



# ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

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Business Hours:  
Monday thru Friday: 8 am - 4 pm

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

#### Weekday Schedule

Monday-Friday 7:30 am in the chapel

Holy Days to be announced

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—8:00 am—8:00 pm, chapel

#### Sacramental Life

##### Reconciliation

Saturday—4:00 to 4:30 pm  
Or by appointment

#### Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated the second  
and third Sunday of every month.  
No Baptisms during Lent

#### Marriage

Prospective bride and groom must be  
registered parishioners for at least 6 months  
before a wedding date may be scheduled

#### Sick and Homebound

Contact the office, 257-2414 to receive a  
visit from a Minister of Care

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us *joyfully sing*  
*psalms to him.*

Psalm 95:1-2



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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](http://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

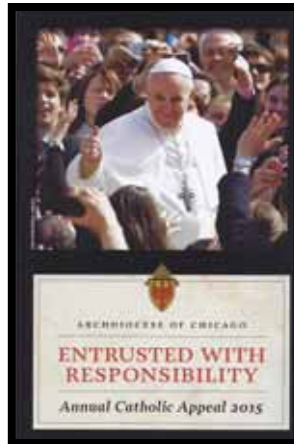
Jim Pickering

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

## From Father Brian's Desk

### Annual Catholic Appeal



Next week, 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 do so, 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.

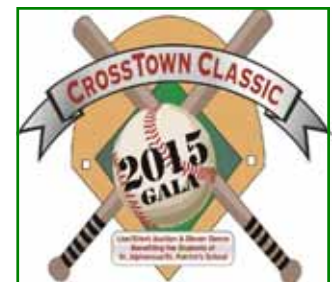
### Preparing for Ash Wednesday

It seems hard to believe, but the celebration of Ash Wednesday will take place less than three weeks away on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>! On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we always celebrate the ritual of burning the palm branches from last year’s Palm Sunday liturgies. If you have any palm branches at home and you would like to donate them, please drop them off in the baskets in the Narthex area. We will burn the palm branches immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

### School Gala – Crosstown Classic

I am happy to say that our Annual St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School Winter Gala will take place on *Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>* at the Chicago Marriott Southwest in Burr Ridge. The theme of this year’s Gala is “*Crosstown Classic*”.

The Gala Committee always does a superb job of preparing a wonderful setting for the event. Through the support of parents and parishioners from both St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick parishes, our Catholic Elementary School will be able to continue to improve the school building and its components.



FR. BRIAN ARDAGH

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

In Jesus' day, demonic possession was not uncommon. Mark presents Jesus as one who takes on the evil spirits, overturning their possession of this man. Jesus has declared war against the kingdom of Satan. Its hour of ascendancy is coming to an end.

The unclean spirit recognizes Jesus as one with greater power, for it asks, "Have you come to destroy us?" Then it confesses Jesus as the "Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). Jesus will battle the forces of evil to the death, his death. But what looks like defeat for Jesus will be changed to victory, because the power of God is at work in him.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses is speaking to the people before they enter the Promised Land. The entire book is his farewell speech to them. He will not go with them. He consoles them, saying that God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses and will speak through him: "I . . . will put my words into his mouth" (Deuteronomy 18:18).

Jesus is presented to us today as the prophet like Moses, who teaches with the authority of God and whose words are obeyed even by unclean spirits. There is no power on earth or beyond it greater than the power of God at work in him.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

## Living God's Word

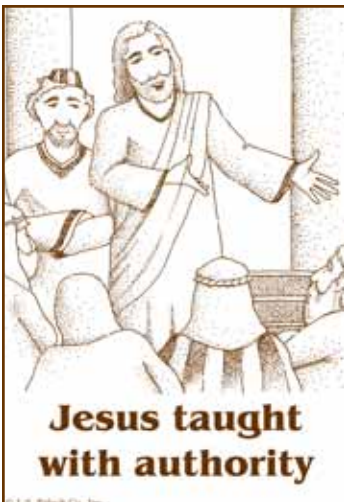
*We pray at every Mass the Lord's Prayer, which concludes: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

*The power of evil has been overcome by Jesus' saving death, but we continue to pray that it does not find a home in us, in our Church, or in our society.*

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*Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord  
who made us.*

—Psalm 95:6



## AUTHORITY FROM GOD

According to Moses, the people decided they didn't want to hear God's voice directly any more. It was much too frightening. Why couldn't God send human teachers, prophets, instead? God agreed, but with a warning. The people had better listen to those teachers, because they spoke in God's name.

That arrangement, though, had its own problems, for them and for us. How do I know this teacher is truly from God? And if the teacher is from God, are all parts of the teaching meant for me? We have the Church and scripture to help us with those questions, but still there are always a few loose ends.

That is the powerful significance of the sentence in today's Gospel: "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." The people knew that this Jesus was authentic—truly a teacher sent by God. They knew it by hearing him.

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# Religious Education Update



## CATECHISTS ATTEND RETREAT

Catechists from St. Alphonsus joined with catechists from around the southwest suburbs at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Tinley Park last Saturday afternoon for Catechetical Resource Day. They took part in a prayer service, listened to Fr. Ron Hicks, Formation Director at Mundelein Seminary, and was recently appointed by Archbishop Cupich to serve as Chicago's Vicar General. Our catechists enjoyed a finger-



sandwich lunch and participating in small group discussions with other catechists at their grade-level. They came away with some great ideas for their classroom and ministry.

## REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS

Now that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders have celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, we turn our attention to their preparation to celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. A question that is asked by the children, and which we should continually ponder ..... *Is Jesus really present in the bread & wine?* We read in the Bible: "During the meal Jesus took some bread in his hands. He blessed the bread and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take this. It is my body'" (Mk 14:22).

The Church teaches that the Risen Christ is really and truly present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is no longer bread & wine, even though it still looks, tastes, smells and feels like bread & wine. It really is Christ. And how do we know this? Because Jesus said it is so in the Gospels, and it has been a belief and practice since the earliest Christian communities.

So, if we really are receiving into ourselves the presence of almighty God, then we do not "get" communion like we "get" food through the drive-through window. We receive communion because it is a gift; a tangible gift of Christ himself that makes it easier for us to enter into a relationship with the invisible God. And how do we receive such a gift? Reverently. Respectfully. Awesomely! Thank you, Lord, for Your presence in the Eucharist!

## FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING ~ Tuesday, 2/10 ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ Church Hall



We will take a brief look at the sacrament and discuss plans for our celebration on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please notify the RE Office if you would like babysitting.

## MEET A NEW CATECHIST... OR TWO!

This is the first of a series introducing parishioners who have stepped forward to answer the call to catechetical ministry as volunteer catechists or catechist-aides. Jake Rangel and CJ Hunter are high school students who went through our religious education program, and who wanted to be a team for our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class on Sunday mornings. They were enthusiastic in their desire to be catechists and convincing in describing how they can relate to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and make a difference in strengthening their faith. CJ also noted her recognition that it's also an opportunity to grow in her own faith; and Jake sees it as an opportunity to give back to the community. In their spare time they work at the CORE and as a lifeguard, respectively. We are grateful and hopeful when we see our young people taking part in church ministry.



# St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

Check out our website: [www.stals-stpats.org](http://www.stals-stpats.org)

## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all of the parishioners, families and friends who joined us for our Open House. We were happy you were able to be with us as we kicked off Catholic Schools Week: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.

Comments from those attending:

**“I was impressed with how helpful the student ambassadors were and how much they knew about the overall picture of the school.”** Parishioner

**“We love the new lockers. We wish we had them when we were here!”** Alum

**“Where do we buy Gala tickets?”** Prospective parent

**“I’m impressed with the projects your students did for the science fair.”** Parishioner

**“Can I buy one of the student’s masterpieces?”** School parent

*“We need to remember to pray, every day,  
for the young people we’re privileged to educate.*

*Each of our students is eternally precious and infinitely loved by God.*

*What they learn in our classrooms, they need to see lived with joy in our lives.”*

*Archbishop of Philadelphia*

**A SCHOOL PRAYER**  
Almighty God  
We give you our school.  
We give you all the teachers and staff who work at  
St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School.  
We give you all the children who study in our school.  
We pray our school will be a place of great discovery,  
adventure and creativity.  
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,  
a place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL GALA!

**When:** Saturday, Feb., 21, 2015

**Where:** Chicago Marriott Southwest at Burr Ridge 1200 Burr Ridge Parkway, Burr Ridge

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to midnight

**Cost:** \$75 which includes dinner, cocktails and FUN!

**Contact:** Mrs. Atherton at school at 630-783-2220 to purchase tickets.

**\$10 Raffle Ticket** will give you a chance to win \$10,000. These may be purchased through any school family or directly at the school.



Are you a **CUB** fan or a **SOX** fan?

Will there be more **CUB** fans or **SOX** fans? I am pulling for the **CUB** fans!!!

**Come join us for a fun party!**



## 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 the church for you to place the palms in starting this weekend of January 31<sup>st</sup>—February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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



## LENTEN VESPERS FOR THE SOUL



On **Sunday, February 22nd, at 4:00 p.m., in St. Alphonsus Church**, the **St. Alphonsus Music Ministry** will present a Lenten Vespers Service of songs and contemplative readings that center around the gospel messages for each of the Sundays of Lent.

Please come and experience the impact our soulful music could have on your spiritual journey with Christ this Lenten season.

Musically yours in Christ,  
Joseph Martorano

### SQUEAKY WEAL LECTURE SERIES THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN CIVIC LIFE

# What Is "Black Theology" And Why Do We Need It?

LECTURE BY DR. JON NILSON

**THURSDAY, FEB. 5**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Butler Reception Room**

Saint Xavier University  
3700 West 103rd Street  
Chicago, IL 60655

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**



In honor of Black History Month, theologian Jon Nilson invites us to consider how theology can help navigate the path to racial equality. Dr. Nilson will describe the field of "black theology" and its part in the construction of a more just world. This lecture will examine racial injustice in light of Christian theology, and invite us to consider religious experience and cultural values in our world today.

**Jon Nilson** is Professor Emeritus of Theology at Loyola University Chicago. He was educated in the seminaries of the Archdiocese of Chicago and received his Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame. Besides Loyola, he has taught at St. Procopius College (now Benedictine University) and the University of Dallas and has held visiting professorships at the Catholic Theological Union and the General Theological Seminary. He was a Catholic representative on AIC-CUSA (the Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission in the United States) from 1994 to 2007. He was President of the Catholic Theological Society of America in 2002-2003. Along with numerous articles and reviews, his most recent book is *Heaving Feet the Pains: Why White Catholic Theologians Avoid Black Theology*.

For more information, please contact the Center for Religion and Public Discourse at (773) 298-3900 or Mary Rita Isley at isley@sxu.edu.

This event is co-sponsored by Saint Xavier's Center for Religion and Public Discourse and the SXU Black History Month Committee.



## JOYFUL AGAIN!

### Retreat/Workshop For Widowed Men/Women



There will be a retreat/workshop March 7 & 8 at Our Lady of the Angles House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus).

An additional program will be held March 21 & 22 at Holy Family Medical Center (now Presence) located at Golf Road & River Road, DesPlaines.

Being widowed is a special loss and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again.

Space is limited — register early.  
Ph: Joyful Again Widowed Ministry  
1-708-354-7211



Are you looking for a way to start fresh this Lenten season?  
 Would you love a day to get away and just spend some time  
 in the presence of friends, God and inspiring speakers?  
 Look no further!

The Men's and Women's Clubs of St. Al's would like to invite you  
 to an amazing afternoon to kick off your Lenten Journey  
 and to help prepare you for Easter.

Your Lenten Journey begins **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** at **noon** in the **St. Alphonsus Church Hall**.

Lunch and refreshments will be served and this event is free!

Save the date and invite your friends for an afternoon that you won't want to miss!

We welcome 2 incredible speakers: Sr. Jane Schlosser, RSM, from the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien,  
 and Fr. Andy McAlpin, O.P., the Promoter of Vocations at the Dominican Friars – Central Province.

Stay tuned for more information on their insightful topics!

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jen at 630-863-2252.

**TRI-PARISH LENTEN  
 MISSION  
 FR. TOM McCARTHY**  
 "The Sacraments,  
 the Treasures of Our Faith"



**MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY  
 MARCH 2, 3 AND 4 AT 7:30PM  
 SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS**

Fr. Tom McCarthy, the awesome speaker at the  
 St. Al's/St. Pat's Confirmation Retreat, is back by  
 popular demand! Come see why the teens are still  
 talking about him and his engaging presentation!

**Monday Night: The Sacraments of Initiation**

**Tuesday Night: The Sacraments of Healing**

**Wednesday Night:**

**The Sacraments of Vocation-Matrimony and Holy  
 Orders**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

# Wake Up



At a certain low point in the story  
 of the now-destitute prodigal son,  
 he **wakes up** to his situation. The  
 text reads: "But when he came  
 to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired  
 hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of  
 hunger! I will get up and go to my father'" (Luke 15:17-18)

In the Sacrament of Penance, we ask God for forgiveness that  
 he gladly and generously gives to us. A very first step, however,  
 is waking up to our situation and realizing how much we need  
 God's mercy. The habits of sin may dull our minds and hearts.  
 We may be sluggish in reflecting on our lives. Whatever numbs  
 us must dissipate. We do need to wake up, and then with the  
 prodigal son we can get up and go to our father.

## POPE FRANCIS'S VISION OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

The ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO in partnership with **LOYOLA PRESS**.

More on Pope Francis's Vision at [www.loyolapress.com/popefrancis](http://www.loyolapress.com/popefrancis)

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Let's Fill the Shelves. . . .



Food Pantry Update

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 also necessary. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

S.A.L.T. Meeting  
Seniors And Law Enforcement Together

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

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](mailto:lemont.salt@gmail.com)

Saint Alphonsus Parish  
February, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> Blue Envelope &amp; Cath Appeal Campaign 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM R.E. (All Rooms) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy/Word (C/CH)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM R.E. (All Rooms) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA (RE Bldg)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Women's Club - Adoration (Chp) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Club Mtg (CH)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:15 AM - 7:15 PM Little Tykes for Christ (CH) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM R.E. in All Rooms (All Rooms) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Finance Com. (OC) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Loops of Love Grp (Off Site)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Young People's Mass Practice (C) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir (RE-2) 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM SPRED Prep (PC/BC) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study (CH) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parish Choir (RE-2)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Young People's Mass Gr 5 (C)</p>
<p><b>8</b> Cath Appeal Campaign 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM R.E. (All Rooms) 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Baptism (C)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM R.E. (All Rooms) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA (RE Bldg)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM 1st Communion Parent Mtg (CH)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM R.E. in All Rooms (All Rooms) 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM Lemont ProLife (PC-A)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir (RE-2) 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM SPRED (PC/ABC) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study (CH) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parish Choir (RE-2)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Bell Choir (RE-2)</p>
<p><b>15</b> Cath Appeal Campaign &amp; Donut Sunday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rite of Sending/Election (C) 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Baptism (C)</p>	<p><b>16</b> Presidents' Day-Ofc Closed 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA (RE Bldg)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alpha (PC/ABC)</p>	<p><b>18</b> Ash Wednesday &amp; Masses: 7:30A &amp; 7:00P &amp; 12:30PM &amp; 3:30PM Prayer Service</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir (RE-2) 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM SPRED Prep (PC/BC) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study (CH) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Parish Choir (RE-2)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross (C)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM Children's Choir (RE-2) 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM Winter Gala (Off Site)</p>
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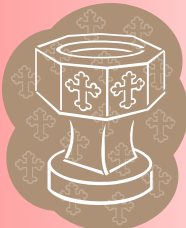

C—Church  
Chpl - Chapel  
PC— Parish Center  
PC/ABC— Parish Ctr, Rm A,B,C

CH— Church Hall  
OC—Office Center  
RE— Religious Ed Bldg.



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

**“A Time to be Born through Baptism”** — Charlotte Grace daughter of Richard & Bridgette Iwanski

	<p><i>We welcome the following child into the Mystical Body of Christ and into our St. Alphonsus Family.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Danika Parker Bozin December 21, 2014</b></p>	

**“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony”** — **Congratulations to:** Ashley Daly & Thomas Hull

**“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 Kitzer | Carson Lee Umentum |
|                |                     | William Bellair   |                     |                    |

**“A Time of War”** —

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait            | Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force,    | Jason Fricka, USAF, Germany    |
| Christopher Durkovic, USA, S. Korea | Germany                            | Andrew J. 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”** —

Laura Hostert  
The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.

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

**LOOPS OF LOVE MEETING**

Remember that the Knit and Crochet Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at Nancy Zuccarelli’s house at 1350 Overton Drive in Lemont. If you have not joined us before-no problem-come just the same. If you have joined us before or are a regular, we look forward to seeing you on February 4th at 7:00 PM.



**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/c1hkk](http://www.vfwlemont.com/#!/untitled/c1hkk)



### Weekly Offering

January 24 & 25, 2015

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 8,044.11
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 1,067.13
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,757.76)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 11,543.50
Last Year's weekly	
Collection	\$ 7,591.00

*Thank you for your support of our parish.*

### 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 or 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Support the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal

#### *"Entrusted with Responsibility"*

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that was in the church pews this weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is **much different than a one-time special collection**. **It is a pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. With these gifts, you are entrusted with responsibility. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Archdiocese.

After our parish goal of \$39,647 is reached, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

### 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

**Saturday, January 31**

5:00 pm — Bob Wolf & Kenny Hahn — *Frank Clark III*

**Sunday, February 1**

7:30 am — Robert Byerwalter — *Family*  
 Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 9:00 am — Edyth Roenitz — *Pickering Family*  
 Blessings for the Fairclough Family — *Friend*  
 11:00 am — Jeffrey Giazzon — *Family*  
 Harry Miller — *Ganski Family*  
 Casey Galasinski — *Family*

**Monday, February 2**

7:30 am — John Olson — *Filicicchia Family*

**Tuesday, February 3**

7:30 am — Robert & Brian Cannon — *Marie Cannon Dudek*  
 Patricia A. Goode — *Tony Goode*  
 Karen Mooney — *Judith & Michael Mooney*

**Wednesday, February 4**

7:30 am — Lorraine Roberts — *Family*

**Thursday, February 5**

7:30 am — Robert Wolf — *Filicicchia Family*

**Friday, February 6**

7:30 am — Sylvia Gryska — *Reid Family*

**Saturday, February 7**

5:00 pm — Tom Helmuth, Jr. — *Rich & Maria Helmuth*

**Sunday, February 8**

7:30 am — Gudelevich Family — *Tony Goode*  
 9:00 am — Mildred & Orville Tessum — *Linn Eldred*  
 Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 11:00 am — Jean & Robert Lindauer — *Rita Lindauer*  
 Intentions of the Greg Koski Family — *Nancy Costello*  
 Healing for Janine Pens — *Karin Gory*

**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, will take place after the Mass.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music
Feb. 7	*5:00 pm	Young People's Mass	R. Haubner M. McGuire D. Josephitis B. Rogers (C) D. Dabney(C)	Popper Family J. Popper-training	Bell Choir
Feb. 8	*7:30 am	Barb Betley	D. Betley C. Kuhlman M. Main P. Malak (C) G. Kaiser (C)	Bozue Family	
	9:00 am	G. Klaff	A. Padalik R. Meyer E. Bruno	Meeks Family L. Laga	Keyboard & Cantor
	11:00 am	J. Latz	P. Loisi K. Gory B. Israel	Aiello Family E. Todner-training	Parish Choir
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat's	* Communion under both species			

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**Gather Hymnal**

**Glendalough Mass**

Gloria #261

Gospel Acclamation #262

Holy, Holy #263

Memorial Acclamation #265(B)

Great Amen #267

Lamb of God #269