

# 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
	9:00 AM	Sunday
<b>St. Peter</b>	8:30 AM	Sunday

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



**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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**MAY. 5TH—6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# A LETTER FROM FATHER NICHOLAS

## Truth and Mercy series

“The Lord has sworn an oath and he will not take back his word: “You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.” (Psalm 110: 4). These solemn words were sung at my priestly ordination almost 24 years ago. This was a day the Lord Himself set aside for a young man from Ogbom (akin to Nazareth). A place unseen even in google map, because of its insignificance. Out of this lowly community the Lord assigned me the ministry of bring His eternal **WORD** to God’s people. It is not only uplifting but at the same time I experience His **MERCY** through my own incapacity, miserableness to share in the eternal and holy priesthood when I can boast only of my weaknesses which stare me in the face every time. Looking at the life of David for whom the Lord swore the oath in Psalm 110, he brings me consolation because he was beset with weaknesses too. He was an adulterer and even killed. It looked like the same for Moses, who had killed an Egyptian and whose temperament was short. I can see a pattern in God’s choices. The **WORD** of God attests to this, “But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chooses the weak things of the world to shame the strong.” (1 Corinthians: 27). I have looked at the selection of the Apostles and all they grappled with in their individual lives and come to the conclusion that God wants each person called to glory in the power of Mercy in our lives rather than consider that these outstanding graces have come through us. This is the reason God assigned my ordination to a special month: May. The month of dedicated to the Blessed Mother. She is the **MOTHER** of **MERCY** and **MISTRESS** of His **TREASURES**. She has been my intercessor even when I did not know it. It was also the year of **JUBILEE** when all sins are forgiven, without which I could not have been considered for ordination. I can say with David over and over again, “My sins are always before me. Against you have I sinned. What is evil in your sight I have done.” (Psalm 51: 3-5). St. Pope John Paul II called for this jubilee year in 2000 under the theme, “Incarnationis Mysterium” (Mystery of the Incarnation). The mystery of the Incarnation was wrought through the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and I had the gracious privilege of being ordained in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, after being baptized on the Birthday of **OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**. My priesthood is to birth the **WORD** in the lives of everyone wherever the Lord takes me. I was ordained on the First Saturday in the month of May, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. Mary has her hands all over me. God had brought me to life on Her first apparition or should we say her bilocation since she was still living in Jerusalem at that time in AD40. I was born on the feast of Our Lady of the Pillar, October 12. May 6<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces. Yes indeed, I will not survive without that title since I have been weak from my mother’s womb. My life and priesthood is of **MERCY** and **GRACE**, nothing else.

I request you in all the charity you can muster to pray **THREE HAIL Mary’s** in thanksgiving to God for calling me His **SACRED PRIESTHOOD** despite my acute unworthiness. Let the Lord lead the **MISSION** He has in store for me. May our Lady, the **GENERALISIMO** continue to shield me for the **GLORY** of God and his **DIVINE PURPOSE!** Amen.

**Fr. Nicholas Akindede, pastor**



**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS:**

# 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 MAY 6–MAY 12

<b>Mon.</b>	8:00	David Deanda
<b>Tues.</b>	8:00	Matt Budelier
<b>Wed.</b>	10:30	Harold Noah † Public Good Samaritan Mass
<b>Thurs.</b>	8:00	L/D Members of the Nienaber & Stahler Families
<b>Fri.</b>	8:00	Constance Noah †
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00	Jack Starkey †
<b>Sun.</b>	11:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAY 12

#### LECTOR

Saturday	4:00 PM	.....Lynne Schiffke
Sunday	11:00 AM	..... Vickie Stoefen

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Saturday	4:00 PM	.....Mary Podhirny, Volunteers
Sunday	11:00 AM	..... Vickie Stoefen

### St. Alphonsus Weekly Offering Breakdown 04/27-04/28

Envelopes (Mailed & Offertory).....	\$1448.00
Electronic Giving.....	\$193.56
Offertory (Loose Checks and Cash).....	\$290.00
Diocesan Collections.....	\$45.00
<b>Total Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$1976.56</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.

### Altar & Rosary Society Food Drive!

The Altar & Rosary Society will be sponsoring a food drive for the month of May. There is a donation box available in St. Clement's Center where nonperishable items can be dropped off. For more information, please reach out to Laura Patton.



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## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION - MAY 12

<b>Sun.</b>	8:30	Conversion of Sinners
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### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAY 12

<b>GREETERS</b> .....	Jim & Jackie Matthys
<b>LECTORS</b> .....	Jim Gadzick & Ron Stalder
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> .....	Koltin Clark & Kendall Kanpp

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sun. May 5</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>First Communion &amp; Reception/St. Peter</b>
<b>Mon. May 6</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Choir Practice/St. Alphonsus</b>
<b>Wed. May 8</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Good Samaritan Mass</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Adoration/St. Peter</b>
<b>Fri. May 10</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>Churches United Dinner/St. Peter</b>
<b>Sat. May 11</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Card Club/St. Peter</b>
<b>Sun. May 12</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Mother's Day</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.



### 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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