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PARISH SACRAMENTS

•**Baptism:** Baptismal preparation class by appointment.

• Please contact office for more information.

•**Weddings:** Make arrangements pastor at least six months before the wedding date. Dates and times for wedding in both parishes must be scheduled by contacting the pastor.

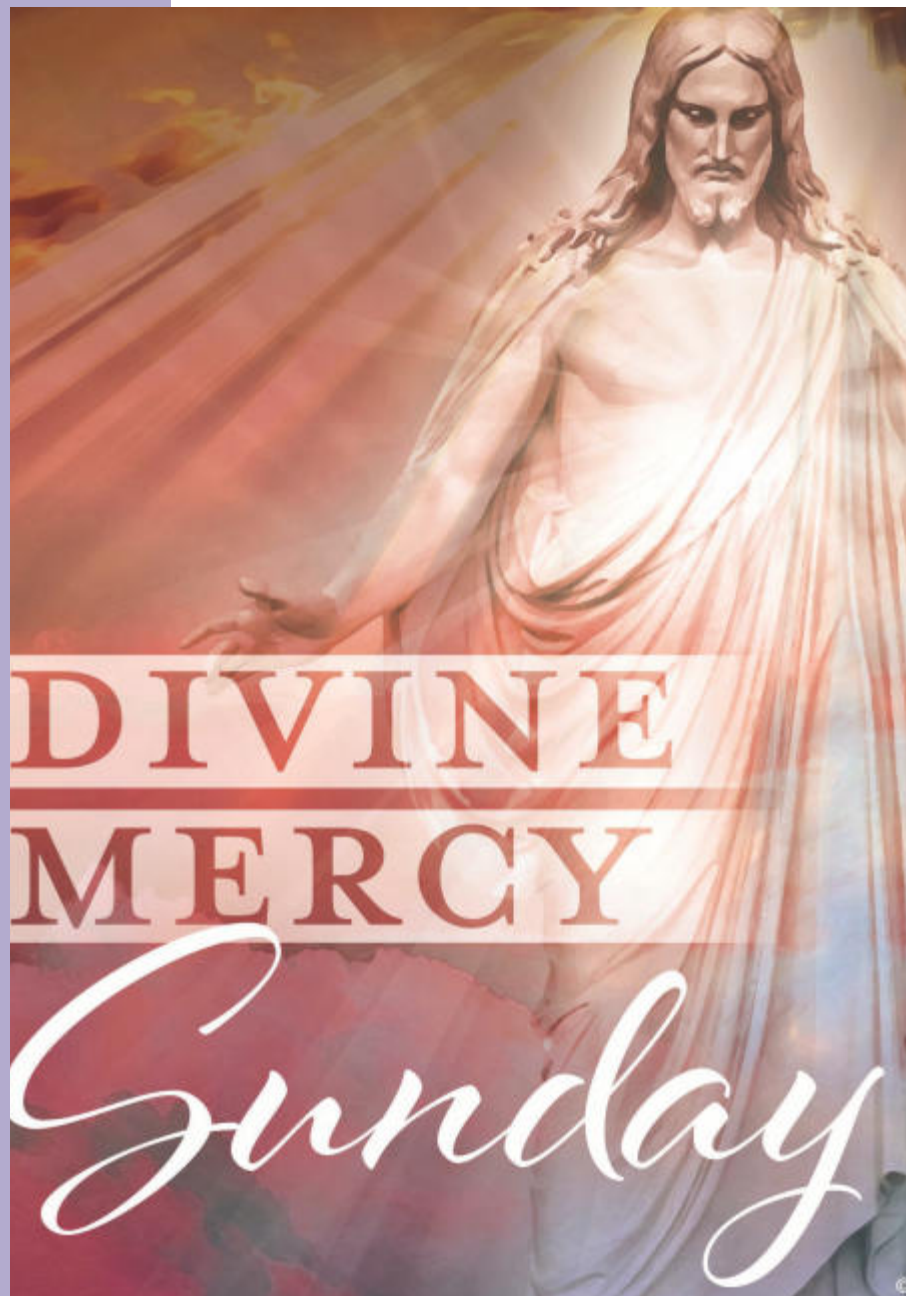
•**RCIA:** Classes begin mid-Sept for adults wishing to join the Catholic church and/or wanting to enter more fully by receiving the other sacraments. Please contact the parish office to register.

•**CHILD ABUSE REPORTING:** Call Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Alphonsus
Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Alphonsus
	10:00 AM	St. Peter

Confessions beginning at 3:15 p.m. on Saturdays before 4:00 p.m. Mass. Available by appointment, please call the parish office.



APRIL 28, 2019--DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

GENERAL NEWS

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/ Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19

From Father's Desk

So Why Does Terror Happen?
From Crux:

ROME - On Easter Monday, Pope Francis led thousands of people in St. Peter's Square in praying for the hundreds of people who died or were injured in bomb blasts the previous day in Sri Lanka. Pope Francis had already condemned the bombings and offered prayers April 21 after celebrating Easter morning Mass. The next day, after Sri Lankan officials reported 290 confirmed deaths from the eight blasts at churches and hotels in three cities, the pope told the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Regina Coeli prayer, "I want to again express my spiritual and paternal closeness to the people of Sri Lanka." "I pray for the numerous victims and injured," he said, "and I ask everyone not to hesitate to offer this dear nation all the necessary help. I also hope that everyone will condemn these terrorist acts, inhuman acts, that are never justifiable."

This week we heard that the Sri Lankan government has blamed the local Islamist group National Thowheed Jamath (NTJ) for the suicide bombings that hit three churches and three luxury hotels packed with tourists. This is a sad reminder that acts of terror and violence are still all too common in our world. Many of us ask, "Why do these things happen?" In a world controlled by a kind, loving God, shouldn't these acts be impossible? In turn, then, some even conclude that God must not exist!

The truth is that God does exist, and he does love us very much. However, like any good parent, he gives us free will. He does not want to control our lives, but instead to seek him freely and choose for ourselves a better path. In such a world, there will always be those who choose the wrong path and commit these terrible acts of violence. Those who commit these acts usually believe that they are doing so in the promotion of a greater good. Perhaps they believe this will lead to some sort of holy war where only the righteous will survive. Perhaps they believe that this will lead to a political revolution that will tear down the old, corrupt order. Some, dedicated to evil itself, only want to cause more suffering.

Christians must respond to these barbaric acts in a way that does not perpetuate a cycle of destruction. The guilty should be caught, punished, and tried according to the law. Others who might seek to commit similar acts should be found and converted to a better way of thinking. Revenge, reprisal, and warfare might make us feel good in the short term, but is unlikely to achieve a lasting peace. We are not confronting a stable nation state or ideal (as we did in WW2) but instead a whole host of ideas, stateless men, and those whose only goal is destruction. As a result, our tactics must change to reflect these difficult times.

-Fr. Paul

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today April 28	Divine Mercy Sunday	09:00 AM Elementary Rel. Ed/St Peter Last Class 02:30 PM High School Youth Group/St Alphonsus
Mon. April 29		08:00 AM Adoration/St Alphonsus 06:30 PM Choir Practice/St Alphonsus
Tues. April 30		07:35 AM Pro Life Rosary/St Alphonsus 09:00 AM Sewing Group/St Alphonsus 09:00 AM Food Pantry/St Peter
Wed. May 1		10:30 AM Mass/Good Samaritan 01:00 PM Altar Linen Group/St. Alphonsus 06:00 PM Bible Study/St Alphonsus 06:30 PM Religious Ed/ St Alphonsus Last Class 07:00 PM Parish Council/St Peter Host:Finance
Thurs. May 2		National Day of Prayer
Fri. May 3		04:00 PM First Friday Service/St Peter
Sat. May 4		04:00 PM First Communion/St Alphonsus 07:00 PM Middle School Youth/St Peter
Sun. May 5	Third Sunday of Easter	10:00 AM First Communion/St Peter 02:30 PM High School Youth Group/St Alphonsus

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28, 2:00-4:00 pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral
422 E. 10th Street
Davenport IA 52803

*Mothers Day
Brunch 5/12/19 at
the Knights of
Columbus*



This year the Davenport Diocese will celebrate the ordination of two deacons to the priesthood and one to the diaconate. Deacon Terry Ball, Deacon Scott Foley, and Mr. James Flattery will be ordained on June 1, 2019 at 10 AM in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Let's show our support by sending cards in recognition of their commitment to sacrifice and serve our church community. A basket will be placed in the back of church. Please place all cards in the basket and they will be delivered. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. PETER – BUFFALO

MASS INTENTION

Sunday May 5 10:00 AM Mary Sulentic†

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR MAY 5

Greeters.....2nd Grade Class
 Eucharistic MinisterDiane Dankert
 Lectors2nd Grade Class
 Altar Servers.....Austin Clark & Anton Kordick

MAY CHURCH CLEANING: Toni Wilson & Janel Clark

Mother of the Year Award

It's time for nominations for the St. Peter's Mother of the Year. She must be present at the May 12th (Mother's Day), 10:00 Mass and able to participate in our May Crowning. A short biography and reasons to be chosen must be submitted to Diane Dankert by May 1st. For more details, contact Diane Dankert at (563) 381-2741.

Come join **Endow**, a small group, community based study for women. Our first study will be Pope St. John Paul II's Letter to Women. Informational open house will be Saturday, **May 4 from 9:00-10:00**. Meetings begin May 11 and will be 9:00-11:00 every other Saturday. For more information call or text Amanda 309-203-3388. To join visit <https://www.endowgroups.org/groups/amanda-l-frietsch-s-group> and click "Join Group."

Married Couples: Would you like to re-live the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming dates: **May 3-5** Dubuque, IA
 For more information call 563-608-3305 or visit our website at iowa-wwme.org

Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be said 1/2 hour before all weekend masses at St. Alphonsus during the month of May.

Come join us in the **Women's Choice Center Chapel** (2740 Happy Joe Dr., Bettendorf, IA) on the first Friday of each month, starting on **Monday, May 6th, 2019**. The Chapel will be open from 5-7 PM with structured prayer/reflection from 6:00-6:30 PM. Each month, a different Pastor from local church supporters will be leading that evening's prayer.



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Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday's at 3:15-3:45 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 29-May 5

Mon.	8:00	Ted Querin†
Tues.	8:00	Audrey Colson†
Wed.	10:30	Roger Eisenbacher†
Thurs.	8:00	Johnny Holt
Fri.	8:00	Mary Ann Crowell†
Sat.	4:00	Mike Kroening†
Sun.	8:00	Ted Querin†

Ministries for May 4-5

LECTORS

Sat.	4:00	Char Starkey/ Lynne Schiffke
Sun.	8:00	Mary Kraxner/Amanda Wesson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat.	4:00	Marcia Moore/Molly Ortega/Gloria Chavarria
Sun.	8:00	Rich McKown/Tom Stahler/Linda Stahler

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat.	4:00	Haley & Audriana Guldner
Sun.	8:00	Ryan McKown/ Michael Perez

St Alphonsus Weekly Offerings

Weekly Budget: \$4,000 Actual 4/14 & 4/21 \$ 5,534

First Communion May 4th @ 4pm Mass at St. Alphonsus

Brianna Garcia
 Arianna Garcia
 Ashley Garcia
 Alejandra Herrera
 Fernanda Herrera
 Kinnick Lee



Congratulations to all. May you forever be as close to Jesus Christ as you are today.

"Thank you for participating in the Lenten Prayer Exchange. Easter greetings for your Prayer Partner may be left in the basket in the back of church. Happy Easter!"

You are invited to Church Women United **2019 Friendship Day - "The time is now "Agree to Differ"** Sponsored Brunch May 3rd @ 9:00 am cost \$7 Christ United Methodist Church 2330 West 41st Street, Davenport, Iowa. Call Kathy LaFrenz @ 324-0051 to make reservations. All are welcome!

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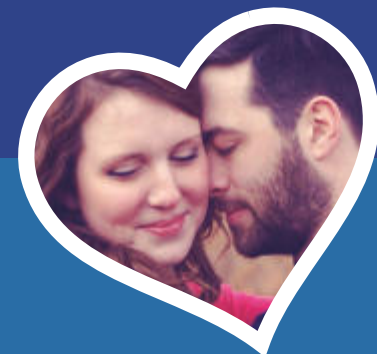
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