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

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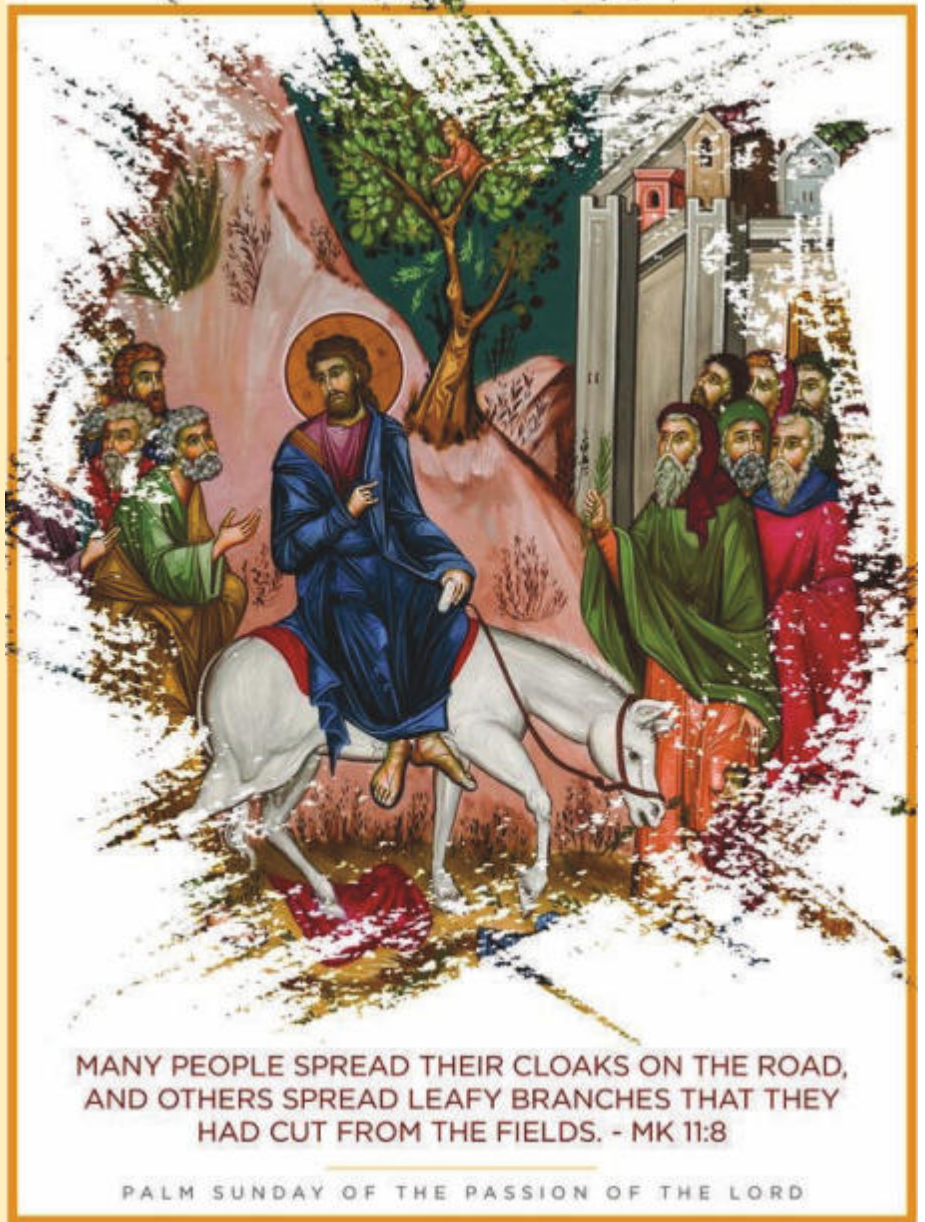
- **RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

- **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.



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MARCH 28, 2021--PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

GENERAL NEWS

A Reflection on Palm Sunday by St. Thomas Aquinas

The Passion of Christ is by itself sufficient to form us in every virtue. For whoever wishes to live perfectly, need do no more than scorn what Christ scorned on the cross, and desire what He there desired. There is no virtue of which, from the cross, Christ does not give us an example.

If you seek an example of charity, *Greater love than this no man hath, than that a man lay down His life for his friends* (John xv. 13), and this Christ did on the cross. And since it was for us that He gave his life, it should not be burdensome to bear for Him whatever evils come our way. *What shall I render to the Lord, for all the things that He hath rendered to me* (Ps. cxv. 12).

If you seek an example of patience, in the cross you find the best of all. Great patience shows itself in two ways. Either when a man suffers great evils patiently, or when he suffers what he could avoid and forbears to avoid. Now Christ on the cross suffered great evils. *O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see, if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow* (Lam. i. 12). And He suffered them patiently, for, when he suffered He threatened not (i Pet. ii. 23) but led as a sheep to the slaughter, He was dumb as a lamb before His shearer (Isaia iii. 7).

Also it was in His power to avoid the suffering and He did not avoid it. *Thinkest thou that I cannot ask my Father, and He will give Me presently more than twelve legions of angels?* (Matt. xxvi. 53). The patience of Christ, then, on the cross was the greatest patience ever shown. *Let us run by patience to the fight proposed to us: looking on Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, who having joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame* (Heb xii. i, 2).

If you seek an example of humility, look at the crucified. For it is God who wills to be judged and to die at the will of Pontius Pilate. *Thy cause hath been judged as that of the wicked* (Job xxxvi. 17). *Truly as that of the wicked, for Let us condemn him to a most shameful death* (Wis. ii. 20). The Lord willed to die for the slave, the life of the angels for man.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow Him who *became obedient unto death* (Phil. ii. 8), *for as by the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners; so also by the obedience of one, many shall be made just* (Rom. v. 19).

If you seek an example in the scorning of the things of this world, follow Him who is the King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom. Lo! on the cross He hangs naked, fooled, spit upon, beaten, crowned with thorns, sated with gall and vinegar, and dead. *My garments they parted among them; and upon my vesture they cast lots* (Ps. xxi. 19).

Error to crave for honours, for He was exposed to blows and to mockery. *Error to seek titles and decorations for plating a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in his right hand. And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him, saying Hail, king of the Jews* (Matt, xxvii. 29).

Error to cling to pleasures and comfort for *they gave me gall for my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink* (Ps. lxxviii. 22).

SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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.

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.



Remember when someone says "right to choose", only one person has the choice. The innocent life does not.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a,37-43/ Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23/ Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9

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 29 - APRIL 4

Mon.	8:00	Joe Benisch†
Tues.	8:00	L/D Nienaber/Stahler Families
Wed.	7:15	Latin Mass - Stanley Podhirny Sr.†
Thurs.	7:00pm	Pro Populo
Fri.	7:00pm	No intention
Sat.	8:30pm	L/D Williams & Taylor Families
Sun.	8:00	Roger Eisenbacher†

*St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings March 20 & 21
Weekly Budget: \$4,250 Offering: \$4,337*

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - APRIL 4

Sun. 10:00 Felix James Freitsch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Mar. 28	Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord 08:30 AM Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter
Wed. Mar. 31	06:30 PM Religious Ed/ St. Alphonsus
Thu. Apr. 1	07:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass/ St. Alphonsus
Fri. Apr. 2	07:00 PM Good Friday Service/ St. Alphonsus
Sat. Apr. 3	08:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass/ St. Alphonsus
Sun. Apr. 4	Easter Sunday 08:30 AM NO Elementary Religious Ed/ St. Peter 06:00 PM NO Intermediate Religious Ed./ St. Peter

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step With Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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