

# ST. ALPHONSUS

# ST. PETER

DAVENPORT

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## ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

### **Religious Education Director**

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### **OCIA Director**

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### **Knights of Columbus Contact**

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## ST. ALPHONSUS EARLY CHILDHOOD

### **EDUCATION CENTER**

Angie O'Brien, Director .....323-3204

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### **Parish Council President**

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### **Religious Education**

Elementary - Nancy Stalder .....381-2058

Intermediate - Scott Heskett .....381-4991

## 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>	4:00 PM	Saturday
	8:00 AM	Sunday
	10:00 AM	Sunday

<b>Daily Mass</b>	8:00 AM	Monday—Thursday
Adoration offered for 30 minutes after Monday daily Mass		

<b>St. Peter</b>	8:30 AM	Sunday
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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”  
- Lk 3:5-6*

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## DECEMBER 8TH—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# A LETTER FROM FATHER COREY/GENERAL NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray your Advent has started well and your preparations for the coming Christmas season have been fruitful! This is a great season for prayer and anticipation as we await the coming of Our Lord at Christmas!

Tomorrow (December 9th), we celebrate Our Lady, who is the Immaculate Conception! This is the date we rejoice that Our Lord saw fit to make Mary immaculate from her very conception, being preserved from the stain of original sin in order to prepare for Himself a most perfect vessel for His Incarnation! We call Mary the "sole boast of our race," and it is an amazing feast to rejoice in God's goodness that He would give this grace to such a humble woman!

Normally this solemnity is celebrated on the 8th, but since the 8th is a Sunday this year, the feast is transferred to the following Monday. In years past, this has meant that the obligation to attend Mass was dispensed, but recently Rome has clarified that this obligation is NOT waived, and in fact is still in force. In light of this, we will have both an 8am Mass as well as a 4pm Mass! I hope one of these Mass times will help you and your family attend Mass on this amazing solemnity honoring the patroness of our country!

God Bless!  
Fr. Corey

**St. Alphonsus Angel Tree!**

The Altar & Rosary Angel Tree is up in the church! Please consider taking an angel or two off the tree and purchasing the suggested gifts, your gifts bring holiday joy to local retirement home residents and retired priests. Once you have purchased the gifts on your card, wrap them up and bring them back to the church along with the angel card and place them under the tree. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**December Office Hours Change**

Our change in office hours has officially gone into effect. The new schedule looks like this

**Mon.—Thurs. 9 AM to 3 PM**  
**Fridays—Closed**

While the secretary is on maternity leave, a collection of wonderful volunteers will be helping to keep the office running. Please treat them with kindness, patience, and grace during the coming months, we are so very grateful for their help! Baby Stoeffen can arrive any time now, keep an eye on the bulletin for the happy announcement!

**Thank you From Cinderella's Cellar!**

- Catholic Service Board, an all volunteer group of women from area parishes, would like to thank you for your unwavering support of Cinderella's Cellar. The Cellar continues to break income records from previous years and we couldn't do it without your generous donations and shopping trips. The Kahl Home and other area charities are the recipients of your generosity.
- Especially during the holiday season we on the Catholic Service Board want to thank you and wish you a happy and blessed Christmas.

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# 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 9–DEC. 15

<b>Mon.</b>	8:00	Russ Rommel †
	4:00	Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
<b>Tues.</b>	8:00	Jack Starkey †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00	Judy Hertig †
<b>Thurs.</b>	8:00	Joe Yoke †
<b>Sat.</b>	4:00	Tim Vastine †
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00	For the People of St. Alphonsus
	10:00	Members of the Norris Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR DEC. 15

<b>LECTOR</b>	
Saturday 4:00 PM	Jane Kroening
Sunday 8:00 AM	Volunteer
Sunday 10:00 AM	Volunteer
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	
Saturday 4:00 PM	Sharon Williams
Sunday 8:00 AM	No Ministers for Now
Sunday 10:00 AM	No Ministers for Now



We hope all enjoyed their family and friends for Thanksgiving!

We want to thank those that have donated some items to our Christmas Shop. If you still want to donate we would greatly appreciate it. Deadline is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Shop will provide a child to shop for their family members.

We really need some things for dad's and siblings. We still have classrooms that could use adopting. This means you can select a classroom and either purchase items they need or monetary donation. The director will work with the teachers to decide what needs to be updated or purchased for the classroom. For a list please contact Angie 563-323-3204. During our revamping project we had to remove items that were hazardous to the children or not age appropriate. We have infants, 1 yr. old's, 2 yr. old's, 3-4 year old's and school age 5-12. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. We have lots of fun activities scheduled for students in December.

December 19-20	Christmas Shop and wrapping for Infants – 4 yr. old's
December 23	Santa / Shop and wrapping for school ages 5-12 / prepare for Christmas

## ST. PETER – BUFFALO

### MASS INTENTION - DEC. 15

Sun. 8:30 JoLynn Ruden †

### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR DEC. 15

**GREETERS**.....Josie Collins & Toni Robertson  
**LECTORS**..... Gary Ammeter & Jim Gadzik  
**ALTAR SERVERS**..... Lilly Shelangoski & Alexis Pilgrim

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sun. Dec. 8</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:30 AM Elementary Religious Education/St. Peter
	6:00 PM Intermediate Religious Education/St. Peter
	7:00 PM Immaculate Conception Mass/St. Peter
<b>Mon. Dec. 9</b>	<b>6:30 PM Choir Practice/St. Alphonsus</b>
	<b>7:00 PM Altar &amp; Rosary Christmas Party/St. Peter</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 10</b>	<b>9:00 AM Food Pantry/St. Peter</b>
<b>Wed. Dec. 11</b>	<b>6:00 PM Adoration/St. Peter</b>
	<b>6:30 PM Religious Education Class/St. Alphonsus</b>
<b>Sat. Dec. 14</b>	<b>5:00 PM Card Club/St. Peter</b>
	<b>Cafeteria Closed, Eagle Scout Project/St. Alphonsus</b>
<b>Sun. Dec. 15</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:30 AM Elementary Religious Education/St. Peter

### Annual Diocesan Appeal 2024/2025

**Our Goal: \$25,157**  
**Total Pledges Made: \$26,470**  
**Amount Paid: \$17,797**  
**Amount Left to Raise: \$7,360**

### Christmas Decorating at St. Alphonsus

We'll be decorating for Christmas after the 4pm Mass on December 21. Please consider staying to help. Many hands make light work!



### Unbound Priest Visit

Please welcome Rev. Dennis Martin who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).



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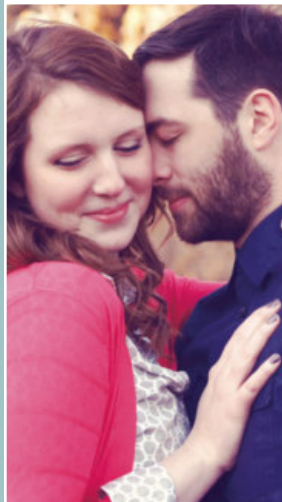


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