

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019

SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH

607 South Jackson St.
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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Second Sunday of Easter

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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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, Apr 29	NO MASS		St. Catherine of Siena	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tue, Apr 30	7:00 AM	Ruth Douglas †	St. Pius V	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed, May 1	5:30 PM	Barbara Larosche †	St. Joseph the Worker	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thu, May 2	12:00 PM	Mark Fitzpatrick †	St. Athanasius	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Fri, May 3	12:00 PM	Martin F. Connolly †	Sts. Philip & James	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Sat, May 4	5:30 PM	Monica Clements †		
Sun, May 5	8:00 AM	Bertha Wiseman †	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/
	11:00 AM	For Parishioners	Cinco de Mayo	Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

MINISTERS FOR MAY 4 & 5

LECTORS

- 5:30 PM Mary Ann Messer
- 8:00 AM Jacki Holtkamp
- 11:00 AM Roger Freeman

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 Andrea/Roman Loperato
- 8:00 AM Jordan Watznauer/Julia Kinzer
- 11:00 AM Michael Tansey/John McLaughlin

USHERS

- 5:30 PM Marc/Maureen Lindeen
- 8:00 AM Tim Lohmann/volunteer
- 11:00 AM Joe/Nick Tansey

GREETERS

- 5:30 PM Cathy Lampe/Karen Stevens
- 8:00 AM Judy McNeill/Vicki Lohmann
- 11:00 AM Jeremy/Amy McLaughlin

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 20 & 21

Envelopes.....	6198.00
Offertory.....	784.74
Direct Deposit	<u>3057.00</u>
Total.....	10,039.74

Thank you! Your donations make our ministries possible!

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Apr 28	Mon, Apr 29	Tues, Apr 30	Wed, May 1	Thurs, May 2	Fri, May 3	Sat, May 4
Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Family Life donuts, 9:00 am 1st Communion @ 11:00 Mass Divine Mercy, see article page 3 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	Mass, Noon Adoration after Mass to 9:00 pm	Adoration 9 am-Noon Sunnybrook Mass, 10:00 Mass, Noon	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 am to 5:00 pm 9 am to 5:00 pm 9 am to Noon			
Sunday, May 5	Mon, May 6	Tues, May 7	Wed, May 8	Thurs, May 9	Fri, May 10	Sat, May 11
Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am KC Breakfast, 9:00 am Vocation Ministry meet, 12:30 pm Prayer Service w/Bishop, 4:00 pm Homebound Ministers-Team 3	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am Mass, 7:00 am Quilters, 6:00 pm KC meeting, 7:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm Choir practice, 6:30 pm Parish Planning meeting in Library, 6:00 pm	Mass, Noon	Adoration 9 am-Noon Park Place Mass, 10 am Mass, Noon	Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm Schnicker family in Manning



Thank you to the following parishioners who have filled the church with Easter Lilies and decorations during our Easter season in memory or honor of loved ones:



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Evening Prayer on Sunday, May 5th with our Bishop

Please join us in welcoming Bishop Zinkula here for Evening Prayer at St. Alphonsus on Sunday, May 5th. Prayer will begin at 4:00 PM and will be followed by a simple meal, a time for conversation and fellowship. Prayer will be open to people from other churches and others from the diocese who wish to express solidarity for the families who were directly affected by the ICE raid in our town on May 9, 2018.

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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