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PARISH SACRAMENTS

•**Baptism:** Baptismal preparation class by appointment.

• Please contact office for more information.

•**Weddings:** Make arrangements with pastor at least six months before the wedding date. Dates and times for wedding in both parishes must be scheduled by contacting the pastor.

•**OCIA:** 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

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| St. Alphonsus | 8:00 AM | Saturday* |
| | 4:00 PM | Saturday |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday |
| Holy Family | 5:30 PM | First Friday |
| | 4:30 PM | Saturday |
| | 7:30 AM | Sunday |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday |
| St. Peter | 8:30 AM | Sunday |

*Mass will be held at Holy Family the 3rd Saturday each month



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the
least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40**

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NOV. 26TH—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

A LETTER FROM FR. NICHOLAS

Truth and Mercy series (GENESIS- THE beginning)

Who is that father or mother who never gives direction to their children? Who is that parent who does not inspire their kids to the right way or to the path of greatness? Who is that parent who does not wish and desire that their children live in accordance with what is right and good? Who is that parent who does not desire a home of harmony and order? Who wants to deal with a house filled with disorder and chaos? If you desire order at all, God Our Father desires that we His children live in harmony with His Will.

This is the reason for rules and home. This is the reason for the 10 commandments at all. This is the reason the holy Bible is given to us all as a guide to follow so that there will not be chaos or confusion in the Father's world that He created for us to live in. Look at governments all over the world and how they make every effort to make sure we have constitutions and norms to keep society sane and ordered. Look at the extent institutions of government go to make sure we are all schooled in these rules and manners of living so that the society and communities live in accord, harmony and the nation can achieve the desire for which it was founded. Have you ever imagined if there were no traffic lights? Have you imagined a society where you can absolutely do whatever you wish anytime, anywhere? Who benefits from such a society or community? Who benefits from a home without order or purpose or even family traditions? I can imagine these all present a recipe for total destruction or chaos. God the Father desires all His children to be able to fulfill all their God-given purpose in this world. He desires us all to understand His ways, His plans and His purposes by ensuring that we know about HIM more. God loves us so much that He never intended us to live without all the necessary goods and resources of life. Can you imagine the order He established at creation? Can you imagine the provisions He made for everyone before He ever created us and gave us a place in His beautiful created world and actually established us as the head and steward of creation? God put us in His own place to order creation according to His loving plans. It is like the first child in the home, parents will always carry out all their discipline and plans through him/her so that s/he can carry on the ideal plans. This may or may not go well. In the case of Adam and Eve, it definitely did not go well. They desired Adam and Eve, the leaders of human generation to be the ideal humans, obeying God's WILL in the garden of Eden. God had provided everything for their livelihood, but they did not carry forth His Will. They were carried away by choosing a path of "I can do what I wish". They did not trust God fully who made them and gave them all of life's blessings. They trusted a "fair weather friend" (THE DEVIL). They used their greatest gift in the wrong way. Do you know what that GIFT WAS? FREEWILL!! Yes, you are right.

God is a loving Father. He ensures that His children are not robots. Just like every parent will not force their kids to do things they do not wish to do. But at least we begin by appealing to their sense of judgment. God never forces anyone to obey HIM but there is always a consequence for disobedience. There is always a consequence for our actions in life. Some affect only a few people or the perpetrators or it affects their community, race or nation. The disobedience of Adam and Eve had grave consequences for the whole of humanity because God wanted them to be the great IDEAL and mentors for the whole of humanity.

Fr. Nicholas Akindele, pastor

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. ALPHONSUS – DAVENPORT

Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Alphonsus on Saturday's at 3 p.m. and at Holy Family on 1st Fridays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 10:10 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOV. 27 –DEC. 3

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| Mon. | 8:00 | Staff Sergeant Matt Underwood & His Soldiers |
| Tues. | 8:00 | Ronald Podhirny † |
| Wed. | 10:30 | Mary Sieverding † Public Good Samaritan Mass |
| Thurs. | 8:00 | Tim Heskett † |
| Fri. | 8:00 | Bill M. Reagan † |
| Sat. | 8:00 | Sharon Linz † |
| | 4:00 | L/D Members of the Cyril Parker Family |
| Sun. | 11:00 | For the People of St. Alphonsus |

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR DEC. 3

LECTOR

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| Saturday | 4:00 PM | Sara Lannan |
| Sunday | 11:00 AM | Mary Kraxner |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

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| Saturday | 4:00 PM | Sara Lannan, Sharon Williams, Volunteer |
| Sunday | 11:00 AM | Volunteers |

St. Alphonsus Weekly Offering Breakdown 11/11-11/12

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| Envelopes (Mailed & Offertory) | \$1454.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$130.81 |
| Offertory (Loose Checks and Cash) | \$195.00 |
| Special Contributions | \$5.00 |
| Flower Donations | \$55.00 |
| Birdies For Charity | \$3165.88 |
| Total Offertory | \$5005.69 |

Thank you for your support of St. Alphonsus Church!



The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Early Childhood Education Center on December 18th. We are in need of donations of baked goods for desserts and any party items to help make this a wonderful event for the little ones. If you would like to donate or get more

information, please call the Center at 563-323-3204

St. Peter Youth Choir!

Dust off your songbooks and warm up your voices, St. Peter Church is starting up the youth choir soon! If you would like to join or get more information, please call Diane Dankert at 563-396-3595.



ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION - DEC. 3

Sun. 8:30 Bob Timmons †

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR DEC. 3

GREETERS..... Jen Hady & Carol Brunner
LECTORS..... Ron Stalder & Tricia Jasper
ALTAR SERVERS..... Austin Clark & Carl Kordick

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sun. Nov. 26 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Religious Education NO CLASS! |
| Mon. Nov. 27 | 6:30 PM Choir Practice/St. Alphonsus |
| Tues. Nov. 28 | 7:00 PM Small Faith Group/St. Peter |
| Wed. Nov. 29 | 10:30 AM Public Mass/Good Samaritan 6:00 PM Adoration/St. Peter |
| Fri. Dec. 1 | 4:00 PM Rosary & Communion Service/St. Peter |
| Sat. Dec. 2 | 9:00 AM Cookie Walk/St. Peter |
| Sun. Dec. 3 | First Sunday of Advent Angel Tree/St. Peter |

*St. Peter's Christmas Cookie Walk
 Please join us December 2nd from
 9 AM to 11 AM. We will have pre-
 packaged containers of homemade
 Christmas cookies for \$12. Also,
 available will be candies and other
 Christmas goodies. Santa will ar-
 rive for pictures with him at 9 AM.
 Thank you so much and see you
 there!*

SAVE THE DATE: Iowa Catholic Youth Conference 2024: We are happy to announce that the 3rd annual Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) which targets those in grades 6-8 and their parents is set for **Sunday, March 24, 2024**. Mark your calendars!

The event will take place at Regina Education Center in Iowa City and will feature nationally-known Scally Brothers Band (<https://www.thescallybrothers.com/>). More information will be available later this Fall.

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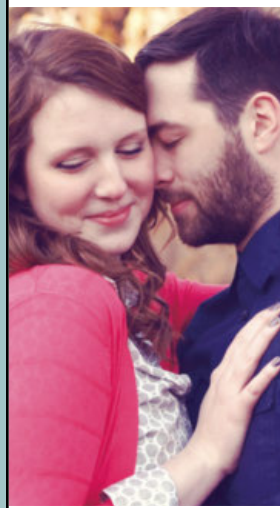
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