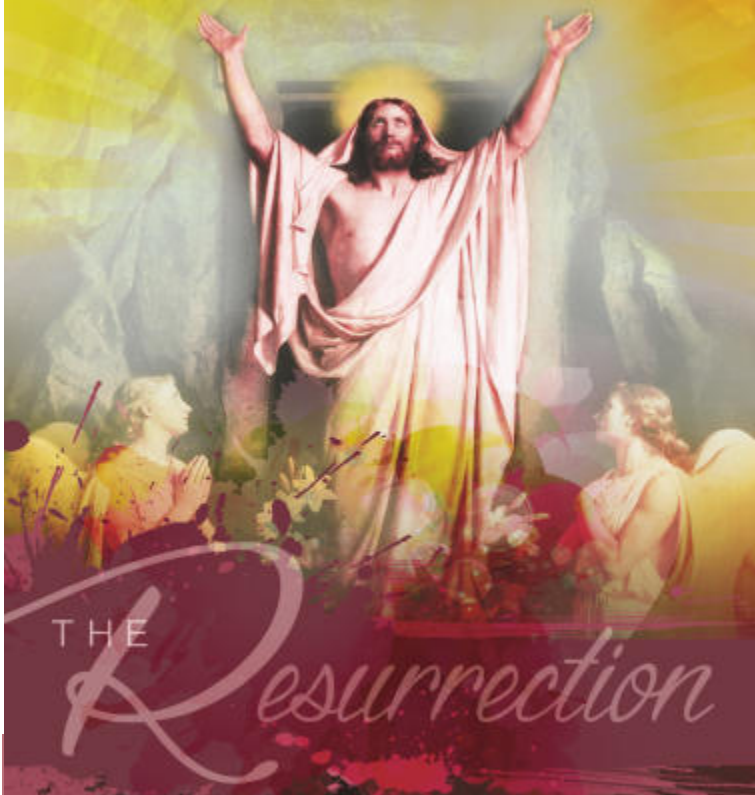


E A S T E R S U N D A Y



THE *Resurrection*

Easter Sunday

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: “It’s all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren’t a dream that ended horribly wrong.” Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn’t start that way, of course. “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don’t wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn’t a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temple, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, “He saw and believed.”

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary’s story. It’s not Peter and John’s story. It’s our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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**Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019**

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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

	Mass time	Mass Intention	Saint of the Day	Readings for the day
Mon, Apr 22	NO MASS		Weekday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tue, Apr 23	7:00 AM	Ron Thompson †	Weekday	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wed, Apr 24	5:30 PM	Ann Hoover †	Weekday	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thu, Apr 25	12:00 PM	Ernie Menke †	Weekday	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Fri, Apr 26	12:00 PM	Joseph Gehringer †	Weekday	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Sat, Apr 27	5:30 PM	Jack Hawks †		
Sun, Apr 28	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Bertha Wiseman † For Parishioners	Divine Mercy Sunday	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31

MINISTERS FOR APRIL 27 & 28

LECTORS

- 5:30 PM Mike Vance
- 8:00 AM Theresa Rose
- 11:00 AM Janet Smith

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 Ajay/Alexis Wagner
- 8:00 AM Chris Dyar/Owen Baker
- 11:00 AM Jackie Tansey/Linzy Striegel

USHERS

- 5:30 PM Todd/Audra Gerleman
- 8:00 AM RJ/Chris Dodson
- 11:00 AM Colin/Nick McCormick

GREETERS

- 5:30 PM Marcia Kentner/Linda Kaska
- 8:00 AM Greg/Lana Moeller
- 11:00 AM John/Judy Warning

Sending Some Love to our Seminarians

We, the St. Alphonsus Church Family are sending care packages to the 13 Seminarians from our diocese to show our support and love. We invite you to take part by donating an item or items to put in their boxes. We will be collecting items from now until May 5th. There will be a collection box in the gathering space to drop off your donations.

Some ideas include.

- Hot chocolate/juice packets
- School supplies
- Homemade goodies (May 4th or 5th)
- A note of encouragement
- Snacks
- Toiletry items
- Games

Thank you for your generous support!

St. Alphonsus Vocational Ministry Team

Ladies for Charity Spring Rummage Sale

Do you have unwanted items cluttering your home? Bring them to the Ladies for Charity Rummage Sale on Monday, April 29, Tuesday, April 30, and Wednesday, May 1 until Noon. Items should be clean and in sellable condition.

Shopping days are:

- Thursday, May 2, 9:00-5:00
- Friday, May 3, 9:00-5:00
- Saturday, May 4, 9:00-Noon.



Offertory for April 13 & 14

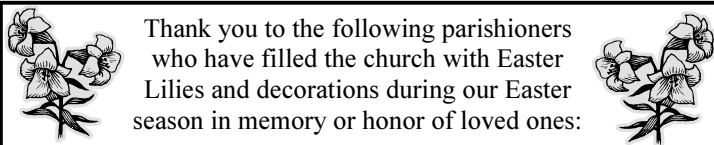
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Offertory.....	<u>328.20</u>
Total.....	4750.20

Thank you!

Your donations make our ministries possible!

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Apr 21	Mon, Apr 22	Tues, Apr 23	Wed, Apr 24	Thurs, Apr 25	Fri, Apr 26	Sat, Apr 27
Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Homebound Ministers-Team 1 Happy Easter!	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	Mass, Noon Building & Grounds, 6:30 pm	Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon	Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm 1st Communion Retreat in Manning
Sunday, Apr 28 Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Family Life donuts, 9:00 am 1st Communion at 11:00 am Divine Mercy Celebration in Ft. Madison-see article Homebound Ministers-Team 2	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Rosary makers, 2:00 pm Quilters, 6:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm Choir practice, 6:30 pm	Thurs, May 2 Mass, Noon Adoration of Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 9:00 pm	Fri, May 3 Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass at Sunnybrook, 10 am Mass, Noon	Sat, May 4 Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm
Bring your clean rummage sale items to Manning until Wednesday noon.				Come shop at the Ladies for Charity Rummage Sale 9:00 am to 5:00 pm 9:00 am to 5:00 pm 9:00 am to Noon		



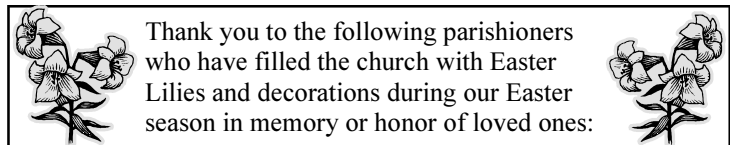
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Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with the Seder Meal, Tuesday of Holy Week. The lamb cake bakers and decorators, the set up and cleanup crew, the meal servers, Becky Keeley and Caroline Kilbourn, the musicians, Jerry Keeley the narrator; the Kent Metcalf family for being the Host family, and all the seventy plus guests. St. Alphonsus family has celebrated the Seder Meal since the 1980's.

THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Deanery Celebration of the Feast of The Divine Mercy will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, 2217 Avenue I, Fort Madison, Iowa, **April 28, 2019**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 2:30 PM and continue thru The Divine Mercy Holy Hour, which begins at 3:00 PM, the Hour of Great Mercy. Mass will be celebrated at 4 PM.

As written in St. Faustina's Diary, Jesus tells her, "I desire the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

Come and celebrate The Feast of The Divine Mercy and partake of Jesus' unfathomable Mercy, forgiveness and love.


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