



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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“Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’” Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity? Today’s Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in Him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you’re still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments have given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

“Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today’s Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter’s devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, “Follow me.”

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May 5, 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, May 6	NO MASS		Weekday	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tue, May 7	7:00 AM	Sr. Maureen Fenlon †	Weekday	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wed, May 8	5:30 PM	Olivia Grace †	Weekday	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thu, May 9	12:00 PM	Scott Brown †	Weekday	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Fri, May 10	12:00 PM	Beverly Mertens †	St. Damien de Veuster	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Sat, May 11	5:30 PM	Dan Keeley †		
Sun, May 12	8:00 AM	For Parishioners	4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Jn 10:27-30
	11:00 AM	Ruth Roederer †		
	2:00 PM	Ann Hoover †	Spanish Mass	

MINISTERS FOR MAY 11 & 12

LECTORS

- 5:30 PM Bitrus Gwamna
- 8:00 AM Ken Feldmann
- 11:00 AM Greg Peck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:30 PM Team A Mary Ann Messer
- 8:00 AM Team B Marlene Donnolly
- 11:00 AM Team C Joe Tansey

SERVER

- 5:30 PM Jacob Fry/Grant Beschorner
- 8:00 AM Elaina/Joseph Holtkamp
- 11:00 AM Abby/Lucy West

USHERS

- 5:30 PM Gary Welcher/Jerry Keeley
- 8:00 AM Jeep Grilliot/Tim Lohmann
- 11:00 AM Bob Walderbach/Bernard Pollmeier

GREETERS

- 5:30 PM Dick/Joanne Looker
- 8:00 AM Doris Grilliot/Joann Mallams
- 11:00 AM Gary/Kathy Crawford

Inspiration for the Week

If you really want to get to know someone, invite them to dinner. Sharing a meal with someone opens up the door to a deeper, more intimate, and more authentic encounter. When we gather around a table, we are more vulnerable and are reminded not only of our need for food and sustenance, but also the love of friends and community. We are meant to be together. Meals can be opportunities not only for authentic meetings, but for healing relationships, for understanding one another better, and for renewal. Jesus invites us to dine with him once again at today's Eucharist. He receives our pain and blesses our wounds. We are forgiven, set straight, renewed, and reconfirmed in our task of discipleship. Love is celebrated here again. May we bring that love to those who need it most, especially those we may find difficult to love and to those who have hurt us. Share with them the bread of compassion and the wine of mercy.

Parish Picnic on June 2nd

All are invited to attend our Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 2nd. On that day there will be one Mass at 10:00 AM followed by a potluck in Manning Hall. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling the meat, leaving salads and desserts for parishioners to bring. We will also be celebrating the retirement of our staff members: Vicki, Margi and Ted.

Offertory for April 27 & 28

Envelopes.....	2616.00
Offertory.....	471.80
Catholic Home Mission	200.00
Total.....	3287.80

Thank you! Your donations make our ministries possible!

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

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 meeting, 12:30 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 Mary Loving funeral, 10:30 Quilters, 6:00 pm KC meeting, 7:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 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 Hall
Sunday, May 12 Rosary, 7:30 am Mass, 8:00 & 11:00 am Finance donuts, 9:00 am Spanish Mass, 2:00 pm Homebound Ministers-Team 4	NO MASS	Tues, May 14 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	Wed, May 15 Women Scrip, 9:30 am Mass, 5:30 pm	Thurs, May 16 Mass, Noon	Fri, May 17 Adoration 9 am-Noon Mass, Noon	Sat, May 18 Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm

Parish Planning Meeting—All are invited to attend.

Parish Planning will meet this Wednesday, May 8th in the library at 6:00 PM. Any parishioner interested in coming to this meeting is welcome. Initial sub-committees of Communication, Youth & Family Ministry, Retention and Recruitment, and Mass and Liturgy have met and came up with ideas and suggestions in these areas and will be reporting them at this meeting.

This is an open invitation to listen to what the subcommittees suggest. Please understand this is a process of discussion, improvement, and goal setting for the future of St. Alphonsus. Every parishioner can pray for the success of planning.

Old Thresher’s Committee

Anyone interested in joining the Old Thresher Committee—come to the meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 PM in Manning Hall. Join the OT committee and help plan for this September.



Save the date !!
Vacation
Bible School
week of July 22nd to July 26th.



Thank You !!

Thank you to all for your generosity. Our parishioners donated to: the Rice Bowl collection--\$2,280.13
the Holy Land collection--\$1,055.00

These monies will be sent to the Diocese and on to Catholic Relief Services for those in need.

Ladies for Charity Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Spring Rummage Sale. Sales were good and all the left over items were donated to the Quarter or More Store.

Thank you to the members for their dedication, making it another successful year. Thank you all for donating to and shopping at our rummage sale.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

We pray for all who struggle with mental health issues, that the Church and public agencies will act with justice to ensure the availability of necessary supports and service to aid in their treatment and recovery. More information can be found at the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, www.ncpd.org.

In support of the families separated after the May 9, 2018 ICE Raid last year, the following events are being planned. Please join us for one or more of these events to show your support of the families:

Evening Prayer on Sunday, May 5th at St. Alphonsus

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.

Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 5:30 PM

IowaWINs Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, 902 South Walnut in Mt. Pleasant—we will review photos, events and talk about the next steps.

Friday, May 10, 2019 benefit lunch

Divine Charities Luncheon Fundraiser for IowaWINs (Gourmet Indian Meal), \$13.00 suggested donation, held at the Phoenix Rising Hall, 207 W Burlington Ave (corner of Burlington and 3rd) in Fairfield. Parking lot and entrance on North side of Building. Meals served downstairs. Plan to arrive between 11:30 and 12:30 PM. Reservations required by May 9th by emailing divinestarlunches@gmail.com or call 641-451-1331.

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They hadn’t caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn’t get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often do you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? The night is now over, and the dawn is upon you. Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus.

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