



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**June 9, 2019**

# SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH

607 South Jackson St.  
 Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

### 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.

"God is always more." Have you ever heard that? If we truly believe that He is infinite, then this statement is worth exploring. Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power upon the early Church. But Pentecost wasn't the first time the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The Gospel actually occurs chronologically before Pentecost. Soon after the Resurrection, Jesus already "came and stood in their [the disciples'] midst... he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

God is always more. Sometimes we might think the grace of God as one and done. God might break through in people's lives, but it's a one-time event on a retreat or preceding a dramatic conversion of life. But there's always more to come. Even today's Gospel isn't the first time the breath of God stirred. In Genesis, it's God's breath that stirs life into Adam in the garden. Jesus breathes on the Apostles, giving them the Holy Spirit in the quiet and silence. Later, that breath will stir into a "driving wind", and the Spirit will descend with flame, not unlike Moses on Mount Sinai.

God is always more. He has spoken throughout salvation history, and continues to speak into our lives through His Church and through the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts. This Pentecost Sunday, let us come before Him with expectant hearts! Like the disciples in the Gospel and first reading, let us await what "more" God will do.

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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, June 10	NO MASS		Blessed Virgin Mary	Gen 3:9-15/Jn 19:25-34
Tue, June 11	7:00 AM	Ron Thompson †	St. Barnabas	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:13-16
Wed, June 12	5:30 PM	Tom Fraise †	Weekday	2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thu, June 13	12:00 PM	Marcy Hassenfritz †	St. Anthony of Padua	2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26
Fri, June 14	12:00 PM	Father Brian Shipley †	Flag Day	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32
Sat, June 15	5:30 PM	Toby Shanahan †		2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
Sun, June 16	8:00 AM	Evelyn Bentler †	The Most Holy Trinity	Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
	11:00 AM	Parishioners		

**MINISTERS FOR JUNE 15 & 16**

**LECTORS**

- 5:30 PM Mary Rink
- 8:00 AM Ken Feldmann
- 11:00 AM Janet Smith

**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 Grant/Gracie Beschorner/Jacob Fry
- 8:00 AM Owen/Molly Baker
- 11:00 AM Abby/Lucy West

**USHERS**

- 5:30 PM Marc/Maureen Lindeen
- 8:00 AM Jeep Grilliot/Ben Bly
- 11:00 AM Joe/Nick Tansey

**GREETERS**

- 5:30 PM Susan Smith/Linda Kaska
- 8:00 AM Zip/Mary Mettenburg
- 11:00 AM Gary/Kathy Crawford

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

When faced with a decision or a dilemma, where do we turn? Whenever we have to discern the proper course of action, the Holy Spirit is available as our advocate and guide. As Christians, we look not to our world for direction but to God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to help us find our path to proper thought and conduct. Wisdom, right judgment, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord are all perfect tools for discernment. These gifts allow us to keep our relationships and perspective in proper order. It is the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to see that which we would otherwise overlook and opens our hearts to receive those people who would otherwise be ignored. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you today.



Adoration on Thursday, June 13 beginning after the Noon Mass until 9:00 pm and Friday, June 14 9:00 am to Noon. The sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Please join the adoration and spend one hour or more with the Lord. If you have signed up, please keep your time. If you want to sign up, please do so. If you cannot keep the time slot you signed up for, please call the Parish Office. God Bless!

**Offertory for June 1 & 2**

Envelopes.....	\$2,438.00
Offertory.....	\$249.00
Direct Deposit.....	\$3,824.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,511.00</b>

Thank you! Your donations make our ministries possible!

**Tuesday, June 11th, Ladies for Charity Meeting 12:00 ~ Soup and Salad Luncheon**

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

Sunday, June 9	Mon, June 10	Tues, June 11	Wed, June 12	Thurs, June 13	Fri, June 14	Sat, June 15
<b>Pentecost</b> Rosary, 7:30 am <b>Mass, 8:00 &amp; 11:00 am</b> Spanish Mass 2:00 Homebound Ministers-Team 4	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am <b>Mass, 7:00 am</b> Ladies for Charity Noon Finance, 4:30 Quilters, 6:00 pm Social Action, 6:30	Women Scrip, 9:30 am <b>Mass, 5:30</b> Choir practice, 6:30 pm	Adoration Noon-9:00 pm	Adoration 9 am-Noon Sunnybrook Mass 10:00 am	Confessions— 4:30-5:00 pm Mass 5:30 pm  Gwamna family in Manning
<b>Sunday, June 16</b> <b>Most Holy Trinity</b> Rosary, 7:30 am <b>Mass, 8:00 &amp; 11:00 am</b> Homebound Ministers-Team 1	NO MASS	Men Scrip, 6:00 am Women Scrip, 6:00 am <b>Mass, 7:00 am</b> Quilters, 6:00 pm Parish Planning 6:00 pm	Women Scrip, 9:30 am <b>Mass, 5:30 pm</b> Choir practice, 6:30 pm	<b>Thurs, June 20</b> <b>Mass, Noon</b>	<b>Fri, June 21</b> Adoration 9 am-Noon <b>Mass, Noon</b>	<b>Sat, June 22</b> Confessions—4:30-5:00 pm <b>Mass 5:30 pm</b> Lees family in Manning

**Parish Council Update**

Congratulations to Ben Bly, Ron Clouse, Stan Holtkamp, Doug Slobodnik, Susan Smith and student member Jacob Fry on their election to our Parish Council, I am looking forward to working with you. Thank you to Bitrus Gwamna and Marianne Williams on their willingness to serve. I also want to thank our 5 outgoing members: Alice Fitzpatrick, Linda Kaska, Cathy Lampe, Tom Bainbridge, and Ron Miller for the years of dedicated service that they have given to our Parish. Fr. Paul

**Thank You!**

Thank you to all who coordinated the Parish Picnic and retirement party on Sunday, June 2. It was great! I also want to thank my St. Alphonsus Parish family for a wonderful past 20 years. I have enjoyed my job and tried my best to represent St. Alphonsus with kindness, confidentiality, and dedication. My future plans include: flowers, taking care of my dad, taking care of grandbabies and relaxing. Vicki

**Thank You!**

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughtfulness in celebrating the life of our husband, father, and grandfather. The beautiful service, music, rosary leaders, luncheon and many kind acts are very much appreciated.  
The Family of Dennis Bergman

Save the Date ~ September 15th, 2019

St. Alphonsus Autumn Festival

Start thinking about the special item to donate to the Auction to support our parish!

"Being in love with God is never boring." ~ Fr. Thomas Dubay

**4th Degree Knights of Columbus Social**

All 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and their spouses are invited to our next social in Nauvoo, Illinois on Saturday, June 15th, 2019. We begin with mass at 5:30 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul and follow with dinner at the Historic Hotel Nauvoo. If you have any questions call or text 319-931-9761 Stephen Slobodnik. Dress is a dark suit with tie.

**VBS Update**

Due to the change in staffing of the Religious Education Program, we will not be having our normal Vacation Bible School; which is a great loss. The good news in that in its place this year we will be having Totus Tuus (translation-Totally Yours), a great program put on by young adults from our Diocese.

Dates for this great program are:

- 1st through 6th grade is Monday, July 29th through Friday, August 2nd from 9:00 until 3:00
- 7th through 12th grades is Sunday, July 28th through Thursday, August 1st from 7:00 pm until 9:15 pm

Next weekend before and after each Mass we will have a short video showing in the Gathering Space explaining this great opportunity. Look for more details and sign up then!

**WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?**

**Question:**

Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

**Answer:**

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples - and every baptized person - receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.

**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**First Reading**

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles marked the birth of the Church. One of the initial gifts of the Spirit was the overcoming of language barriers. What gifts of the Spirit do you think are most needed today?

**Second Reading**

Paul speaks of the unifying force of the Holy Spirit in the life of the community. Where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit's power to unite believers in your faith community?

**Gospel Reading**

In his farewell discourse, Jesus spoke to the disciples about the Father sending the Advocate (Holy Spirit) in his name to teach us and remind us of Jesus' words. When do you find yourself thinking about Jesus' words?



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