

*The 4th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 30th, 2022*

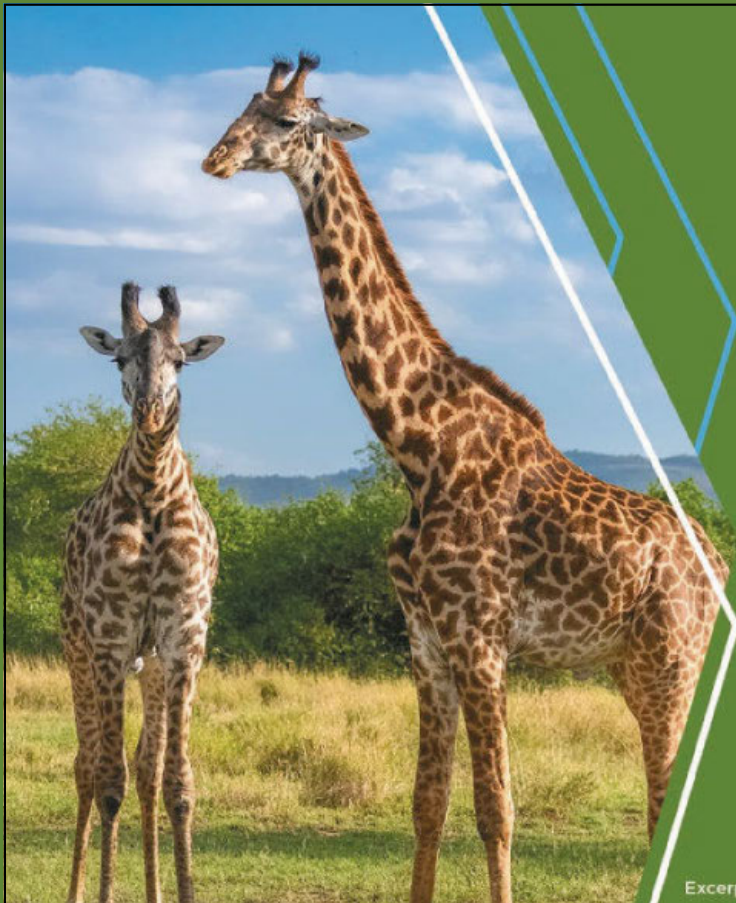
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Our Mission Statement

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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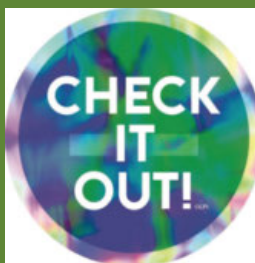
[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"
- Lk 4:21-22

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Are you having a hard time HEARING at Mass?

At this time we have two over the ear hearing assistant receivers that you can use. If you wear a hearing aid this will assist you to be able to hear Mass better. We will be ordering more very soon. If you would like to try one they are in a basket on the table by Father's Dressing Sacristy, along with wipes to clean the ear piece.



The Catholic Messenger Helps Build on Faith

Subscribe to *The Catholic Messenger* to tune in to diocesan news, events and happenings and to learn what's going on in the world regarding our Catholic faith. Having the paper visible and readily available in our homes provides opportunities for even youths to pick it up and find out more about their church and faith. Just having it available can make a big difference in our youths' involvement and participation, a very important part of raising Catholic children! Subscribe to *The Catholic Messenger* through your parish. It's a bargain at \$29 per year for 50 issues – print and/or e-edition! Check out the e-edition at no charge Jan. 27 to Feb. 27. Go to our website, www.catholicmessenger.net and click on the e-edition button.

Kelley's Korner

What is Intercessory Prayer?

Put simply, intercessory prayer is praying for someone else. If your email is in the parish database, you receive prayer requests. These are asking you to intercede on someone else's behalf, to include them in your prayers. These are concerns that someone has called the office and asked to be put on the "prayer chain." Anyone can do this. If you are not receiving these prayer requests, let the office know so we can get your email into the parish database.

Something that is one of the defining features of our Catholic faith is that we do not limit our requests for intercessory prayer to our families and friends, we also involve the Saints. We believe that the Saints pray for us. Just as we ask our friends here on earth to help us out by praying for us, we ask our spiritual brethren who are already in Heaven to pray for us as well.

Some people have a favorite Saint that they ask for intercession. Some people look to the Saint associated with the topic they are praying about - such as lost objects (St. Anthony), music (St. Cecelia), sports (St. Sebastian), expectant mothers (St. Gerard Majella), or cancer patients (St. Peregrine).

Recently, a student at Mount Pleasant High School was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Andrew Rauenbeuhler is a senior and friend to many young people in our parish. This is shocking news, especially for someone so young. Adults and teens alike are asking what we can do to help. Our first step is to bring our concerns for Andrew and his family to prayer. We are interceding on their behalf when we pray for them.

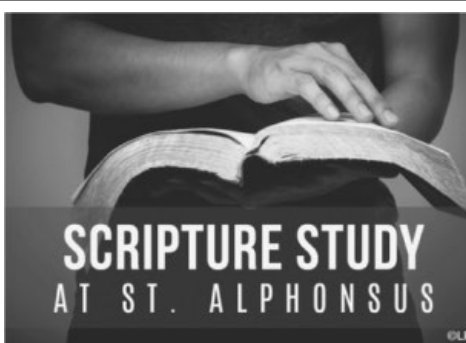
On February 2, 2022 at 6:30pm, we will be gathering in the Church to pray the Rosary for Andrew, turning to our Blessed Mother to ask her to bring our prayers to her son, Jesus.

All are welcome to join us in prayer. If you don't have your own rosary we will have some available. You can also download one of several Catholic apps on your phone that can guide you through the rosary. The Laudate app is free and has a virtual interactive rosary.

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
Feb. 2 @ 6:30pm Rosary for Andrew Rauenbeuhler
Feb. 13 @9:15-10:45am Family Formation gathering
March 5 @ 5:30 Mass, Rite of Sending
March 6 all day 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 adult parish retreat, more info 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 @ 11am Mass- First Communion
May 1 @ 9:15am-10:45am Family Formation gathering
May 15 @ 8am Mass High School Senior Mass

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 frdanquenther@gmail.com



Are you interested in joining a Scripture Study Group? On Tuesdays at 6:30am there is an early morning women's group and a mid-morning

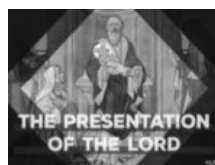
women's group at 9:30 am. They both meet in the church library. There is also a men's study group, they meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 am, please call the office for more information 319-385-8410.



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*.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life - February 2nd, 2022

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and in parishes over the weekend of February 5-6, 2022. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and inspire others to respond generously to God's gift of their vocation. The **St. Serra Club of the Diocese of Davenport** gratefully acknowledges all consecrated women and men serving our Church!



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Immaculate Conception

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin! ©LPi

The Social Action Committee for "Respect of Life Month" in January will have a special collection, this weekend is the last weekend to give.

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!



We would like to thank everyone who sent kind words, prayers and support with John's passing. Your actions will be cherished beyond words.

Thank you to Carmen Heaton & John Ita. Thank you to the Altar & Rosary Ladies for preparing the wonderful meal.

Also, thank you to Father Paul for doing the Funeral Service and also to Father Joseph.

God Bless each one of you!

The family of John March

Offertory the Weekend of January 23

\$3,236.00.....	Weekly Envelopes
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\$87.00.....	Catholic Messenger
\$3,872.00.....	Direct Deposit



Total: \$7,893.00



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched? ©LPi



The Social Action Group will be meeting in the Library on February 8th at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join this group, feel free to join them on the 8th.

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

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5,
6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps
86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-
18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-
29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-
8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



**For the week of
January 30th**

1/31	No Mass	~
2/1	Noon	Fr. Brian Shepley †
2/2	Noon	Special Intention
2/3	Noon	Ifeanyi Udensi †
2/4	Noon	Pat McCormick †
2/5	5:30	Dan Mertens †
2/6	8:00	Betty Lowder †
	11:00	For the People

Church Office hours:

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

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Saturday, January 29

4:00 pm Altar & Rosary Meeting
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am Mass - CLOW
11:00 am Mass
4:00 pm RCIA in the library

Monday, January 31

No Mass

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
9:00 am KC Breakfast in Manning
11:00 am Mass
4:00 pm RCIA in Library

Monday, February 7

No Mass

Tuesday, February 8

6:30 am Early Morning Women's Scripture
9:30 am Mid Morning Women's Scripture
Noon Mass
1:30 pm Ladies for Charity

Wednesday, February 9

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

Thursday, February 10

Noon Mass
4:00 pm RCIA in Library

Friday, February 11

10:00 am Mass at Silver Palms
Noon Mass
12:30-1:00 Adoration

Saturday, February 12

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, February 13

8:00 am Mass and CLOW
9:15 am Family Formation
11:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Spanish Mass
4:00 pm RCIA in the library

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