

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" — Lk 4:21-22



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 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, Feb 4	NO MASS		Weekday	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tue, Feb 5	7:00 AM	Mark Fitzpatrick †	St. Agatha	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wed, Feb 6	5:30 PM	Sandy Moeller †	St. Paul Miki	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thu, Feb 7	12:00 PM	Doris Lee †	Weekday	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Fri, Feb 8	12:00 PM	Bernice Becker †	St. Josephine Bakhita	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Sat, Feb 9	5:30 PM	Jack Hawks †		
Sun, Feb 10	8:00 AM	Virginia Bombei †	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/
	11:00 AM	For Parishioners		Lk 5:1-11
	2:00 PM	Olivia Grace †	Spanish Mass	

MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 9 & 10

LECTORS

- 5:30 PM Jerry Keeley
- 8:00 AM Vanessa Patten
- 11:00 AM Mary Lou Perry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:30 PM Team G Paul Maher
- 8:00 AM Team H Ted Mountz
- 11:00 AM Team I Mary Shy

SERVER

- 5:30 PM Lily Syfert/Andi Scott
- 8:00 AM Ben/Zach Newton
- 11:00 AM Thanh/Hoi Phung

USHERS

- 5:30 PM Marc/Maureen Lindeen
- 8:00 AM Denny Heaton/John Newton
- 11:00 AM Rob/Reece Gardner

GREETERS

- 5:30 PM Marcia Kentner/Dorothy Welcher
- 8:00 AM Doris Grilliot/Joann Mallams
- 11:00 AM Janet/Jared Smith

Inspiration For the Week

No one wants to listen to a prophet, especially when the prophet is someone close to us. We have a hard time accepting that ordinary associations can develop the type and depth of wisdom that can not only positively change lives but profoundly challenge them. To many folks, Jesus was simply the son of Joseph, even though his words caught their attention and amazed them. After his words sunk in, they were infuriated and drove him out of town. Is Jesus simply the son of Joseph to us as well, or is he the God who knew us before we were formed in the womb? If he is God, then we need to heed his message and change our lives accordingly.

Offertory for January 26 & 27

Envelopes.....	3072.80
Offertory.....	235.92
Catholic Messenger	<u>378.00</u>
Total.....	3686.72

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Venturing Crew News

Our next Crew Committee Meeting is Feb 12 at 7:00 PM- this is for adults interested in supporting the Venturing Crew.



There will be Adoration on Thursday, February 7 from Noon to 9:00 PM.

Come and spend one or more hours in adoration of the Lord.

Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always". — Pope Benedict XVI "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." — St. Alphonsus Liguori

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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 Venturing Crew, Rec Center, 4-6 Homebound Ministers-Team 2	Mon, Feb 4 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 followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm KC's serving Cattlemen 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 Cattlemen workshop in Manning
Sunday, Feb 10 Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Social Action donuts, 9:00 am RE Class K-8th, 9:30 am Spaghetti Lunch, 12:00 Noon Spanish Mass, 2:00 pm Homebound Ministers-Team 3	Mon, Feb 11 NO MASS	Tues, Feb 12 Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Ladies for Charity, 1:30 Finance, 4:30 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm Social Action, 6:30 pm	Wed, Feb 13 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 14 Mass, Noon 	Fri, Feb 15 Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon	Sat, Feb 16 Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm

SPAGHETTI DINNER



Spaghetti Lunch
12:00 Noon on February 10, 2019
in Manning Hall

Venturing Crew 1862 invites you to a spaghetti lunch on Sunday, February 10th in Manning Hall. This is a Celebration of the BSA's birthday (Scout Sunday) and a fundraiser for members who will be going to Sea Base this summer.



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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Plan to Help Serve at the Cattlemen Banquet

Brother Knights we need your help for our next major fundraiser, The Annual Cattlemen Dinner. It is being held on Thursday, February 7th, 2019 at Manning Hall. We will be barbecuing steaks and need all Knights on board. Contact Doug Slobodnik at 319-931-3629 if you can help.

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



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Subscription fee of \$29.00 is now due.
Envelopes are in the back of church for your convenience.

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School July 22-26, 2019

Support the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport

Next Sunday, February 10th, the Diocese of Davenport recognizes Sacred Heart Cathedral as the Diocesan Home for each Catholic Family in our Diocese. Providing support for our Bishop and Cathedral provides the necessary funds to maintain the integrity and maintenance of this historic structure. Envelopes are included in today's bulletin for your convenience in supporting our Cathedral.

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convicts us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the "why" of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don't rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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