

*The 3rd Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 23rd, 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.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty
to captives and recovery of sight
to the blind, to let the oppressed
go free. - Lk 4:18*

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CONFESSIONS

Father Connolly will be hearing confessions after each Mass this weekend, January 22 & 23. Father will also be hearing Confession on Monday, January 24th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, or until all are heard that evening.

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!

Kelley's Korner

January 22 is the anniversary of the legal decision of Roe v. Wade. The Church has established this as an annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. The families in Family Formation as well as the young people in Youth Ministry have been learning about the dignity of the human person this month.

Remember the unborn in your prayers, especially this weekend. Here is a Prayer for Life, taken from nationalshrine.org:

Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

Amen

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 for 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.

Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage: Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more. We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 – 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548, or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com



There are so many movies, books, even bible studies on Formed. If you haven't tried it yet you really need to do so. <https://watch.formed.org> This is a free program just put in 52641. A person can also sign up to get an email each day with a daily inspirational video, 3 minutes tops.

If you are one that has a devotion to the "Saints of the Day" you can watch a video of that Saint.



On February 2nd, is the Presentation of the Lord. Celebrate this Feast by viewing this 20-minute segment on the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary from *A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries*.



On February 11th, is Our Lady of Lourdes. View the feature film *Bernadette*.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who is the patron saint of lost things?

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**WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?
Is it Right to Sue?**

Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing. ©LPi

The Social Action Committee for "Respect of Life Month" in January will have a special collection on the weekends of January 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!



Offertory the Weekend of January 16

- \$257.00.....Cradle of Hope (1st weekend)
- \$70.00First Offering
- \$2,113.00.....Weekly Envelopes
- \$282.70.....Offertory
- \$100.00.....IOWAWIN's
- \$150.00.....St. Vincent de Paul



Total: \$2,972.70

Pray for unity, pray for the synod

Heavenly Father,

as the Magi journeyed towards Bethlehem led by the star, so by your heavenly light, guide the Catholic Church to walk together with all Christians during this time of synod.

As the Magi were united in their worship of Christ, lead us closer to your Son and so to one another, so that we become a sign of the unity that you desire for your Church and the whole creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Rest in Peace

Trevor Brown
Grandson of Mary Brown
Brother of Chris Brown

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
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



**For the week of
January 23**

1/24	No Mass	~
1/25	Noon	Buena Messer †
1/26	Noon	Phyllis Humphrey †
1/27	Noon	Phyllis Greulich †
1/28	Noon	John March †
1/29	5:30	Jack Smith †
1/30	8:00	Mike Bonar †
	11:00	For the People

Church Office hours:
8:00 - 4:00 Monday - Friday ~ Closed 11:00 - Noon

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Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Mass - CLOW

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm RCIA in the 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

4:00 pm RCIA in Library

Friday, January 28

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, January 29

4:00 pm Altar & Rosary Mtg. Manning Hall

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm RCIA in the library

Monday, January 31

No Mass

FEBRUARY 

Tuesday, February 1

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture

9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture

Noon Mass

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, February 2

Noon Mass

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

Thursday, February 3

Noon Mass

4:00pm RCIA in Library

Friday, February 4

10:00 am Mass at Addington Place

Noon Mass

12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, February 5

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am Mass and CLOW

11:00 am Mass

4:00 pm RCIA in Library


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