

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 30, 2018

# SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH

607 South Jackson St.  
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

### St. Alphonsus Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish, strengthened by Word and Sacrament, strive to live out Jesus Christ's call to discipleship by worshiping faithfully, serving willingly, and growing spiritually.

### The Holy Family

“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.” As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, “they were astonished.” But at what? Mary’s response is surprised. They are not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They are not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They are astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” All our children have an “otherness” about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not “me.” What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

### Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Paul Connolly.....385-8410  
Office Manager .....Vicki Lohmann.....385-8410  
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Adult Faith Form/RE Cdtr....Margi Mountz.....385-4937  
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Custodian ..... Russell Hill.....385-8410

Parish Council President.....Bob Cardoni  
Finance Council President...Tom Holtkamp

**Weekend Mass Schedule...** Saturday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 AM

**Daily Mass Schedule...**Monday NO Mass,  
Tuesday—7:00 AM, Wednesday—5:30 PM,  
Thursday and Friday Noon Mass

**Confessions...**Saturday 4:30 PM or by appointment.

### Eucharistic Devotion:

Friday Adoration: 9:00 AM to Noon

Monthly Adoration: 1st Thursday Noon to 9:00 PM

**Rosary: Led by KC Members, 7:30 AM Sundays**

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

	<u>Mass time</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Saint of the Day</u>	<u>Readings for the day</u>
<b>Mon, Dec 31</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Olivia Grace †	New Year's Eve	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
<b>Tue, Jan 1</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Norm Walter †	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Nm 6:22-27/Lk 2:16-21
Wed, Jan 2	NO MASS		Sts. Basil & Gregory	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thu, Jan 3	NO MASS		The Most Holy Name of Jesus	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Fri, Jan 4	12:00 PM	Donna Fisher †	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Sat, Jan 5	5:30 PM	Jim & Shauna 50th Anniversary	St. John Neumann	
Sun, Jan 6	8:00 AM	Leann Miller †	The Epiphany of the Lord	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
	11:00 AM	For Parishioners		

**MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 5 & 6**

**LECTORS**

5:30 PM Bitrus Gwamna  
 8:00 AM Greg Moeller  
 11:00 AM Janet Smith

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:30 PM Team A Mary Ann Messer  
 8:00 AM Team B Marlene Donnolly  
 11:00 AM Team C Gary Crawford

**SERVER**

5:30 PM Andrea/Roman Lopreato  
 8:00 AM Thomas Schnicker/Owen Baker  
 11:00 AM Abby/Lucy West

**USHERS**

5:30 PM Gary Welcher/Jerry Keeley  
 8:00 AM RJ/Chris Dodson  
 11:00 AM Colin/Nick McCormick

**GREETERS**

5:30 PM Mike/Ginny Lee  
 8:00 AM Jeff/Jill Baker  
 11:00 AM Greg/Rosemary Peck

**Keep in Your Prayers**

Our condolences to John and Bob Roederer and family on the passing of their mother, Ruth Roederer on December 20. May Ruth be welcomed into the ever lasting life.

**A & R Meeting on**

Saturday, January 5th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Library.  
 All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**Thank You!**

I want to thank everyone for your cards and gifts for the Feast of Christmas. They are truly appreciated. May God bless you and all of your families in the year ahead.  
 Fr. Paul

**KC Korner**

During the Masses on December 29th and 30th the Knights of Columbus will be offering prayer in Consecration with our Holy Family. The Knights will hand out the prayer cards prior to the Masses.

**Offertory for December 22 & 23**

Envelopes..... 4314.00  
 Offertory..... 333.85  
 Total..... 4647.85

**Offertory for Christmas**



Envelopes..... 4952.00  
 Offertory..... 762.48  
 Total..... 5714.48

**Thank you!**



Your donations make our ministries possible!

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, Dec 30	Mon, Dec 31	Tues, Jan 1	Wed, Jan 2	Thurs, Jan 3	Fri, Jan 4	Sat, Jan 5
Rosary, 7:30 am <b>Mass, 8:00 &amp; 11:00 am</b> Church Life donuts, 9:00 am  Homebound Ministers-Team 1	<b>Mass, 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Mass, 9:00 am</b>  HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2019	Women Scrip, 9:30 am  <b>NO MASS</b>  Choir practice, 6:30 pm	<b>NO Mass</b> <b>NO Adoration</b>  <b>KC meeting, 6:30 pm</b>	Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass at Sunnybrook, 10:00 am <b>Mass, Noon</b>	Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm <b>Mass 5:30 pm</b>  A & R meeting in Library, 4:00 pm
Sunday, Jan 6 Rosary, 7:30 am <b>Mass, 8:00 &amp; 11:00 am</b> KC Breakfast, 9:00 am  Homebound Ministers-Team 2	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Tues, Jan 8</b> Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am <b>Mass, 7:00 am</b> RCIA, 1:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm Social Action, 6:30 pm	<b>Wed, Jan 9</b> Women Scrip, 9:30 am <b>Mass, 5:30 pm</b> RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm  Choir practice, 6:30 pm	<b>Thurs, Jan 10</b>  <b>Mass, Noon</b>	<b>Fri, Jan 11</b> Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass at Park Place, 10:00 am <b>Mass, Noon</b>	<b>Sat, Jan 12</b> Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm <b>Mass 5:30 pm</b>  Blessed Art here with religious articles for sale

 Thank you to the following parishioners who have filled the church with poinsettias and decorations during our Christmas season in memory or honor of loved ones: 

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Darrel Brown	Mary Brown
Tyler Zickefoose	Mary Brown
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Sophie & Clarence Henschen	Arlene Bonar & Family
Bob Bonar	Arlene Bonar & Family
Ernest Conrad	Nancy Conrad
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Margaret M. Carrick	Dave & the Kids
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Allen Watson	Garmoe Family
Matt Manning	Jerry & Georgine Wells
Charlotte Galliard	Don Galliard & Family

**Contribution Statements for 2018**  
 Contribution statements from the Diocese of Davenport will be mailed to those who donated to the Annual Diocesan Appeal in 2018. A separate contribution statement will also be mailed to those who donated to the Catholic Foundation in 2018. If you donated to both the Diocese and the Foundation, you will receive two statements. Both statements will be mailed January 25, 2019 and marked as important on the envelope. If you have questions regarding your contributions contact the Diocese: 563-324-1911.  
  
 St. Alphonsus contribution statements will be mailed out by January 18th. If you need your statement before the 18th, please call the Parish Office @ 385-8410.


**Cemetery Committee Report**  
 Dear Friends of St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Just an update on our expenses for last year, Mowing \$5940, spraying \$535, rock on road \$540, grinding out stumps at altar and entrance, \$150. We welcomed a new member to the committee, Matt Fitzpatrick and after Vicki Lohmann retires she will become a member also. That's all folks, blessings and thanks for your support.  
 St. Alphonsus Cemetery Committee

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