



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 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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“He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up.” Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that’s very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it’s strange for them if you do not. In today’s Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving “in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all.” His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have preceded him to Nazareth.

Upon his arrival, he “went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day.” For the first few moments, he is what they expect—their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. “He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” After reading about holy anointing, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we’re content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn’t call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?

MASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

	Mass time	Mass Intention	Saint of the Day	Readings for the day
Mon, Jan 28	NO MASS		St. Thomas Aquinas	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tue, Jan 29	7:00 AM	Gary Sammons †	Weekday	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wed, Jan 30	5:30 PM	Ernie Menke †	Weekday	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thu, Jan 31	12:00 PM	Joseph Gehringer †	St. John Bosco	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Fri, Feb 1	12:00 PM	Eileen Watson †	Weekday	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Sat, Feb 2	5:30 PM	For Parishioners	Presentation of the Lord	
Sun, Feb 3	8:00 AM	LeAnn Miller †	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13/ Lk 4:21-30
	11:00 AM	Bob Bonar		

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2 & 3

LECTORS

- 5:30 PM Mary Rink
- 8:00 AM Margi Mountz
- 11:00 AM Robb Gardner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:30 PM Team D Jerry Keeley
- 8:00 AM Team E Ken Feldmann
- 11:00 AM Team F Judy Warning

SERVER

- 5:30 PM Andrea/Roman Loperato
- 8:00 AM Joseph/Andrew Holtkamp
- 11:00 AM John McLaughlin/Michael Tansey

USHERS

- 5:30 PM Todd/Audra Gerleman
- 8:00 AM Jeep Grilliot/Tim Lohmann
- 11:00 AM Joe/Nick Tansey

GREETERS

- 5:30 PM Mike/Ginny Lee
- 8:00 AM Jeff/Jill Baker
- 11:00 AM Jeremy/Amy McLaughlin

Inspiration for the Week

St. Theresa of Avila reminds us that, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people." We are, in every way shape and form, the Body of Christ. Our bodies are not just one single part but many. We are many, and we are all uniquely different. Yet each in his or her own way contributes significantly to the whole. We are all baptized in one spirit, and there are no distinctions that separate us. We must keep our eyes focused on the greater whole and not get distracted or consumed with particular parts. Everything and everyone must work together for the praise and glory of God.

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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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 Priest meeting, 2:00 pm <u>Rosary Makers, 2:00 pm</u> Vocation meeting, 4:30 Parish planning, 4:30 pm Parish Council, 6:00 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
Sunday, Feb 3 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 2	NO MASS	Tues, Feb 5 Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am RCIA, 1:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm KC meeting, 7:00 pm	Wed, Feb 6 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	Thurs, Feb 7 Mass Noon Adoration begins after Mass until 9:00 pm KC's serving Cattleman Banquet	Fri, Feb 8 Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass at Park Place, 10:00 am Mass, Noon	Sat, Feb 9 Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass, 5:30 pm Cattleman workshop in Manning



January is Respect Life Month

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

Committee members have visited the RE Classes and passed out information 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.

Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby's life!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

This prayer card can be found on the table in the Gathering Space, please take one!



Save the Date
Vacation **B**ible **S**chool July 22-26, 2019

Thank You for Your Dedicated Service

A big thank you goes to Mary Smith! For many years Mary has visited the homebound and nursing home parishioners and taken the Eucharist to them. Thank you Mary for sharing your faith and caring for those in need.

Keep in Your Prayers

Our condolences to Kathy and Dennis Fraise and family and friends on the passing of their brother, Tom Fraise. May Tom be welcomed into the everlasting life.

World Marriage Day Mass—Sunday, February 10, 2019
2:00 PM at the Basilica in Dyersville.

Whether newly married or married 100 years all are welcome to celebrate love, faith and their commitment to the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Reception with refreshments will follow in Xavier hall.
 Xavier Basilica Address: 104 3rd St SW, Dyersville, IA 52040

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Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday
Stations of the Cross	Fridays at 5:30 PM beginning March 8
Friday, March 8	1st KC Fish Fry
Fish Fries on six Fridays during Lent: March 8, 15, 22 & 29 and April 5 & 12	
Sunday, March 31	Confirmation at St. Alphonsus, 2:30 PM
Friday, April 5	Widow/widowers luncheon
Tuesday, April 16	Seder Meal
Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 28	First Communion, 11:00 AM Mass
Week of April 29-May 4	Ladies for Charity Rummage Sale
Week of July 22-26	Vacation Bible School



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may chose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to, due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life, due to lack of preparedness, sometime the consequence are more severe.

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