

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

15 MARCH 2015

Just as Moses lifted up
the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man
be lifted up, so that
everyone who believes
in him may have eternal life.
John 3:14-15

FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF
Lent

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

Tri-Parish Lenten Mission

Our 2015 Tri-Parish Lenten Mission occurred on Mar. 2nd – Mar. 4th at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church with **Fr. Tom McCarthy** as our guide. It was an awesome sight to see over 600 people from all three Lemont Catholic churches come together each night and take the time to laugh, sing, pray and reflect on their faith. Fr. McCarthy even commented how inspiring it was to see parishes join in a celebration of Catholicism.

Fr. McCarthy did a wonderful job in his presentations on the Seven Sacraments and how they have an impact on our everyday lives. On behalf of Fr. Valdi from Ss. Cyril and Methodius and Fr. Kurt from St. Patrick, I would like to thank Fr. McCarthy for his stories, his energy and the spirit he shared with our parishes.

2015 Confirmation Class

Next weekend the members of our 8th Grade class will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from **Bishop George Rassas**.

They have prepared a great deal during this past year to make it to this point in their journey of faith. Some of the programs they have completed include: choosing a Confirmation name, a report on their favorite Catholic Saint, an essay on “*Why I want to be Confirmed*”, attending the 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat and completing over 40 hours of service in the areas of school, community, church and home.

This weekend, our 8th Graders and their sponsors are attending the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. liturgies before Confirmation practice. The 8th Graders will then participate in a “*Spirit Day*” in which they will reflect on Confirmation and how they will be considered adults in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

We ask that the Holy Spirit will descend upon our 8th Graders as they receive this special sacrament and we also pray for their families, their sponsors and their catechists who have prepared them for this wonderful journey in their lives.

Lenten Fish Fry

Our St. Alphonsus Women's Club is sponsoring our annual **Lenten Fish Fry** on **Friday, March 20th** at 5:30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$10/adult, \$8/senior and \$5/child. Your meal will include: fish, pasta, salads, bread, desserts, soft drinks and tea/coffee.

Parish Lenten Project

I would just like to remind everyone that we still have a few “*Almsgiving Backpacks*” remaining, if you would like to share your generosity with someone in need, including senior citizens, poor families and the homeless. Filled backpacks should be returned by Easter, April 5th, or the week after. Please bring them to church or the Parish Office. For more information, please contact **Doreen Dabney** at (630) 257-2414.

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

Andrea had done everything her parents had warned her against and had lied to cover it up. But it's impossible to keep a secret in a small town, so she stopped talking to them. When they continued "nagging" her she moved out "forever," telling her parents she "didn't have a family" anymore. Eight months later, broke and lonely, she chanced to see her father on the street. Certain he would condemn her, she turned way—too late. "Hello, Andrea. How have you been?" Andrea could not contain her tears when she heard the words, "Sweetheart, your mom and I would love for you to come home."

What must it have been like for the Israelites to learn that they were free to go home from their exile? No questions asked. All debts forgiven. A new beginning. If we can imagine their joy and gratitude perhaps we can understand more deeply the tremendous gift we have been given in baptism—God's mercy gives us the courage to leave our self-imposed exiles and come home.

—Virginia Stillwell

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Living God's Word

We don't always "come toward the light" (John 3:20).

Sometimes we prefer the darkness.

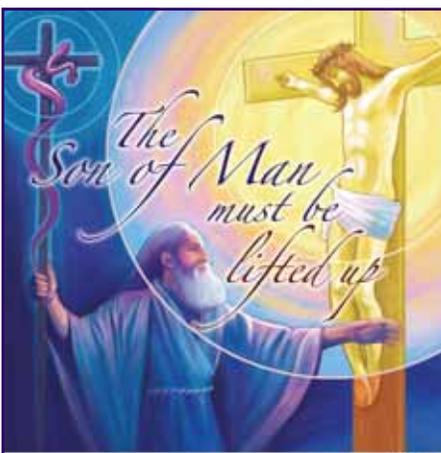
*We might fear being condemned if our deeds are brought to light
or we may simply be unable to find our way in the dark.*

We need the light of Christ to help us believe once more in God's merciful love.

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*God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.*

— John 3:17



RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

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Religious Education Update

FAMILY LENTEN SESSIONS

Just as they did for the Advent sessions, parents of children in Grades 1-6 are asked to join their children for a session on Lent during their regular class times according to the schedule below. The sessions will take place in their classrooms for Track A, and in the Church Hall for Tracks B & C. Families will have an enjoyable time together while having an opportunity to enter the season of Lent a little more deeply.

Grades 3 & 4 Week of March 22nd

Grades 5 & 6 Week of March 29th

MEET A NEW CATECHIST



Debbie Gilman continues a long line of registered nurses that we've had as catechists here at St. Al's...It must be their caring hearts! After caring for her now adult daughters with her husband, John, Debbie volunteered to be a

catechist-aide because of the possibility of making a positive difference in the life of a child. She enjoys being more involved in her church community. We pray that Debbie's and all of our catechists' efforts are bearing fruit, and we enjoy having Debbie on our team.

CONFIRMATION SPIRIT DAY

Confirmation sponsors and parishioners will pray over our Confirmandi during their 4th and final liturgical rite at the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses as they begin their final week before being Confirmed on March 21st. They will have practice at 12:15pm followed by a Spirit Day afternoon of reflection.

Our young people will be confirmed by Bishop Rassas next Saturday at 10:00am. Please keep them in your prayers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN... 3RD GRADE?



The 3rd Grade-level is where we focus on learning the Apostles Creed. It concisely summarizes the core beliefs of our faith. Accordingly, memorizing the words provides a good basis for learning the Catholic faith. Mrs. Yanku's class took a novel approach by having her kids make their own pocket Apostles Creed Book that they can take with them anywhere to study. Recently, they have been learning more about the season of Lent and the Paschal Mystery: Jesus'



suffering, death, and resurrection. Mrs. Houser's class colored Stations of the Cross posters to help them to learn the Way of the Cross. Our 3rd Graders have taken a closer look at the 10 Commandments and how they help our relationship with God and with others. Mrs. Dian's class has been swapping books on virtue to take home each week. It's a good way to carry the lessons home.

The 3rd Grade service project was a Valentines project. They donated gum and mints and made Valentines cards to go into brown bag lunches for the Morning Star Mission in Joliet.

Along with our catechists, we thank their aides, Nick Yanku and Erin Houser.



St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

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



AG IN THE CLASSROOM

The fourth grade students from Mrs. Tomaszewski’s class recently participated in a program offered through the Cook County Farm Bureau. This program is called “Ag in the Classroom”. It was an opportunity for the students to learn more about the basics of agriculture and agribusiness through hands-on activities and visual presentations. This was a two part program and we were fortunate to have Mrs. Wiley as our presenter in the classroom helping us to learn about this interesting topic. We also learned about the importance of nutrition and what is best for our health. Our favorite parts were seeing the amount of sugar that is in

some of our drinks! It was an eye opening experience. We compared and contrasted types of cereals and read the labels from various foods to see the ingredients that we are consuming. We also enjoyed threshing wheat with our hands and observing the seeds with a magnifying glass. Students were excited to take their knowledge home and share it with Mom and Dad to help make good choices on their next trip to the grocery store!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALUM DANNY DIRST CLASS OF 2011!

Danny, a senior at Lemont High School, was selected to be highlighted by the Chicago Blackhawks in their new “High School Captain” spotlight series. As a candidate, Danny had to provide a biography of his hockey career, complete with accomplishments and awards. In addition, his coach provided a letter of recommendation, which detailed Danny’s sportsmanship and leadership qualities. Danny recorded an interview that will be shown on “Blackhawks TV” - the club’s internet outlet. Danny is the varsity captain of the Lockport/Lemont Spartans. Danny has 15 goals and 13 assists this season from his forward position. He also has achieved honor roll accolades at Lemont High School. Way to go, Danny!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR REMINDER



The Children's Choir will be singing at the 5:00 pm Mass next Saturday, March 21st. Rehearsal will take place at 3:15 pm in the RE building prior to the Mass. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Martorano at 708-828-5095 .

EASTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children grade level 2 and above are welcome to sing in our special Children's Choir for the 9:00 am Mass on Easter morning.

Rehearsals began on Thursday, March 12th, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in our Religious Education building. Subsequent rehearsals will take place on March 19th, 26th, and Tuesday, March 31st,

Please contact Mr. Martorano at 708-828-5095. for more details.



Communion can be brought to the home for you or someone you know by contacting the Parish Office Center at 630-257-2414. They will forward your information to a Minister of Care who will be happy to bring the Sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration Is.....



- ...a privileged time for growing in Christ.
- ...a source of healing, wholeness and fulfillment.
- ...a way to deepen our living of the Eucharistic Celebration in all it's fullness.

St. Alphonsus offers Eucharistic Adoration to all parishioners and non-parishioners every Tuesday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Chapel of Mercy, located in the Parish Center. Come for an hour, half-hour or even just a quick visit.

Our Lord welcomes every one.

Lenten Almsgiving Project: BACKPACKS



Remember:

Filled backpacks should be returned by Easter, April 5th, or the week after. Please bring them to church or the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Elizabeth Seton Church,
9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills,
invites all
to our Lenten Parish Mission at 7:00 pm,**

Monday, March 23

Trust in God's Promises: Learning to Think in a New Way,
led Fr. Larry McBrady on (Do I Need a Savior?
The courage to look within and try something new);

Tuesday, March 24

Some Assembly Required. Understanding: the first steps to conversion

Wednesday, March 25

Imitation vs. Conversion. Being astonished by Jesus.

Hospitality will be shared on Wednesday following the Mission. (Optional journal workshop will be offered by Fr. Larry McBrady at 8pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please bring journal or writing material).

All are welcome.



GET YOUR TICKETS!!!

After a huge success last year, the St. Al's Women's Club is hosting another Lenten Fish Fry this year!

The fry will take place on Friday, March 20th at 5:30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$10/adult, \$8/senior and \$5/child. Your meal will include: fish, pasta, salads, bread, desserts, soft drinks and tea/coffee.

Seats are limited, so make sure you get your tickets as soon as you can! The Women's Club will be selling tickets after all masses this weekend, March 14th and 15th. If you would like more information or to reserve a spot, please contact Beth at 630-673-5457.

Catch the wave and join us for some food, fellowship and fun!

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 **March we will collect "beverages such as coffee, tea, hot cocoa and juice."** 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.



Bethany Lutheran Church
500 Lemont Street, Lemont

March 2015

Dear St. Alphonsus Parishioners,

Thank you for the large donation of food to the Open Pantry at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Your generosity allows us to restock the pantry shelves so that our clients can fill their grocery bags. We are grateful for your compassion for those who continue to struggle in this economy. We would not be able to assist our clients without your support.

Thank you for remembering the families of the Open Pantry.

Bethany Open Pantry Committee

Semi-Retired? Retired? Eager to "give something back"?

The Ignatian Volunteer Corp may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities two days per week (September-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, companions to the elderly, and more! Detailed information is online at

www.ivcusa.org/chicago

Join us for an information session at St. Catherine of Alexandria to learn more and meet current IVC volunteers on **Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm**. Please RSVP to Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312-961-6206 or jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org.

Volunteers are paid in six figures... S-M-I-L-E-S.

~Gayla LeMaire



JOYFUL AGAIN! Retreat/Workshop For Widowed Men/Women

Beyond grieving there **is** new life!

Feeling “stuck”? Need something to get you “over the hump”? Have you reached a “turning point” after your loss?

Come join us for a weekend especially designed to help you reflect on and recognize new direction for your life while still treasuring memories of your loved one.

Upcoming programs:

June 27 & 28 — St. Julie Billiart Parish, Tinley Park
July 25 & 26 — Holy Family, Inverness

For more information contact us at Joyful Again!
Widowed Ministry

Phone: 1-708-354-7211

E-mail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Website: www.joyfulagain.org

Early registration is encouraged.

Mid-life Singles Retreat (mid 30s to 50s)

Many never-married, divorced, or widowed people in mid-life (mid 30s to 50s) feel alone, out-of-place (even in church!), and wondering what this phase of life means for them. That’s where the REFLECT Catholic Singles Retreat comes in.....since 2004, our weekend retreats have offered mid-life singles the chance to experience healing, a sense of belonging, and a renewed relationship with the Lord through planned talks, a reconciliation service, Holy Mass, and caring fellowship.

Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, Illinois (in the northern suburbs), on May 1-3, 2015. Cost is just \$185 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involvedyou won’t regret it! Call 312-532-8286, email: reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details

CATHOLIC COLLOQUIUM LECTURE SERIES

Discovering the Resources of the Catholic Tradition

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19
6:30 PM**

**Butler Reception Room
St. Xavier University
3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago 60655
Free and Open to the Public**

In Quest of the Jewish Mary

Sister Mary Christine Athans will present Mary, the mother of Jesus, through the perspectives of historical research, Jewish - Christian dialogue and feminist theology. She will describe how Mary has been depicted in centuries of Christian doctrines, devotions and art. Athans will explore how Mary continues to serve as a focus of Christian spirituality and inter-faith dialogue.



M. Christine Athans, B.V.M., Ph.D., a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is professor emerita at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), and currently adjunct faculty at Loyola University Chicago and Catholic Theological Union. She holds a Ph.D. in historical theology from the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, an S.T.L. from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, an M.A. in theology from the University of San Francisco, an M.A. in history from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a B.S. in Humanities from Loyola University Chicago. She served for eighteen years on the faculty of the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), teaching historical theology, church history and spirituality. She also taught at the Ecumenical Institute at Tantur in Jerusalem. In 2002, she was appointed

professor emerita, and returned to Chicago where she is adjunct faculty at Loyola University Chicago and Catholic Theological Union. She is active in the Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Federation (Chair 2008-11). She has worked extensively in the area of interfaith dialogue, and has led interfaith social justice efforts throughout the country.

Athans is the author of three books, the editor of two volumes and two journals, and has authored several book chapters and journal articles. Her most recent book is "In Quest of the Jewish Mary: The Mother of Jesus in History, Theology and Spirituality." She appeared on the A&E Biography television production "Mary of Nazareth" discussing the Jewishness of Mary. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information, contact the Office for Mission Integration and Mercy Heritage or Mary Rita Insley, 773-298-3900 or insley@sxu.edu

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

“A Time to be Born through Baptism” —

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

“A Time to Heal” —

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| 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 | Greg Hoger | Keith Donofrio | Tina Ruiz | Jeff Freeman |
| Skrobot | Mary Tomy | Bonnie Posey | Colleen Burns | Carson Lee Umentum |
| Nathan Parry | Roger B. | Ken Convalle | Ashley Smith Kitzer | Marilyn Lansford |
| Dan Herzing | | William Bellair | Arlene O. | Gene Bozych |

“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, Mississippi | 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.

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Stand Out



Most people probably consider a marriage that takes faith and religion seriously as a matter of quiet and private domesticity. In fact, the opposite is true. People truly living the sacrament of Marriage **stand out** not only in the crowd but in the world at large. Exactly because it is a sacrament, marriage is a public sign. A sacramental couple gives effective and practical witness to the presence of God’s love in this often loveless world. They affirm enduring love in a world in which love seems shaped by transitory feelings, which make it disappear with ease. They are life-givers in a world that seems only to prize personal satisfaction. Sacramental couples do, indeed, stand out.

The witness value of the sacrament of Marriage is extraordinary, precisely because marriage and family life are embedded in the ordinary. It’s not in heroics but in the routines of life that a sacramental marriage becomes a window to the heart of God.

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PREGNANT? NEED HELP?	
Waterleaf Women’s Center	630-702-6270
National Birthright	1-800-848-LOVE
National Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-535-9947
National Adoption Hotline	1-202-463-7563
Rachael’s Vineyard	1-866-99-4-GIVE
Natural Family Planning	1-312-534-8351
DuPage Catholic Charities Children’s Services	630-495-6864
Southwest Region Chicago Catholic Charities Children Services	708-430-0428
The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-NO-ABORT 1-800-67-BABY-6
Woman’s Choice Services	630-261-9221
Project Gabriel	1-877-734-2444

Weekly Offering

March 7 & March 8, 2015

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 8,066.51
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 7,653.45
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,870.96
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,063.29
Last Year's weekly Collection	\$ 8,558.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Support the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Restore the Church. Build the Future.

For many in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as parts of Asia, the aftermath of 70 years of Soviet rule is still felt in the form of poverty, infrequent pastoral care, and lack of buildings in which the faithful can worship and cultivate their faith. Your support is needed to fund grants that strengthen the Church in this region and promote ministries for children and families, create affordable housing and provide a cultural and spiritual education.

A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend, March 14 & 15, to support the church in Central & Eastern Europe. Please be as generous as your means allow.



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.

ALVERNIA MANOR SENIOR LIVING ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER SATURDAY ~MARCH 28th~ 3-7pm

Adults: \$12 Children under 10: \$5

Come support our seniors and enjoy good food, fun and music. Join us at 13950 Main Street or call 630-257-7721 for more details.

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 _____



SENIOR KINDRED SPIRITS

If you are 55 and older and like to have some fun and laughs, come enjoy good food at the next Senior Kindred Spirits meeting. Lunch is catered by Ali Tucker for a very reasonable fee of \$6.00.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m.** in the **St. Alphonsus Parish Center**. Please call Dee Hollman at 630-243-1805 by Thursday, March 19 if you are planning on attending this meeting.

Jody Sternat (630-243-8413) will be collecting payment by March 24 for the play Billy Elliot at Drury Lane, May 13. The cost is \$50 which includes entree, dessert, beverage & tip.

PLEASE NOTE: Diane Schroeder, RPh from Walgreens will be joining us at the meeting. She will speak to us about the new recommendations from the CDC regarding immunizations for seniors. The CDC changed its pneumonia recommendations. It now requires 2 pneumonia immunizations to be fully covered. The vaccine will be available at the SKS meeting. Medicare covers both vaccinations at no charge to the recipient.

JOB OPENINGS:

Position available for a Part-time CNA for 3-11pm Shift.
 Position available for an "On-call" CNA for all shifts. (6am-2pm, 3-11pm, and 11pm-7am)
 If interested, please contact Sr. Annette at Alvernia Manor—St. Joseph Infirmiry in Lemont at 630-247-5340.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm — Bernie Kucharski — *Mr. & Mrs. D. McGowan*

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am — James Mraz — *Family & Friends*

9:00 am — Jennie Hadley — *Family*

Anne Rolando — *Family*

Marilyn Missaggia — *Glen*

11:00 am — Mary Halleran — *Chris & Marty Halleran*

Helen Galasinski — *Family*

Philip Dupont — *Pickering Family*

Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

(Mass at St. Patrick Church)

Monday, March 16

7:30 am — Raymond McGury — *Florence McGury*

Pat Urban — *Fran Urban*

Hildegard Lloyd — *Dan & Gisela Rittenhouse*

Tuesday, March 17

7:30 am — Michael Flanagan Hayes — *Family*

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 am — Jack Olson — *Senior Kindred Spirits*

Thursday, March 19

7:30 am — Michael Marusarz — *Family*

Friday, March 20

7:30 am — Mary Seper — *Osborne Family*

Healing for Randy Nowak — *Family*

Saturday, March 21

5:00 pm — Sharon Pierkosz — *Piekosz Family*

Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, March 22

7:30 am — Michael Marusarz — *Jody Sternat*

Annunciata Paoli — *Zanin Family*

9:00 am — Jean & Robert Lindauer — *Rita Lindauer*

Helen McElligot — *Jim & Pat McElligot & Anne Nolan*

Edyth Reontiz — *McGuire Family*

11:00 am — Milton Rauenhorst — *David & Marie Andrade*

John Tkachuk — *St. Alphonsus*

Colleen Kelley — *Ted & Carol Bernaski*

5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

(Mass at St. Patrick Church)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music
March 21	5:00 pm	P. Josephitis	D. Josephitis J. August G. Smith	A. Mierczynski F. Kula S. O'Hara	Children's Choir
March 22	7:30 am	B. Kaiser	S. Kostas G. Kaiser D. Betley	Kostas Family	
	9:00 am	K. Atherton	D. Czaja S. Kostas M. Roenitz	K. Roenitz L. Laga E. Todner-training	Parish Choir
	*11:00 am	J. Chiaramonte	D. Chiaramonte B. Burke B. Israel P. Loisi (C) S. Kostas (C)	Loisi Family A. Ward	Keyboard & Cantor
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat's	* Communion under both species		St. Alphonsus Bulletin is a weekly publication of St. Alphonsus Catholic Community of Lemont, Illinois. All rights reserved. Printing by J. S. Paluch Co., Inc., Schiller Park, Illinois.	

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Musical Order of Mass

- Kyrie #169
- Gospel Acclamation #173
- Holy, Holy #179
- Memorial Acclamation #182(C)
- Great Amen #183
- Lamb of God #185