

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
March 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 worshipping 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—6:00 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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Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.

**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, Mar 4	NO MASS		St. Casimir	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tue, Mar 5	7:00 AM	Ruth Douglas †	Weekday	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wed, Mar 6	12:00 PM 6:00 PM	For Parishioners Ann Nhon Lee †	Ash Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu, Mar 7	12:00 PM	Mary Jane Leyden †	Sts. Perpetu & Felicity	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri, Mar 8	12:00 PM	Doris Lee †	St. John of God	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Sat, Mar 9	5:30 PM	Joseph Gehringer †	St. Frances of Rome	
Sun, Mar 10	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Marcy Hassenfritz † For Parishioners Ernie Menke †	1st Sunday of Lent  Spanish Mass	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



**Ash Wednesday**  
**Wednesday, March 6th**  
**Mass times: Noon and 6:00 PM**  
**A day of fasting and abstinence.**

**All Fridays of Lent are days of fasting and abstinence.**

**Inspiration for the Week**

How quick are we to point out the faults of others? It is so easy to see what others are doing wrong and much harder to see ourselves for who we are. Many want to see themselves as one of the privileged and the saved and are quick to condemn those who choose to do things differently. We can be so hypocritical while at the same time proclaiming to be so spiritual. What we speak reveals the true thoughts of our minds and intention of our hearts. We fool no one but ourselves. Rather than being defensive, critical, and exclusive, does it not make more sense to help each other and work together for the kingdom of God? We may have to leave something behind, but in turn, we'll gain much more.

**MINISTERS FOR MARCH 9 & 10**

**LECTORS**

- 5:30 PM Mike Vance
- 8:00 AM Vanessa Patten
- 11:00 AM Roger Freeman

**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 Lily Syfert/Ximena Ortiz
- 8:00 AM Ben/Zach Newton
- 11:00 AM Thanh/Hoi Phung

**USHERS**

- 5:30 PM Gary Welcher/Jerry Keeley
- 8:00 AM RJ/Chris Dodson
- 11:00 AM Robb/Alec Gardner

**GREETERS**

- 5:30 PM Bob/Lea Cardoni
- 8:00 AM Doris Grilliot/Joann Mallams
- 11:00 AM Gary/Kathy Crawford

**Offertory for Date February 23 & 24**


Envelopes.....	3423.00
Offertory.....	381.57
Venezuela Collection .....	3330.30
Catholic Messenger .....	<u>151.00</u>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7285.87</b>

Thank you! Your donations make our ministries possible!

**Thank you** to all who so generously donated to help the people fleeing Venezuela. Our parish collected \$3,330.30, which will be sent to the Diocese for Catholic Relief Services. CRS will help the people in the surrounding countries, who have fled Venezuela.


**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday, Mar 3</b> Rosary, 7:30 am <b>Mass, 8:00 &amp; 11:00 am</b> KC Breakfast, 9:00 am  Homebound Ministers-Team 2	<b>Mon, Mar 4</b>  NO MASS	<b>Tues, Mar 5</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 KC meeting, 7:00 pm	<b>Wed, Mar 6</b> Women Scrip, 9:30 am  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <b>MASS Noon &amp; 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Thurs, Mar 7</b>  <b>Mass, Noon</b>  <b>Adoration Noon to 9 pm</b>	<b>Fri, Mar 8</b> Adoration, 9 am-Noon Mass at Park Place, 10am <b>Mass, Noon</b> Stations by KC's, 5:30 KC Fish Fry, 6:00 pm	<b>Sat, Mar 9</b> Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm <b>Mass 5:30 pm</b>  Venture Crew Lock-in
<b>Sunday, Mar 10</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> Rosary, 7:30 am <b>Mass, 8:00 &amp; 11:00 am</b> Faith Formation donuts, 9:00 am RE Class K-8th, 9:30 am Homebound Ministers-Team 3	<b>Mon, Mar 11</b>  NO MASS	<b>Tues, Mar 12</b> Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am <b>Mass, 7:00 am</b> Ladies for Charity, 1:30 Quilters, 6:00 pm Social Action, 6:30 pm	<b>Wed, Mar 13</b> Women Scrip, 9:30 am <b>Mass, 6:00 pm</b> Choir practice, 6:30 pm RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm	<b>Thurs, Mar 14</b>  <b>Mass, Noon</b>	<b>Fri, Mar 15</b> Adoration, 9 am-Noon <b>Mass, Noon</b> Stations by Women & Men Tuesday Scripture KC Fish Fry, 6:00 pm	<b>Sat, Mar 16</b> Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm <b>Mass 5:30 pm</b> Confirmation Retreat in Manning



Little Black Books for Lent, found in the Gathering Space, are available to the parish. One per family please.

During Lent we will be reciting the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 5:30 PM.



All are invited to attend the KC Fish Fry at 6:00 PM **March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 & 12.**

**St. Alphonsus Communal Penance—Mon, April 1-7:00 PM**

**Please join** the Iowa City Catholic Worker House and the St. Thomas More Social Action Committee for a social justice symposium:

**“Dorothy Day and the End of the ‘Forever War’” Friday, March 8, 6:30 social hour, 7:00 PM symposium at St Thomas More Catholic Church, 3000 12th Ave, Coralville.**

St. Ambrose University faculty members Keith Soko, PhD, Professor, Theology Department and Keri Manning, PhD, Professor, History Department will lead an enlightening discussion, “Dorothy Day and the End of the 'Forever War'” about Catholic social thought and alternatives to violence. In particular, Manning and Soko will indicate how Dorothy Day opened up non-violence and remedies for poverty for the 20th and 21st centuries.

**Parish Planning Questionnaires**

Questionnaires were handed out at the all Masses this weekend. The questions will assist Parish Council in planning for St. Alphonsus. If you need more time you may take the questionnaire home and return the following weekend, March 9 & 10th. They may be returned by placing them in the collection basket. They do not have to be signed but signing will make follow up possible.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today! Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates: Mar 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; Apr 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305 or email [jljwwme08@gmail.com](mailto:jljwwme08@gmail.com)

**Parish Planning**

Next Planning Committee Meeting is March 7th at 5:30 PM in Manning Hall. The success of parish planning will need the involvement of many parishioners. Any parishioner wishing to come is welcome. As committees within this group are formed, parishioners will be recruited as well.

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side.

Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren't physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness.

Jesus asked his disciples, “Can a blind person guide a blind person?” If we aren't actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren't living a life with him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren't concerned with knowing the truth yourself?

Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS


**Knights of Columbus News**

Thursday, March 7th—Adoration—the Knights will be sponsoring the 8:00-9:00 PM time slot. All KC members are invited to be present. We will be praying the Rosary and staying for adoration.

All Catholic men from St. Alphonsus are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Our next admission ceremony will be held in Manning Hall on Sunday, March 10th, 2019 at 10:30 AM. Contact Stephen Slobodnik at 319-931-9761 for details.

**Save the Date**

**What:** Family Fun Day  
**Where:** Iris Bowling Lanes  
**When:** Sunday, March 24th, 1:00 to 4:00 PM  
 So, polish up your bowling ball and shoes and plan to attend.





**Keep in Your Prayers**

Our condolences to Coleen Carlson and family and friends on the passing of her father, Lane Bush from Fairfield. May Lane be welcomed into the everlasting life.



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