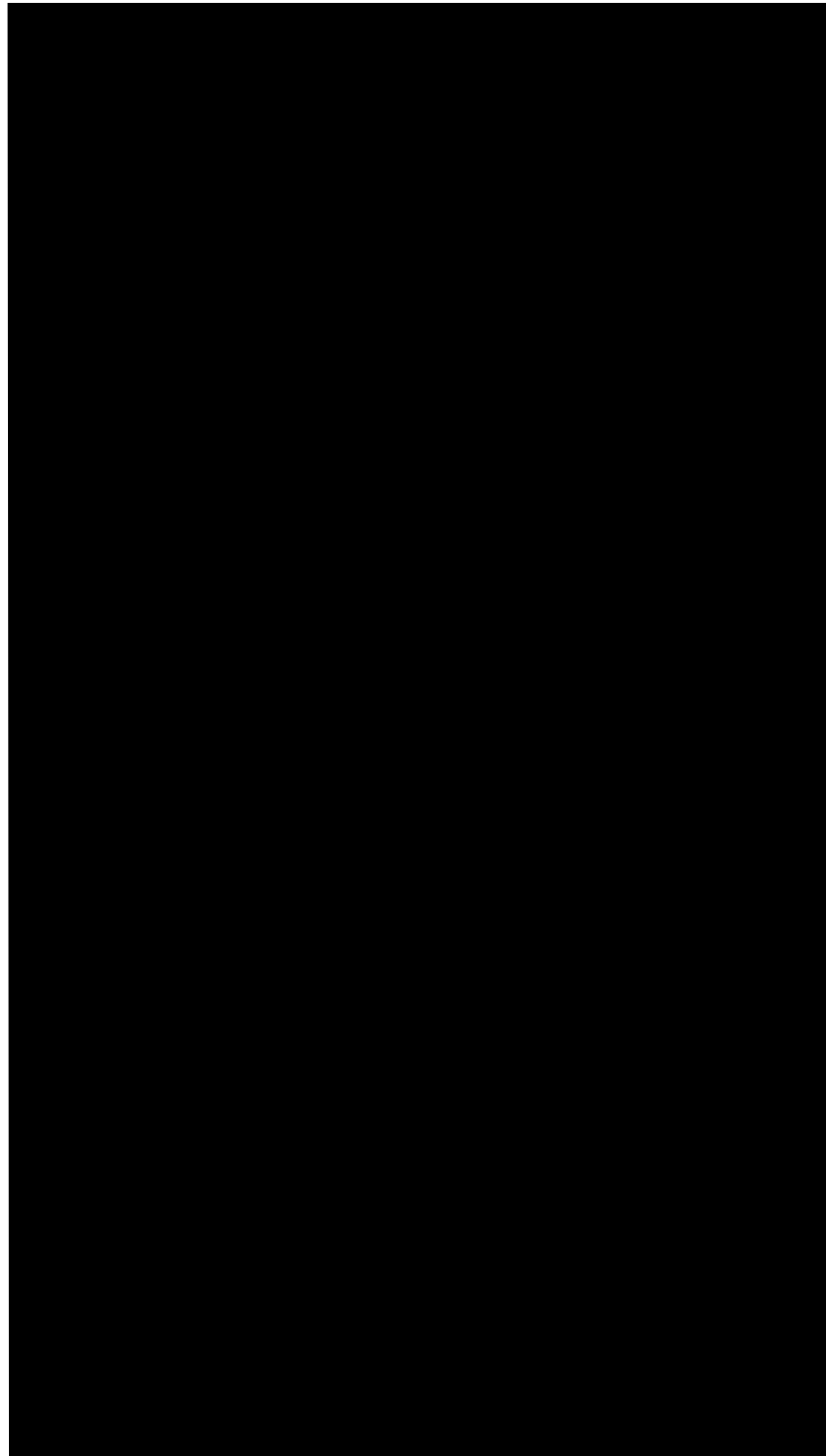


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**St. Alphonsus
Catholic Church
Parish Registration**

Everyone 18 years and older should register for the parish. To register, please call the Office Center, 257-2414 or you can register online at www.st-als.org.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Brian Ardagh

Weekend Celebrants:

Fr. Robert Rohrich

Fr. Lou Zake

Diaconal Ministry:

Deacon Terry McGuire

Deacon Dan Rittenhouse

Director of Religious Education

Kevin Cody

Admin. Assistant for Religious Ed.

Tricia Latz

School Principal:

Renee Payne

Pastoral Associate:

Doreen Dabney

Office Coordinator:

Roseann Lucas

Accountant: Carol Levas

Music Director:

Joseph Martorano

Music Staff

Diane Marelli

Maureen McCoy

SPRED: Carol Levas

**Parish Pastoral
Council Members**

Mike Bruno

Bill Doherty

Diane Kaye

Deborah Kornacker

Jim Pickering

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School Open House

This week the Catholic Church celebrates Catholic Schools Week. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the gifts that our St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School shares with our community and our support for their education.

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School will present its Open House on Sunday, January 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School is located at **20 West 145 Davey Road, Lemont, IL**. If you would like more information about the school or you would just like to see the complex, please join us!

Blessing of Student Athletes

Next weekend, as we all know, is **Super Bowl XLIX**. It is not only a championship football game between the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots, but it has also become a cultural event for the United States, as well. Millions of people will be glued to their TVs watching the big game and the commercials.

On a weekend when we celebrate athletic achievements, we would like to invite all of our young parishioners involved in sports to come and receive a blessing after Communion at all of the Masses. The athletes are also invited to wear their respective uniforms to the liturgies.

Annual Catholic Appeal

In two weeks, St. Alphonsus Church will participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal. We will hear a message from Archbishop Cupich about how our generosity helps the various programs in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is **"Entrusted with Responsibility"**. God provides each of us with many gifts. We have a responsibility not only to recognize these gifts but also to nurture them. As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts.

Your financial support for the work of our parish, our Archdiocese of Chicago and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. If you are able to please give generously to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal. When our parish reaches its goal of \$39,647 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Welcome Guests and Visitors. We are so glad that you are here and invite you to join us in thanksgiving for God's presence in our lives. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, love of God flows through us to all people. In this way, we believe that the Church is the sacrament of God's presence in the world.

"Please come to Mass early enough not to disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult (the Mass does not end until the final blessing). Worship reverently enough not to distract. And dress proudly enough not to offend."

Reflecting on God's Word

First apprentice, then journeyman, and finally master. That is how someone travels when learning a trade. But before setting out one must find a trustworthy ~~will accept~~ him to study with her. Then he must commit himself to the journey of learning the trade. ~~By watching~~ listening to the master, by imitating her example and following her advice, the disciple gradually learns her ways.

The Scriptures this week present a journeyman and a master, Jesus. Why did people trust and follow them? People responded to Jonah because he was traveling the way of himself; he had repented and set out on the journey of discipleship. They responded to Jesus because he was a master worthy of their trust and because he invited them to be his disciples, to walk at his side and to stay by his side. People followed them not because of their words, because they knew the way.

Virginia Stillwell
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Living God's Word

*There is one problem with Christian discipleship.
No one will ever become a master.
The most we can strive for is to be journeymen, like Jonah and Jesus' disciples.
We can only show others the way if we commit ourselves to the journey
and walk at the Master's side, trusting and listening and following the ways of the Lord.*

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*The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

— Mark 1:15

CHANGE OUR LIVES

In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens out of their wits. They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees by their actions how they have turned from evil.

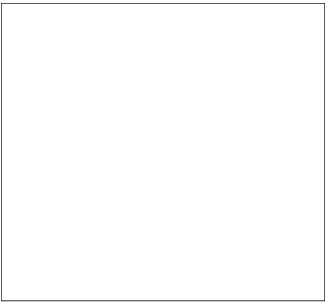
Then we hear Paul telling the Corinthians that the world in its present form is passing away. He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them rather mysteriously to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and the kingdom of God is at hand! The apostles-to-be abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives.

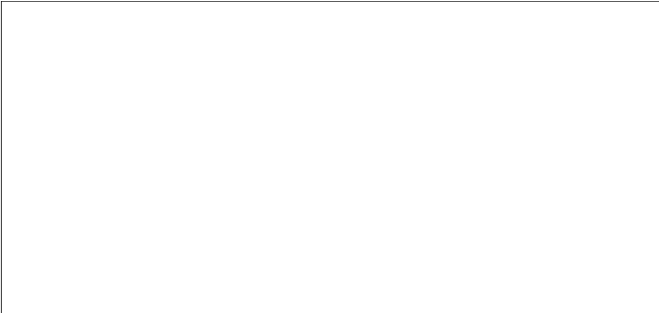
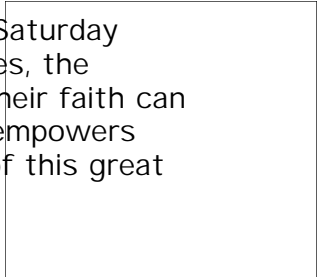
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Religious Education Update

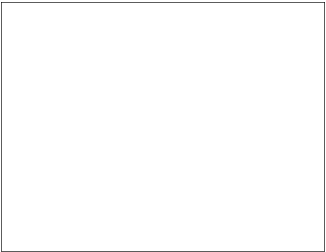
CONFIRMATION RETREAT



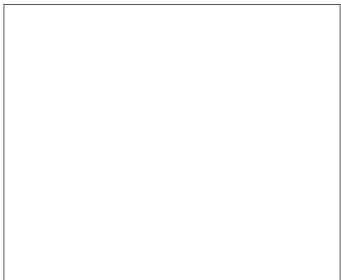
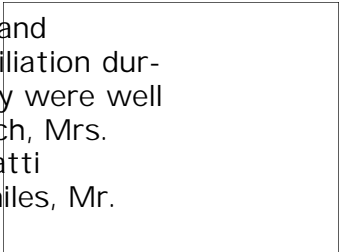
Fr. Tom McCarthy lead our Confirmation Retreat last Saturday afternoon. He lead our Caders in reflecting on their lives, the importance of knowing that they have choices, that their faith can help them in making wise choices, that Confirmation empowers us to live as followers of Jesus, etc. We were proud of this great group of young people!



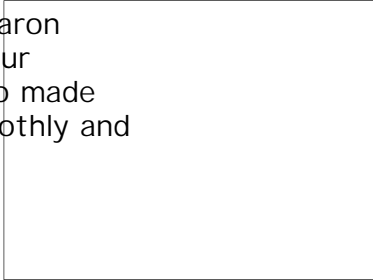
FIRST RECONCILIATION



Approximately 70 of our youngsters celebrated God's love and mercy for the first time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during 2 services last Saturday. It was evident that they were well prepared. Thank you to our catechists: Mrs. Teri Lerch, Mrs. Rosemary Christine, Mrs. Vivian Brueckmann, Mrs. Patti Loisi; their aides: Mrs. Laura Mathias, Miss Grace Smiles, Mr. Austin Maple, and Mr. Chris Ihde.



Our liturgy coordinators, Mrs. Sharon Kostas and Mr. Paul Malak, and our choir director, Mr. Joe Martorano made sure that the services went smoothly and beautifully. Thank you!



HERE'S TO GRANDPARENTS!

It was good to see a number of grandparents at our Confirmation celebration. The presence of grandparents is very important: a precious presence for both practical help and emotional support. Pope Francis recently said, "Grandparents preserve in themselves the values of a family, and help parents to transmit them to children. In the last century, in many countries of Europe, grandparents were those who transmitted the faith: they secretly brought the child to receive Baptism and transmitted the faith." Please, continue to pray for me," he said, "because in a way I'm like a grandfather for all of you. Pray for me!"

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

Check out our website: www.stals-stpats.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2015

Please join us for National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School outstanding. Starting with Open House on Sunday we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders.

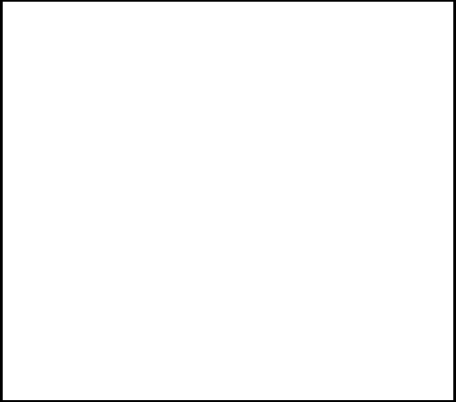
This year's theme centers on communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. The theme highlights the fact that schools do not only serve themselves; they are also part of many other communities, including families, towns/cities and country. The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School invites you to visit the school during our Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Plan to take a tour, view the pre-school and kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms, meet the teachers, enjoy the fabulous science projects presented by the seventh and eighth graders, and see the artistic talents of our students as displayed in the Art Fair. A special highlight of the Art Fair is the eighth grade Masterpieces created during Art classes. Come see the many benefits our school offers and the accomplishments of our wonderful students. Encourage friends and neighbors who may be considering Catholic education for their children to come with you.

Please join us on Friday, January 30, at 8:15 a.m. for a school Mass celebrating Catholic Schools.

SAVE THE DATE

2015
CROSS TOWN
CLASSIC GALA
Saturday
February 21, 2015
Beginning at 6 p.m. until Midnight
Chicago Marriott Southwest
at Burr Ridge
1200 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge



St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick's School Annual Gala
With Live/Silent Auction & Dinner Dance
Please contact Lori Atherton at 630-4783-2220 to purchase tickets.
Questions: Contact Nanci Smith at 630-4783-2220 or nsmith@stals-stpats.org or call 708-557-7070

From Palms to Ashes **The Rite of Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday**

To reinforce the origin and symbolism of the ashes used on Ash Wednesday we would like to invite all of our parishioners to attend the burning of Palms on Tuesday morning, February 17th, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass which will be held in the church and the burning of palms on the front terrace of the church.

Bring in any blessed palms you may have at home to be used for this service. Baskets will be in the back of church for you to place the palms in starting the weekend of January 31st February 1st

After this service, a pot-luck breakfast will be served in the Church Hall. Bring a hot or cold dish to share with everyone.

St. Patrick's SPRED

St. Patrick s Lemont SPRED group for ages 6-10 will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday, January 29th at 6:00pm in the ministry building adjacent to St. Patrick s church.

SPRED is a ministry program designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental and intellectual challenges from age 6 and up. Information will be provided to those who might be interested in working with the SPRED staff. Working as a volunteer with SPRED can be very rewarding and all materials and training are provided. Anyone 21 years and older may volunteer with SPRED and no experience is required.

Any families who might benefit from this program are also welcome to attend the meeting and learn what the SPRED program has to offer. We cordially invite you to join us that evening; no registration is required and you may contact St. Patrick s parish office at 630-257-6134 with any questions.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
Presents**

Rev. Bob Rohrich, C.M.

“Christian, Heal Thyself”

Mind over Matter — Spirit over Body

When there is Personal Conflict with: STRESS, DEPRESSION, SICKNESS and even DEATH,
it can bring about a SPIRITUAL AWAKENING OR AN ABANDONMENT of FAITH and HOPE.

The average person struggles with at least 50 Stresses daily.
If unchecked, they can damage both ~~the body~~ and hasten the aging process.

You can THINK yourself WELL or WORRY yourself SICK!

This presentation will explain 3 ways to manage stress effectively & easily.
Very simply, RELAX RELATE MEDITATE!!!

Come join us for an interesting & entertaining evening!

January 26th — 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

**Sacred Heart Ministry Center
8245 W. 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465
708-9743336**

FREE ADMISSION

For more information: Contact Bob or Mary at 708-598-7311



**Lemont
Pro-Life Ministry**

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners of St. Alphonsus,

Thank you so much for your help and support with the Baby Bottle Project which resulted in the project's success. The St. Alphonsus Parish Baby Bottle Project raised \$3,684.99!

I can't thank you enough for believing in the Women's Center's mission of saving moms and their babies. May God bless the St. Alphonsus Parish Community.

Nikki Larsen

Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantry. As part of a service project, the St. Al's Women's Club will be featuring a product of the month. This item will be a special request from the pantry for an item that is needed most. For February we will collect rice in bags, heat & eat packages, or boxed variety. Any item you are able to give is gratefully accepted. The staples you provide are necessary. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Lemont United Methodist Church ~ 25 West Custer Street, Lemont
 January 2015

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year and many thanks for your monetary gift of \$350.00, as well as your food donation throughout 2014 to our open pantry. Your support is greatly appreciated and many people benefit from your generosity.

Your donation allows us to give a food voucher and provide a wide variety of healthy foods to those people making use of the Open Pantry each day. Annually 80 families in need, from various walks of life, come into our facility every month. How comforting to be able to provide food through the generous donations of so many in our community.

The true meaning of Love Thy Neighbor continues through our community, serving others. It's amazing how much we can do if we just work together. With help from people like you, we can continue in our mission of service.

Sincerely,
 Marge Fox Outreach Committee

“TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.”

“A Time to be Born through Baptism” — Nolan Patrick son of Marc & Laura Elias
Paul Francis son of Piotr & Lindsay Faryniarz
Emma Elizabeth daughter of Brian & Jaclyn Masny

“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony” — Congratulations to:

“A Time to Heal” —

Joetta Karlos	Francis Rittenhouse	Dorothy Goushas	Edward Perkey	Patricia Dedek
Nora McDonnell	Baby Kenneth	Harriet Bromberek	Melanie Williams	Sue Dyer
Mary Tadda	Bill Sullivan	Robert Trock	Karl Knasiak	Jim Musial
Baby Jordan	Joe Fekete	Keith Donofrio	Tina Ruiz	Richard Brazzale
Skrobot	Greg Hoger	Bonnie Posey	Colleen Burns	Jeff Freeman
Nathan Parry	Mary Tomy	Ken Convalle	Ashley Smith Kitzel	Carson Lee Umentum
		William Bellair		

“A Time of War” —

Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait	Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force,	Jason Fricka, USAF, Germany
Christopher Durkovic, USA, S. Korea		Andrew Bosko, Jr., USN,
Stanley M. Simrayh III, USN, Japan	David Borkowski, USN, Guam	Virginia Beach, VA
Alex Sullivan, USA, Italy	Joseph R. Pociask, USMC, San Diego	And all who serve our country.
Kevin Parker, USA, Fort Campbell		

“A Time to Die” — The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.

Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.

Soup Kitchen

Friday,
January 30
6pm-8pm

Food donations and servers are needed to prepare dinner for the residents at Daybreak Soup Kitchen, Joliet. Contact Jackie Papiernik (630)243-9358 for details.

20 lbs. Ground Beef
 10 pkgs. Lipton Spanish Rice
 15 pkgs. Flour Tortillas (12 per bag)
 4 (24 oz.) Cans Refried beans
 15 pkgs. Taco Seasoning
 2 (64 oz.) Medium Salsa
 3 cans Sliced Jalapeno Peppers
 3 (2 lb.) bags Cheddar Cheese
 4 boxes Chicken Taquitas
 6 pints Sour Cream
 3 Heads Lettuce

1 bag Onions
 40 Plum Tomatoes
 2 lrg. Bags Tortilla Chips
 Assorted fresh fruit for fruit salad
 Home baked goods
 2 containers Presweetened Lemonade or
 Kool-Aid

VFW POST 5819
 ANNUAL
 BLOOD DRIVE
 IN PARTNERSHIP
 WITH THE
 LEMONT COUNCIL
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Where: VFW Post 5819
 15780 New Ave.
 Lemont, IL. 60439

When: February 7, 2015
 Time: 9am 1pm

Call the VFW 630-257-9859 for an appointment. Walk-in s welcome but there may be a wait without an appointment. For a map to the VFW see the link below:

www.vfwlemont.com/#/untitled/c1hxx

Weekly Offering

January 17 & 18, 2015

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 10,979.86
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 1,889.14)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 15,301.26
Last Year's weekly	
Collection	\$ 8,035.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.



SENIOR KINDRED SPIRITS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 27th at 11:30 am in the St. Alphonsus Parish Center. Payment is due January 27th for Drury Lanes West Side Story on March 11th. Call Jody Sternat at 630-243-8413 for more information on the Drury Lane outing.

S.A.L.T . Meeting

Seniors **A**nd **L**aw Enforcement **T**ogether

Where: Lemont Police Department
14600 127th St., Lemont
When: Tuesday, February 3, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Program: CUB Citizen's Utility Board
Fighting for Illinois Consumers since 1984

Can you afford higher utility bills? If the answer is "no", then don't miss the SALT meeting on February 3rd, when our special guest will be the Citizens Utility Board (CUB). CUB, Illinois' leading consumer watchdog group, has saved rate-payers billions of dollars in its 30 year history. Come hear CUB talk about the biggest issues facing gas, electric and phone customers in 2015 – scams to avoid, opportunities to save, and concerns to raise with your elected officials!

We encourage seniors from surrounding areas to attend. **Become informed and involved!**

Please call Lemont S.A.L.T. for further information at 630-257-2522 x 24 Email: lemont.salt@gmail.com

ADULT DAY CARE

Alvernia Manor Senior Living of Lemont offers Adult Day Care, Monday through Friday. Please give us a call for a free 1/2 day (4 hours) trial visit.

For more information, call Pat at 630-257-7721.

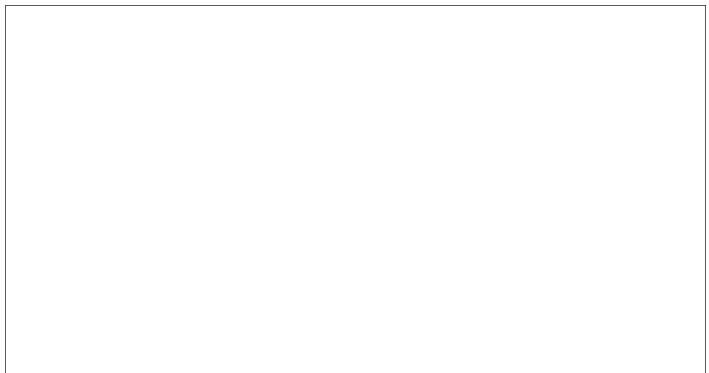
Income Tax Statements

Once again we will only send tax statements to those parishioner who request them, so if you need your statement for Income Tax purposes, please either fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket, mail it, bring it to the office, or you may also call the office.

St. Alphonsus Donation Please send me a copy of my donations to St. Alphonsus for 2014
Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Envelope Number _____

We Rocked Around the Clock!

The Women's Club would like to thank all those who attended the Rock n Roll Christmas dinner and live show on January 10th. It was another successful event that provided fun and fellowship for our parishioners.



Counseling By Fr. Rohrich

Counseling services are available by Fr. Bob Rohrich at the DePaul Center, 212 Custer. Appointment times on weekdays are: 10 and 11 am and 5, 7, 8 and 9 pm. Father Bob counsels the engaged and married, as well as individuals for depression, anxiety, grieving, separation, divorce and other personal problems. The cost is a \$10.00 donation for each session.

Please call, 630-257-9235.

Mass Intentions

5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus Saturday, January 24	7:30 am	Raymond Ludwig Thursday, January 29
7:30 am	Ed McDonough Sunday, January 25	7:30 am	Robert Wolf Friday, January 30
9:00 am	Madelyn E. Vicker Saturday, January 31	5:00 pm	Bob Wolf & Kenny Hahn Sunday, February 1
11:00 am	Greg Koski Monday, January 26	7:30 am	Robert Byerwalt Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
7:30 am	Edward Sternat Tuesday, January 27	9:00 am	Edyth Roenitz Blessings for the Fairclough Family
7:30 am	Raymond Ludwig Wednesday, January 28	11:00 am	Jeffrey Giazzone Harry Miller
7:30 am	Jim Hughes Marie McGury		Casey Galasinski

PLEASE NOTE : The 2015 Mass book is open

PLEASE NOTE : If you are celebrating a special occasion, wedding anniversary, etc. and request a blessing or renewal of vows, arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office, 630-257 2414. The blessings and/or renewal of vows take place after the Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 of: 1:5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music
Jan. 31	*5:00 pm	K. Atherton	J. August B. Rogers G. Smith A. Pascente (C) R. Haubner (C)	Pontrelli Family S. O Hara	Keyboard & Cantor
Feb. 1	7:30 am	KC Wollenberg	J. Sternat M. Doherty G. Kaiser	Wollenberg Family	
	9:00 am	K. Mars	K. Lambrakis M. Roenitz D. Czaja	C. Mars K. Burke	Parish Choir
	11:00 am	K. Cody	D. Dabney M. Malewski J. Pickering	Pickering Family	Teen Ensemble
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s				

* Communion under both species

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Gloria	#261
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