hurto†
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00	William "Bill" Podhirny†

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings March 13 & 14  
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$2,347*

### Attention Quineaneras!

If you or a loved one are planning on celebrating a quineanera Mass this year, please contact the parish office to reserve the date.

Father will conduct a XV retreat this Summer, date to be announced.



## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION - MARCH 28

**Sun.** 10:00 Pro Populo

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Today Mar. 21</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	08:30 AM	NO Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
<b>Wed. Mar. 24</b>		06:30 PM	Religious Ed/ St. Alphonsus
<b>Fri. Mar. 26</b>		03:00 PM	Stations of the Cross/ St. Alphonsus
		03:30 - 7 PM	Drive-thru Fish Fry/ St. Alphonsus
<b>Sun. Mar. 28</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord</b>	08:30 AM	Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter

Dear Friends and Families of All Saints Catholic School,

I don't even know where and how to begin thanking you for your support of our 2021 Virtual All Saints "Fiesta" Gala! The team and all of the volunteers who worked to make this gala happen, All Saints Catholic School and I offer our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude. I especially want to thank Gina Bundy, who has volunteered to take the leadership position for this Gala for 8 years! I am especially thankful for all of our very generous contributors who helped make the All Saints Gala such a grand event!! We could never even have had this gala without all of their generosity.

Gala night you all brought tears to my eyes when people were either bidding on a live auction item or contributing to our Fund- A- Cause. The 2021 Gala generated approximately \$110,000! Can you believe it?!

Yes, it was virtual and I so missed seeing everyone in person as all of you mean so much to me. Hopefully next year we will be in person again on February 26, 2022 for a live Gala! All of you make All Saints such a wonderful and very, very, special school that I truly love. Thank you again for joining us for the 2021 Virtual "Fiesta" Gala. Let us continue to come together and pray together that this theme of love continues to be in everything we do as families and as a vibrant community for all of our parishes and our school.

God Bless You,  
Jeanne Von Feldt  
Principal of All Saints Catholic School



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