

# ST. ALPHONSUS

# ST. PETER

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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.

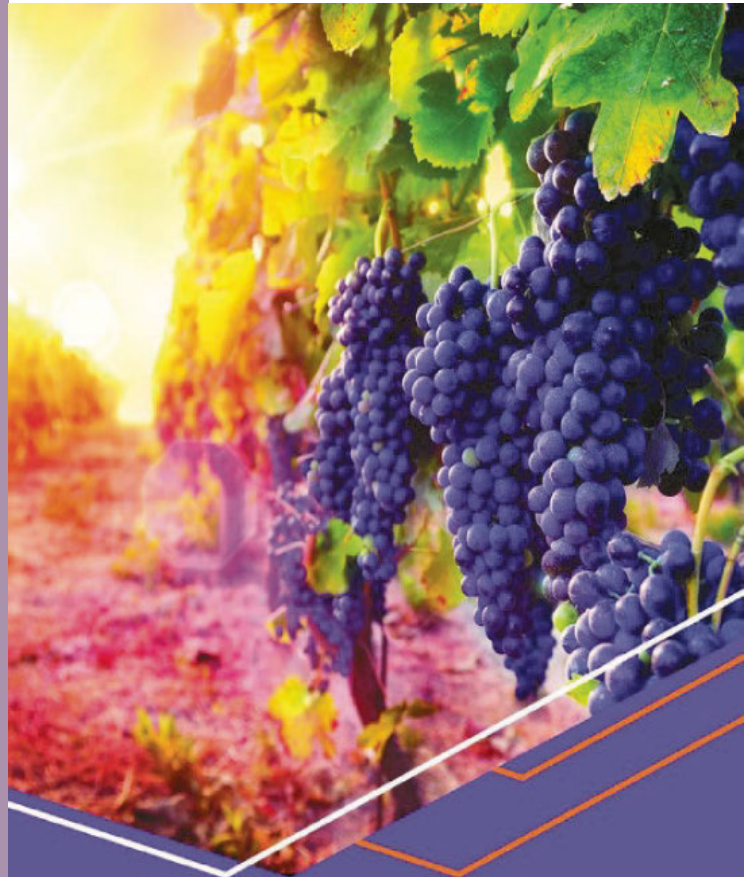
• **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING:** Call Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org

BUFFALO

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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



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

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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**APR. 28TH—5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# A LETTER FROM FATHER NICHOLAS

## Truth and Mercy series

As I concluded the last edition of Truth and Mercy series it occurred to me that the Word of God eventually creates a **VISION** for life and a template for living one's life once we pay attention to it. It looks like going to a school and acquiring a skill set to solve lives problems or challenges. So the saying goes that "the school actually passed through us" when we can actualize what we studied there. It is also the case that studying the **WORD** of God eventually leads to **LIVING** the Word of one becomes a hypocrite. This is the reason the disciples were first referred to as **CHRISTIANS** in Antioch because people could identify their way of life with that of Christ (**Acts 11: 26**).



Sometimes it is so difficult to live in conformity with the ways of the **WORD** of God. Sometimes I fail to synchronize my lifestyle with the demands of God in his Word. At times it is so challenging to carry out what the Word requires of me. Sometimes I out rightly choose to deviate from its precepts. This leads me at times to feel a sense of unworthiness or not even worth the name Christian. To a large extent, I fail to keep the covenant God has with me in ignoring Him and His paths. But every time this happens, I feel a sense of not being happy. I feel alone in the wilderness of my own thoughts and isolation. I find myself in a kingdom of the self, where me, myself and I dictates what is done. This is the time I have technically knocked off any other authority over my life but myself. This is the ultimate feeling of "no one tells me what to do." This is really "hell" formed by me to take away my own life. This is not a pretty spot to be at all. This self-imposed kingdom actually promised the opposite of what it can deliver. It does not take too long to see the form of anarchy and confusion in the society to see many people living this sort of life. They are the ultimate "architect" of their lives. But a life run this way ultimately leads to self-destruction. A life based on subjective principles will ultimately be self-destructive.

Will that be the reason for hopelessness, or despair in the world? Will that account in part for unhappiness in homes, schools, institutions, and on the street? The Good **NEWS** is this! We are loved and we can only find out in the **WORD** of God our Father. The **TRUE** breaking news is that Our Father wishes to have a relationship with us. The way of doing this and achieving this is that we become aware of his living **WORD** in the scripture. His **WORD** is a living fountain to drink from. His **WORD** is **TRUTH** and **MERCY** as well. The **TRUTH** is that He wants a relationship, He craves for a living and flourishing relationship with you. His **WORD** says, "I stand at the door of your heart and knock, anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me I will come and eat with him/her and they with me." (**Revelations 3: 20**). Can you imagine your God coming to eat with you? This is what happens at every holy Mass. God leaves his throne in Heaven and decides to settle on the throne of our hearts when we receive Him in the sacrament of his body and blood, soul and divinity. This same God who made himself visible to his disciples at eh breaking of the bread. (**Luke 24: 35**).

When I find the times tough to bear or wondering with a challenging subject, I usually go to the Lord in the sacrament of love on the altars. I seek **HIM** and spend time with **HIM**. I truly find new meaning in what the Lord said to his apostles, "without me you can do nothing." (**John 15: 5**). At no time has He left me without inspiration, encouragement, illumination or enlightenment. I have received refreshment and new unction whenever I visit with **HIM**. The **WORD** made **FLESH** is always with us 24/7 in the tabernacle and on our altars. Please seek Him who is more ready to help and save than you can ever know.

Fr. Nicholas Akindele, pastor

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: ACTS 10:25-26, 34,-35, 44-48; PSA 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 JOHN 4:7-10; JOHN 15:9-17**

# 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 APR. 29–MAY 5

|               |       |   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| <b>Mon.</b>   | 8:00  | Walter Huntington †                             |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 8:00  | Richard Joseph Castel †                         |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 10:30 | Sharon Linz † Public Good Samaritan Mass        |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 8:00  | Will & Diana Underwood & Family                 |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | 8:00  | Will Marbury †                                  |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | 4:00  | L/D Members of Cyril & Mercedes Parker Families |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | 11:00 | For the People of St. Alphonsus                 |

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAY 5

#### LECTOR

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

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Saturday 4:00 PM | ..... Sara Lannan, Volunteers |
| Sunday 11:00 AM  | ..... Volunteers              |

### St. Alphonsus Weekly Offering Breakdown 04/20-04/21

|                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Envelopes (Mailed & Offertory)    | .....\$2179.00         |
| Electronic Giving                 | .....\$1955.28         |
| Offertory (Loose Checks and Cash) | .....\$232.38          |
| Special Collections               | .....\$25.00           |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>            | <b>..... \$4391.66</b> |

*Thank you for your support of St. Alphonsus Church!*

### Birdies for Charity:

Summer is fast approaching and it's time for the John Deere Classic and Birdies for Charity. The JDC runs July 1-7 at the scenic Deer Run course. The Birdies campaign has kicked off! This year Every donation is guaranteed a minimum of a 5% bonus. In addition John Deere covers all of the administrative costs of the program and St Alphonsus receives 100% of pledges received. Please support our parish and submit your completed pledge form and payment as soon as possible. For questions call 563-210-9971.

### May Crowning

Our May Crowning ceremony at St. Alphonsus Church will take place May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:55 PM The Altar & Rosary Society will have flowers available so everyone may honor our Mother Mary with an offering, but we encourage you to bring your own flowers as well if you would like. Join us as we celebrate our beloved Mary, Queen of Heaven!

3 April 28, 2024

## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION - MAY 5

**Sun.** 8:30 Lynn Corpstein †

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAY 5

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>GREETERS</b> .....      | 2nd Grade Class        |
| <b>LECTORS</b> .....       | Diane Dankert          |
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> ..... | Pilgrim & Tessa Morgan |

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Sun. Apr. 28</b> | <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>                           |
| <b>Mon. Apr. 29</b> | <b>6:30 PM Choir Practice/St. Alphonsus</b>             |
| <b>Wed. May 1</b>   | <b>10:30 AM Good Samaritan Mass</b>                     |
|                     | <b>6:00 PM Adoration/St. Peter</b>                      |
|                     | <b>6:30 PM Religious Education/St. Alphonsus</b>        |
|                     | <b>7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting/St. Peter</b>         |
| <b>Fri. May 3</b>   | <b>4:00 PM Rosary &amp; Communion Service/St. Peter</b> |
| <b>Sun. May 5</b>   | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>                           |

### Difference Makers Needed!

Volunteer today! Make a difference in your community by volunteering at Genesis Health!



Opportunities available at Genesis Medical Centers in Davenport & Silvis. Visit [www.genesishealth.com/volunteer](http://www.genesishealth.com/volunteer) for more information.

### Religious Education

**May 1:** Last Class; May Crowning & Awards! Congratulations to all our Religious Education graduates!

### Mother of the Year!

Is your mom the best mom in the world? Do you know a new mom who has bravely fought through sleepless nights and long days to take care of her baby? Let us know how amazing your mom, sister, grandma, or best friend is by nominating her for the Mother of the Year award at St. Peter Church! The winner of the coveted



Mother of the Year title will be honored on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, during the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass. If you would like to nominate a mom in your life, please call Diane Dankert at 563-381-2741.

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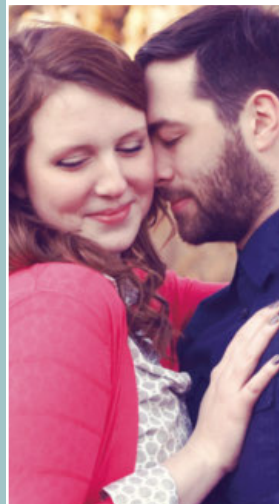
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