

5th Sunday of Lent  
April 7, 2019

# SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH

607 South Jackson St.  
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

5<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear...and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her...they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone.

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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.

### Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Paul Connolly.....385-8410  
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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—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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MASS SCHEDULE AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
	Mass time	Mass Intention	Saint of the Day	Readings for the day
Mon, Apr 8	NO MASS		Weekday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tue, Apr 9	7:00 AM	Donna Parks †	Weekday	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wed, Apr 10</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Pauline Morrow †	Weekday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thu, Apr 11	12:00 PM	Mark Fitzpatrick †	St. Stanislaus	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri, Apr 12	12:00 PM	Fr. Brian Shepley †	Weekday	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat, Apr 13	5:30 PM	Toby Shanahan †	St. Martin I, Pope	
Sun, Apr 14	8:00 AM	John Kline, Sr. †	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14--23:56
	11:00 AM	For Parishioners		
	2:00 PM	Victor Fraise †	Spanish Mass	

### MINISTERS FOR APR 13 & 14

**LECTORS**

5:30 PM Deb Mascarenas  
 8:00 AM Ken Feldmann  
 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 Andi Scott/Ximena Ortiz  
 8:00 AM Andrew/Joseph Holtkamp  
 11:00 AM Abby/Lucy West

**USHERS**

5:30 PM Marc/Maureen Lindeen  
 8:00 AM Denny Heaton/Jeep Grilliot  
 11:00 AM Robb/Tyler Gardner

**GREETERS**

5:30 PM Bob/Lea Cardoni  
 8:00 AM Doris Grilliot/Joann Mallams  
 11:00 AM Mike/Kelly Burgmeier

**Check the Easter Minister sign up sheet in the Gathering Space, is there a place you can help at one of the Easter Masses?**

### Inspiration for the Week

We are all sinners, and we all need mercy. If met with sincerity and true repentance of heart, an encounter with God's unconditional and all-forgiving love will lead to true conversion and a new life of grace. There is no point to condemnation or excessive punishment. We do not need to wag fingers or make people feel inferior. Jesus met the woman caught in adultery with compassion. He did not condemn her. People have not always been faithful to God. We have not always been faithful to God. Yet, God waits for us to return and trusts that His seeds of forgiveness and mercy will take root. We do not know if the woman left Jesus and sinned no more. It's not important.

### Parish Council Elections

Five parish council members have served their terms ending June 30th. Parishioners who would like to run (fill) these vacancies are asked to submit a short bio of themselves and turn into the parish office. Elections will be held the first weekend of June at the Masses. All registered adults of the parish are eligible.

### Offertory for March 30 & 31

Envelopes.....	2338.00
Offertory.....	300.79
Catholic Relief .....	100.00
Direct Deposit .....	<u>3794.00</u>
Total.....	6532.79

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**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, Apr 7	Mon, Apr 8	Tues, Apr 9	Wed, Apr 10	Thurs, Apr 11	Fri, Apr 12	Sat, Apr 13
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 3	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Ladies for Charity, 1:30 Quilters, 6:00 pm Social Action, 6:30 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 6:00 pm RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm	Mass, Noon	Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass at Park Place, 10:00 am Mass, Noon Station of Cross by Ladies for Charity, 5:30 KC Fish Fry, 6:00 pm	Confessions—4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday, Apr 14 Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Family Life donuts, 9:00 am RE Class K-8th, 9:30 am Spanish Mass, 2:00 pm Homebound Ministers-Team 4	NO MASS  Bulletin goes in today	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Prayer Shawl, 2:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm Seder Meal, 6:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 6:45 pm RE Class K-8th and Confirmation I & II, 6:45 pm	Thurs, Apr 18 Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm Adoration until 10:00 pm	Fri, Apr 19 Good Friday Ecumenical Way of the Cross, Noon  Good Friday service, 5:30 pm	Sat, Apr 20 Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm

**Communal Penance Services in the Area**

Saturday, April 6—St. John’s Burlington —10:00 AM  
 Sunday, April 7—Sacred Heart in Ft. Madison—1:30 PM  
 St. Mary in West Point —3:00 PM  
 St. James in St. Paul — 4:30 PM

**Job Openings**

St. Alphonsus has the following job openings: beginning June 1, 2019 Parish Secretary/Office Manager and beginning July 1, 2019 Director of Faith Formation.

If you are interested, come to the Parish Office for an application and job description or go to the St. Alphonsus website: <https://stalphonsus.weconnect.com>. Send cover letter, job application, and references to Fr. Paul Connolly, 607 South Jackson, Mt. Pleasant or email to Fr. Paul at [connollyp@diodav.org](mailto:connollyp@diodav.org) by April 15th, 2019.

**Keep in Your Prayers**

Our condolences to Larry VanSyoc and family and friends on the passing of his wife, Robbie this past week. May Robbie be welcomed into the everlasting life.

**Keep in Your Prayers**

Our condolences to Shauna McCormick and family on the passing of Shauna’s sister, Sister Maureen Fenlon. May Sr. Maureen be welcomed into the everlasting life.

**Let Us Celebrate Together the Seder Meal!  
 Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 PM in Manning Hall.  
 Sign up in the Gathering Space.**

**Mark Your Calendars**

Stations of the Cross Friday at 5:30 PM April 12  
 Fish Fries on the Fridays during Lent: April 12  
 Tuesday, April 16 Seder Meal, 6:00 PM  
 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  
 Sunday, May 19 8:00 AM Senior High Graduation Mass with Breakfast to follow.  
 Sunday, June 2 Parish Picnic, Mass time TBA  
 Week of July 22-26 Vacation Bible School



**St. Alphonsus Questionnaire**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete and submit the questionnaires. A total of 82 were submitted and on April 4th members of parish council met. Subcommittees were identified based on the input of these questionnaires. The subcommittees formed will then welcome parishioners who wish to focus on a given area(s) of their interest to become a part of continued planning. These areas will be listed soon in the bulletin.

**2019 Manning Annual Speaker Series  
 Real Conversation:  
 Migration in Your Community  
 Sunday, April 7, 2019 - 1:30pm-5:30 pm  
 Iowa Wesleyan University Chapel  
 Please join us!**

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

Some celebrities do a lot to help out various causes that are meaningful to them. Sometimes they give of their time, talent or treasure, while other times they create giving opportunities for the rest of us to be generous. The celebrity then does much to highlight the cause, and the hope is that enough people will give to make a difference.

I never judge another’s motive when they choose to give to or support a cause. However, I hear many times a criticism levied against seemingly rich people who start a fundraiser and ask the rest of us to give: “Since they have so much money, they could simply give all the money needed themselves!” This exclamation often comes with disdain and a tone of superiority. This sentiment also comes frequently from those who have chosen to give little to nothing to the cause themselves.

Stewardship begins with the person in the mirror. You and I are accountable to each other, but at the end of the day, the only one who knows the true level of our generosity is God. As this Lent draws to a close, it is time to take a good long look in the mirror. You probably aren’t famous, so there probably won’t be a crowd of people to question the level of your sacrifice, devotion, and generosity this Lent. Of course, God knows and so does that person looking back at you in the mirror.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



During this Easter season we invite you to donate towards the purchase of flowers/decorations for the Church in honor or memory of your loved ones. Please complete the form below with Name of person or persons to be honored or remembered along with your name and drop in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office.

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