

# Saint Alphonus

# Saint John the Evangelist

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#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM St. Alphonus  
Sunday 9:00 AM St. John  
11:30 AM St. Alphonus

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

Wednesday  
9:00 AM St. Alphonus  
11:30 AM St. John

#### Parish Office Hours

Saint Alphonus  
Monday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Tuesday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

#### Saint John the Evangelist

Monday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Wednesday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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## Sacrament Information

### Infant Baptism (Preparation Required)

Must be a registered member and attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Please contact parish office to schedule baptism. There are no baptisms during the season of Lent.

### First Holy Communion

Students should have a minimum of 2 years of Faith Formation. If a student is being enrolled in Grade 2 without previous formation, they will receive 1st Holy Communion in Grade 3

### Confirmation

Students attending public school are expected to have completed Grade 9 & 10 faith formation classes prior to joining the Grade 11 Confirmation class. Students attending Catholic High School still need to attend faith formation Confirmation classes in Grade 11.

### Adults seeking to join the Church (or receive sacraments)

Please contact the Faith Formation Office for information.

### Marriage (Preparation Required)

Congratulations! Membership within the community is required. Engaged couples are encouraged to consult with the parish one year in advance.

### Cemetery Information

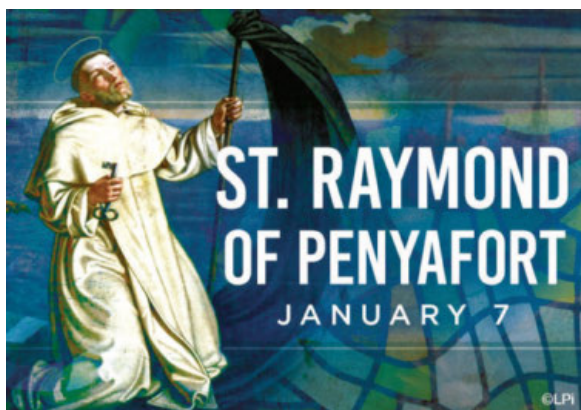
Call parish office or email

Saint Alphonsus - stalcmemetery@gmail.com

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Please pray for: Roberta Albrecht, Leo & Christine Balcuinas, Mindy Baugh, Libby Burger, Jamie Carpenter, Allan & Mary Ann Gaetzman, Tracy Hollandonner, Dolores Jucius, Ben Kaskin, Chris Lay, Kaylyn & Lenny Lococo, Bill & Megan Scannell, Mildred Smith, Dawn Thommen, Alice VanStraten, and all names on the Prayer Network. We do protect the rights of those wishing to not have their name listed in the bulletin. All are in our daily prayers. God Bless! To add a name to the Prayer List, please contact Pat Vos: 262-210-8482.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, January 01, 2022

5:00 PM at St. Alphonsus † The Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

### Sunday, January 02, 2022

9:00 AM at St. John † Paul Perks

11:30 AM at St. Alphonsus † Open

### Wednesday, January 05, 2022

9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus † Open

11:30 AM at St. John † Jim Lay

### Saturday, January 08, 2022

5:00 PM at St. Alphonsus † Marion Richter

### Sunday, January 09, 2022

9:00 AM at St. John † Lawrence Bruton

11:30 AM at St. Alphonsus † The Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### July 1, 2021 through December 23, 2021

St. Alphonsus	Actual	Budget	
Contributions/Offertory	\$ 85,384	\$ 92,340	(\$ 6,956)
Fix-It-Fund	\$ 7,121	\$ 4,282	\$ 2,839
St. John the Evangelist	Actual	Budget	
Contributions/Offertory	\$ 91,525	\$ 95,574	(\$ 4,049)
Fix-It-Fund	\$ 3,766	\$ 3,882	(\$ 117)

## FAITH FORMATION

Happy 2022!!! The year 2021 held many changes for most of us. Let us pray that 2022 is full of continued blessings from God and that loved ones gather more often without any special reason to gather.

During our regular class on **January 2, 2022**, parents of 1st Holy Communion students will have a **required** meeting during class time at the cream house across from the entrance to St. Alphonsus Church. **Please plan to attend.**

Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's our students preparing for 1st Holy Communion will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers.

I will be working remotely for most of January, so the best method of contact is email. If you need immediate assistance, please contact the Parish office.

Happy New Year,

Dody Bushbaum  
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation





## GOODBYE SARAH – WE WISH YOU WELL

It is with joy and sadness that we announce the departure of Sarah Boomgarden from the office staff of St. John's and St. Alphonsus. Sarah has been offered a position at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that is more in line with her career objectives. We are glad to see her move to the next level of her career, but sad to see her leave our Parishes. Sarah has helped us to complete a number of projects and initiatives in her 11 months since joining our staff, and we wish her success in her new role. A replacement for Sarah will be announced soon.

Michael Chuchara  
Director of Administration

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that “great joy” is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to “fear not,” as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the “good news of great joy!”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI*  
Archbishop of Milwaukee



**Thomas Floren**

April 10, 1946 — December 12, 2021

**Betty Reynolds**

December 15, 1932 — December 12, 2021

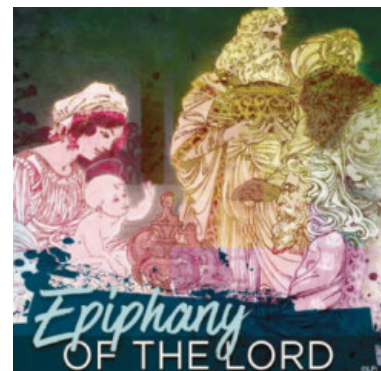
## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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