

The 2nd Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 16th, 2022

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

Our 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.



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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- Jn 2:1-3

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Do you have a new address or phone/cell # or aren't receiving parish emails?

To keep our parishioner records up-to-date, please call the Parish Office at 319-385-8410 or email at mtpleasantstal@diodav.org

Thank you!

There is NO Mass on Thursday, January 20th at Noon. Thank you for understanding!

Pray FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day

WE PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS. PSALM 96

9 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



3 WAYS TO JOIN 9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Fiamma at the Vatican. (Dec. 15, 2010 photo/Paul Haring.)

Kelley's Korner

When we had the big shutdown in 2020 and then the return a few months later. One of the changes that people immediately missed when they returned was the lovely trickling sound of our baptismal font and the ability to bless ourselves with holy water as we enter church. There were many joyful faces when the fountain was turned on again- especially our youngest parishioners who love the ritual of dipping their hands into the water. Due to some problems with leakage, we have not been able to keep the fountain running and as I write this, it is turned off. For some, it was only when they lost access to the Holy Water that they gave some thought to it. Up until then it was just something one did when entering the church.

What is Holy Water? It is a sacramental - which is "anything set apart or blessed by the church to excite good thoughts and to help devotion." (sistersofcarmel.com/sacramentals). Every time we put our fingers into the Holy Water and then cross ourselves, we are blessing ourselves and should be remembering our own baptism. This month we are sending home a bottle of Holy Water with each Family Formation family.

Unfortunately we had to cancel Family Formation last week due to the terrible road conditions on January 9th. All Family Formation families are asked to please pick up your January home lesson materials in the vestibule outside of the parish office. Those outer doors are always open so you can pick them up at any time. Included in the Family Formation take-home bag is the bottle of holy water. That holy water was going to be a part of the in person classroom session.

Please remember that as a sacramental, Holy Water is not to be disposed of in ordinary ways. It should not be simply poured down a sink. Sacramentals are to be returned to the Earth when they can no longer be used. If you have unused Holy Water that you need to dispose of for some reason, you can pour it into a hole in the ground in a place where people will not walk over it. There is also a special sink in the working sacristy at church called a sacarium. The sacarium has a drain that goes directly into the earth and not into the sewer system. This special sink is for disposing of holy elements, such as holy water.

Upcoming Dates to note on your calendar:

Sundays at 8 am Mass - CLOW for children ages 3-7
Sundays @4pm RCIA, Bilingual
Wednesdays @ 7-8:30pm - Youth Ministry grades 7-12
Thursdays @ 3pm RCIA, English
February 13 @9:15-10:45am Family Formation gathering
March 5 @ 5:30 Mass, Rite of Sending
March 6 all day at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rite of Election
March 12-13 High School Retreat
March 13 @ 9:15-10:45am Family Formation gathering
March 19, all day parish retreat for adults, more information to come
March 27 Confirmation
April 3 ICYC "Rooted" - Middle School event (grades 6-8)
April 10 @ 9:15am-10:45am Family Formation gathering
April 24 First Communion
May 1 @ 9:15am-10:45am Family Formation gathering
May 15 @ 8am Mass High School Senior Mass

Marguerite Ritzinger Scholarship

Applications for the **Marguerite Ritzinger Scholarship** of the Diocese of Davenport are being accepted through **Feb. 15, 2022**. Catholic individuals who plan to attend a college or university next fall may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. Nontraditional students may apply for the scholarships. The award is named for the late Marguerite Ritzinger, a Sigourney native, who left \$388,770 to the diocese to help with scholarships for seminarians and students attending colleges or universities. Applications must include an essay, copy of a high school or college transcript and two reference letters. All items must be sent together with the application form, which is available on the diocesan website at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org> in the Quick Links section of the homepage.

Pope Francis is convening a Synod, and everyone is invited to participate.



Let us journey together!

Since Vatican II, the bishops have been meeting in regular synods, but now Pope Francis wants all to participate.

Synod literally means to walk together. A church synod is meeting and sharing our journey. The steps of the synod are to listen to the word of God through scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, pray together, and then listen to each other. By listening to each other's experience on the journey so far, we can learn from their experience and perspective, guided by the Holy Spirit. Synodal listening is different from our usual meetings. We are called to listen with our full attention, not to debate or argue. Everyone is encouraged to speak. So that enlightened by God's word, united in prayer, we may follow the processes to discern God's will for us as a church.

Pope Francis has asked us to think about and reflect on what it means to be a Church that listens to one another. In what ways do we do that now? How might we do so better? Our diocese has asked us to ponder these questions: when you think about your experience of your parish, our diocese, and the global Catholic Church, what breaks your heart and what fills your heart?

The diocese has asked us to begin meeting in small groups and we will begin to arrange those. In the meantime, we ask you to consider the above questions and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the synod.



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?
Faithful Departed

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

Offertory the Weekend of January 9

- \$87.00Catholic Messenger
- \$184.00.....Cradle of Hope (1st weekend)
- \$30.00.....Christmas Offering
- \$235.00First Offering
- \$2,843.00.....Weekly Envelopes
- \$226.00.....Offertory
- \$3,586.00.....Direct Deposit



Total: \$7,191.00

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rest in Peace

Dale Longwell
Husband of Nancy Longwell

Marge Stuecker
Sister of Chris Dodson

The Social Action Committee for "Respect of Life Month" in January will have a special collection on the weekends of January 16th, 23rd & 30th.



Please look for the special basket in the Gathering Space. The money collected will be given to the Cradle of Hope in Mt. Pleasant to be used for any special needs they may have. Cradle of Hope is a Pro-Life organization whose goal is to save lives. They do provide counseling after abortion and parenting classes for mothers and fathers. The parents earn "Mommy Money" by taking these classes which they can use to purchase baby items. Please pray and donate whatever you can. If you are unable to attend mass please consider mailing or dropping off your donation at the church anytime in January. Please make out checks to St. Alphonsus and in the memo please note for Cradle of Hope.

Thank you for your support!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: *counsel, knowledge, piety, and fear*
 ©LPi *Fortitude, wisdom, understanding,*

Thank you to the March & April Altar & Rosary Circle Ladies for their kind donations of salads & desserts. The families very much appreciate your kindness. Thank you, Vicki Lohmann ~ Altar & Rosary President

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



**For the week of
January 16th**

1/17	No Mass	~
1/18	Noon	Bonnie Vance
1/19	Noon	Ann Mouglin Stevens †
1/20	No Mass	~
1/21	Noon	Gary Sammons †
1/22	5:30	Dorothy Welcher †
1/23	8:00	Alan Miller †
	11:00	For the People

Church Office hours:

8:00 - 4:00 Monday - Friday ~ Closed 11:00 - Noon

YouTube Masses - St. Al's MP Livestream

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Saturday, January 15

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Mass - CLOW

9:00 am KC Breakfast

11:00 am Mass

Monday, Jan. 17 ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No Mass

Tuesday, January 18

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture

9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture

Noon Mass

5:00 pm Finance Council

Wednesday, January 19

Noon Mass

7:00-8:30pm Youth Ministry 7thru12 every week

Thursday, January 20

NO MASS

3:00pm RCIA in Library

Friday, January 21

10:00 am Mass at Addington Place

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm RCIA in Library

Monday, January 24

No Mass

Tuesday, January 25

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture

9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture

Noon Mass

6:00 pm Parish Council

Wednesday, January 26

Noon Mass

7:00-8:30pm Youth Ministry 7thru12 every week

Thursday, January 27

Noon Mass

3:00 pm RCIA in Library

Friday, January 28

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, January 29

5:30 pm Mass

4:00 pm Altar & Rosary Mtg. Manning Hall

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

11:00 am Mass

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