

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." — Jn 2:1-3



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When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs....and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

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January 20, 2019

SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH

607 South Jackson St.
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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.

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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>
Mon, Jan 21	NO MASS		St. Agnes	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tue, Jan 22	7:00 AM	Joseph Gehringer †	Day of Prayer for the Unborn	Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed, Jan 23	5:30 PM	Paul Mertens †	St Vincent	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thu, Jan 24	12:00 PM	Lucille Mayberry †	St. Francis de Sales	Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Fri, Jan 25	12:00 PM	Fr. Brian Shepley †	Weekday	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Sat, Jan 26	5:30 PM	Jack Hawks †	Sts. Timothy & Titus	
Sun, Jan 27	8:00 AM	Marcy Hassenfritz †	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ 1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
	11:00 AM	For Parishioners		

MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 26 & 27

LECTORS

- 5:30 PM Mike Vance
- 8:00 AM Jacki Holtkamp
- 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 Liam Gerleman/Jacob Fry
- 8:00 AM Thomas Schnicker/Chris Dyar
- 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 Dick/Joanne Looker
- 8:00 AM Judy McNeill/Vicki Lohmann
- 11:00 AM Gary/Kathy Crawford

Inspiration for the Week

Did you ever consider that God takes great delight in you? We are by no means second or afterthoughts of God. As the master artisan, God takes delight in every fabric of our being and every single component of who we are. We are intentionally and lovingly designed! God gets much joy out of every child He creates, and He does not abandon us. God is definitely in charge! God can take a painful past or an apparent dead-end and turn it into a glorious future. He can transform nothing into something and is always eagerly ready to give us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. We are never bound by the past and never without options. All we have to do is listen to Him. Are we willing to give up the controls and allow Him to do what He does best?

Faith--Hope--Love

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Offertory for January 12 & 13

Envelopes.....	3197.00
Offertory.....	<u>169.61</u>
Total.....	3366.61

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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan 20	Mon, Jan 21	Tues, Jan 22	Wed, Jan 23	Thurs, Jan 24	Fri, Jan 25	Sat, Jan 26
Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am KC Breakfast, 9:00 am RE Class K-8th, 9:30 am Homebound Ministers-Team 4	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am RCIA, 1:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm Parish Council, 6:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm Choir practice, 6:30 pm RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm	Mass, Noon Building & Grounds, 5:30 pm	Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon Faith Formation meeting in Manning	Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm 4-H Soup Supper in Manning
Sunday, Jan 27	Mon, Jan 28	Tues, Jan 29	Wed, Jan 30	Thurs, Jan 31	Fri, Feb 1	Sat, Feb 2
Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Liturgy donuts, 9:00 am RE Class K-8th, 9:30 am Homebound Ministers-Team 1	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Vision 20/20 meeting for Priests, 2:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm Choir practice, 6:30 pm RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm	Mass, Noon	Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass at Sunnybrook, 10:00 am Mass, Noon	Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm

January is Respect Life Month

The Social Action Committee will have a display in the Gathering Space promoting Respect Life. There will be several items and information for parishioners to take. There is a crib in the Gathering Space for the collection of baby items.

Committee members will be visiting the RE Classes to talk about this year's project of collecting diapers and wipes for our communities needs. The diapers and wipes collected will be given to the Fellowship Cup and Tolson Community Action Center.



Pray a Hail Mary each day that the Holy Spirit can work in an expectant mother's life and prevent an abortion.

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

The North Lee County Right to Life group will be hosting the annual Right to Life March. The March will be held on Saturday, January 26th at 10:00 a.m. The start of the March is at 10th Street and Avenue F, in Fort Madison. Dress warmly and bring your family and friends to support the right to all human life, from conception to natural death. Refreshments will be available at McAleer Hall after the March.

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School July 22-26, 2019

**Sacrament of Confirmation
March 31, 2019 at St. Alphonsus
2:30 PM**



Keep the following students in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey:

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| Samuel Carrasco | Sophia Lopreato |
| Sawyer Carrasco | Katie McCormick |
| Jacob Fry | Molly McLaughlin |
| Joseph Holtkamp | Thomas Schnicker |
| Grace Kelley | Kaylee Shelman |
| Reed Kempker | Avery Sutter |
| Desiree Leonardo | Chase Williamson |

**Sacrament of First Communion
April 28, 2019 at St. Alphonsus
11:00 AM Mass**



Keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion:

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| Avery Fedler | Alejandra Figueroa | Saul Figueroa |
| Anthony Freebury | Graham Haines | Lucas Hurd |
| J.T. Klein | Khanon Koller | Phoebe Metcalf |
| Kylie Miller | Katie Nguyen | James Ogles-Tish |
| Emily Orr | Archie Scott | Zachary Smith |
| Drew Spinner | Ruby Syfert | Harrison Walker |

Offering Envelope Confusion

By now, I am sure many parishioners realize they did not receive their January Offering Envelopes or received someone else's included in their packet. Our Sunday Visitor, offering envelope company, had problems and new January packets will be sent out to everyone. So, some of you will receive a second packet, throw one of the packets away.

**11 Days Alpine Europe Pilgrimage including
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