

ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

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Summer Business Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: 8 am—2 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

**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
Tri-Parish Associate Pastor

*Fr. Tom Hoffman
Resident*

*Fr. Robert Rohrich
Weekend Celebrant*

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:

Linda O Connor

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

Sharon Kostas

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk

Etiquette for Children Seminar

Mike and Wendy Lundberg are hosting **"Etiquette for Children"** seminar on Monday, August 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in our Church Hall is a wonderful presentation about social and table manners that every child (adult) should know. The seminar is for young people 10 years old to high school ages. The presentation will also include a light lunch and some refreshments. Please contact the Parish Office at (630) 257-2414 to register. Cost is \$20 per student.

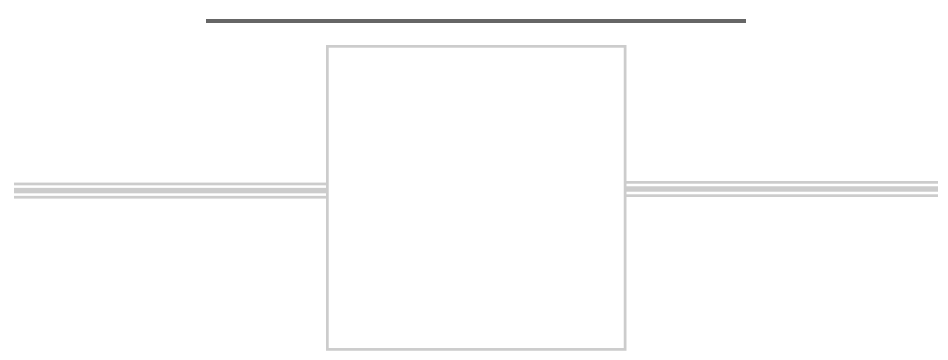
Tri-Parish Daily Mass

It has been very enjoyable in seeing to see the communities of St. Alphonsus, St. Patrick and Ss. Cyril and Methodius gather together for weekday 7:30 a.m. Mass. As we move into August, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church will now become the host site for **Tri-Parish Daily Mass**. Please note that on **Tuesday, September 1st**, the churches will return to their regular Daily Mass schedule.

For those who are early risers (and for those who like to sleep in) please note that **Our Lady of the Woods Church** in Orland Park, on 131 Street, has weekday morning Masses celebrated at 6:30 AM and 8:30 AM. **James Parish at the Sag Bridge** has weekday Masses celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 AM and on Wednesday night at 7:00PM.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is a wonderful speaker series for young adults (21 years old) during the months of July and August. This week's speaker, John Kartje, will offer a presentation named "Science and Religion" at Durbin (17265 Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park) on Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. Fr. John is not only a professor of theology at the University of Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL, but he is also an astrophysicist! Fr. John will offer a very intriguing presentation on the relationship between science and religion throughout history and the present day.



Welcome Guests and Visitors. We are so glad that you are 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 liberating 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

Unlike mortals, angels do not die. Nor do they need to drink. Without corruptible bodies, they live eternally with God. But the psalm for today describes that the Israelites ate in the desert as the bread of angels (78:24). The first reading tells us, it seemed to them that it came from heaven every night. Through the manna, God gave them life when death seemed imminent. Through the Eucharist, God's eternal care for them was revived.

In the case of the Israelites, they received life by bread from heaven. And the life they were given allowed them to believe. In the case of the disciples of Jesus, it was around. We must believe in Jesus as the true bread from heaven (John 6:32) in order to receive the eternal life that he provides. Virginia Stillwell

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Living God's Word

*The Eucharist has been called the “bread of angels” (Psalm 78:25).
It is a free gift from God. It is offered to give us eternal life
because through it we receive the life of Christ, “the true bread from heaven” (John 6:32).
Jesus promised that those who believe and eat it
will hunger and thirst for nothing throughout all eternity.*

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*Do not work for food that perishes,
but for the food that endures for eternal life.*

— John 6:27

GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers engaged full-time in works for God. But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fulfill, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the work of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is God's work? This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent (John 6:29).

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Religious Education Update

REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

Registration forms for returning families were given to the child in each family. Contact the RE Office if the forms weren't received or were lost. Families who have an open tuition balance with no payment plan will need to contact Kevin Cody to set an appointment to register.

Families who want to register their child for the first time RE Office to set an appointment to register. Visit our website www.st-als.org for information on our programs.

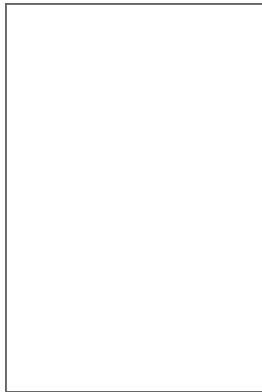
LIVING MY FAITH THIS SUMMER

We offer the following ideas to continue your faith formation over these remaining summer months by grade-level, focusing on the following:



- Pray together the following prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, The Rosary
- Pray to the Holy Spirit.
- Discuss the meaning of Jesus' Resurrection.
- Share/Discuss major events in Jesus' life.
- Recall seasons of our liturgical year. Which one is the most important?
- After Mass, discuss what the Readings mean for you.
- Perform one action living the Beatitudes (be attitudes)
- Go to the Etiquette for Children workshop. For further details are in this bulletin.

CONFIRMANDI DONATE THEIR OFFERINGS



It is a tradition at St. Alphonsus for the confirmandi to designate how half the money that they have given throughout the year through their offerings should be donated. Some gift to the parish or as a donation to a particular charity. This year, our confirmandi decided to donate nearly \$500 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They were touched to hear how the foundation arranges experiences (grants wishes) for children with life-threatening illnesses, and how they could help make a difference in their lives.

CATHOLIC Q & A ~ What is "Transubstantiation"?

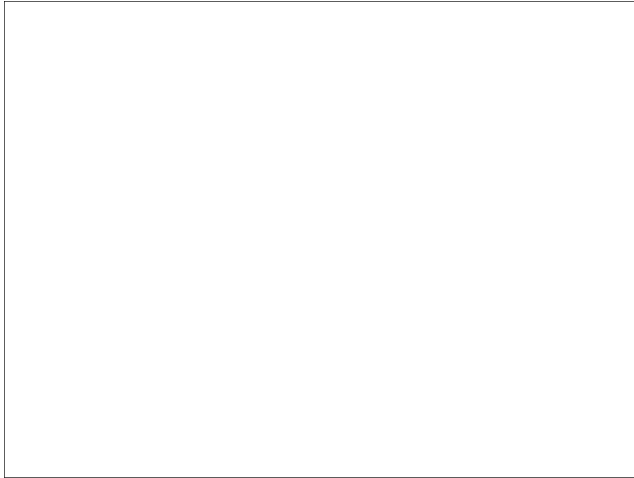
This is a fancy word for the substance of the bread and wine of Christ and the awe-inspiring change transubstantiation. In other words, it is the transition of the substance of the bread and wine into the substance of the body and blood of Christ. The appearances, or species, of the bread and wine remain. The substance, or rather the true reality, changes because it has become the body and blood of Christ. Transubstantiation can in no way be experienced by the senses; faith alone makes certain of this miraculous change.

~ Catholic Q&A is a weekly feature on this page during the summer. Questions presented to me through recent conversations through the Suggestions & Comments section of our website.

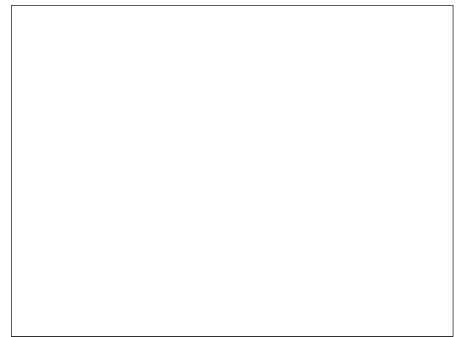
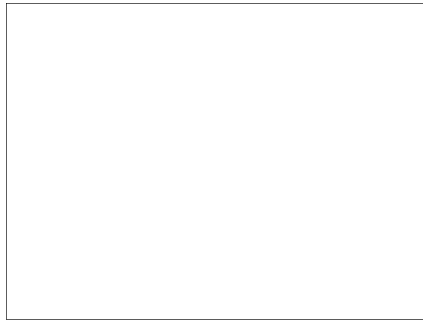
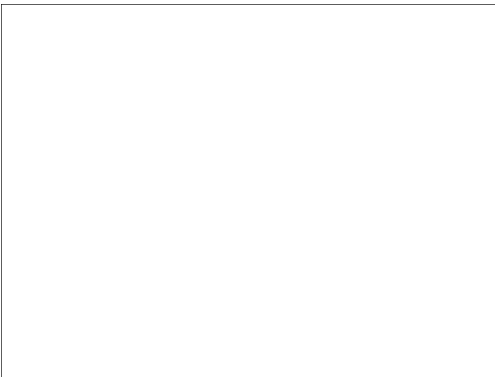
St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

Check out our website www.stals-stpats.org

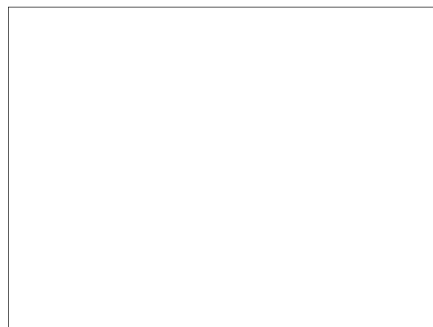
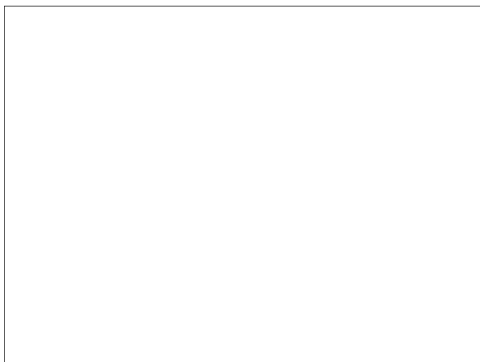
PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN STEP-UP



On June 3, our youngest students celebrated their progression to the next grade level with a prayerful step up program keeping with our *Living Our Celtic Mission* school theme for this year. The children have learned that we live our mission by sharing, by spreading peace and understanding through acts of kindness. Under the direction of Sister Marjorie and Preschool and Kindergarten teachers Mrs. Mars and Mrs. Turner along with their assistants Mrs. Mars, and Mrs. Kraker, the children presented many readings. Sister Marjorie helped the children understand that even though they are little, they can perform acts of service. Each child walked across the stage to receive their diploma and to be welcomed by their new teacher. At the reception that followed the ceremony, children were happy to share their joy with loving families. Congratulations to our youngest students on all their fine accomplishments and growth this year!



Oh, the places they'll go. (Dr. Seuss)



Ms. Renee Payne, Principal

Lemont Tri-Parish Summer Weekday Masses

At St. Alphonsus,
SS. Cyril & Methodius & St. Patrick

June 1st thru August 31st
Weekday Mass will be at 7:30 a.m.
Monday ~ Saturday

Saturday, August 1st thru
Monday, August 31st
SS. Cyril & Methodius 7:30 a.m.

Other area churches:

Our Lady of the Woods 131st St., Orland Park
Weekday Morning Mass: 6:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

St. James Parish at the Sag Bridge
Weekday Morning Mass:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Mass 7:00 p.m.

Calling all Young Adults! Theology on Tap

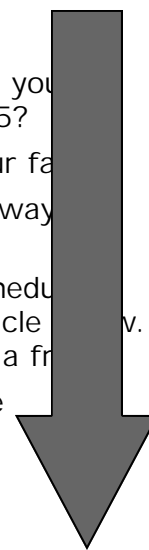
Want to hang out with other young
adult Catholics ages 21-35?

Want to learn more about your faith?

Don't want to drive all the way
to the city to do it?

You're in luck! Check out the schedule
Just follow the arrow to the article
We'll be meeting in Tinley. Invite a friend!

Questions? Email Fr. Tom Byrne
frtbyrne@saintmike.com



Southwest Suburbs

Theology on Tap

Gather at 7:00pm Speaker starts at 7:30pm Young Adults
For more information contact Father Tom Byrne frtbyrne@saintmike.com

August 6, 2015 DURBIN'S 17265 Oak Park Ave, Tinley Park

Father John Kartje • Science and Religion

Father Kartje is a professor of theology at Mundelein Seminary, but before he entered the priesthood he worked as an astrophysicist. There is no better person to help us see that science and religion faith and reason are both real ways of knowing. Fr. Kartje will help us to take a look at some challenging and interesting questions like creation, evolution, and whatever else you want to ask him!

Religious Freedom and Sanctity of Life

Join us every Wednesday at 3:00pm at St. Alphonsus Chapel for the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for both the above. We are living in trying times so we must all try to do the most we can to protect our freedom from conception to natural death. What better way than to pray and then let God.

WHO BECOMES CATHOLIC TODAY?

Who are the people who join the Catholic Church today?
You or someone you know may be in one of the following life situations:

- ◆ Young people who are engaged to marry Catholics to share not only their lives and values, but also their faith.
- ◆ Young parents who are expecting their first child often find that this is the time to join a faith community that helps them find God in their lives and establish moral values in their family.
- ◆ People who are baptized either in the Catholic or other Christian religions but were not brought up or educated in the religion. As the years go by they may seek to return to their Christian roots.
- ◆ People from all backgrounds that are seeking God are looking for answers to life and death questions. The Catholic Church offers great gifts: Scripture, the worship of God in vibrant liturgies, intellectual studies of theology, joyfulness through the sacraments, care for the sick and the dying and love and hope for the poor of the world.

**Note-we have RCIA programs for children and teens as well.

How Does a Person Become Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members into its communal life. The RCIA is a living experience of the Church, and not just a series of classes which teach knowledge about the Church. Although there is instruction in the facts of the faith, instruction is but one part of a larger experience of knowing and sharing with other members of the Church.

Who is RCIA for?

It is for non-Christian men and women; for Christians that are not Catholic; for Catholics who are baptized, but have no religious training.

How Can I Join?

The Catholic churches in Lemont work together in this experience. Contact Linda at 630.257.2414 and watch the bulletins for further details.

New Group Now Forming for Fall

Due to the implemented government regulations in all hospitals, parishes will NOT be informed of any parishioner's hospitalization NOR will that information be available to any visiting clergy and/or parish visitor. It is strictly your responsibility to let us know of your hospitalization. A hospital can notify us only if you specifically request this at the time of admission. We certainly want to continue praying for and supporting those who are ill. Please feel it is a bother to inform us.



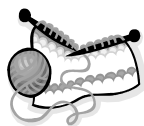
You are important to us.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of our local food pantries. As the summer months approach, donations to the food pantries decline. Unfortunately, their need does not. With this in mind, we will break from featuring a "product of the month". We ask that you continue to donate items that you can. The products and monetary donations you provide are so important. In September, we will return our featured item request.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

MUSIC ON THE LAWN 2015 "THE BEATLES"

LOOPS OF LOVE MEETING



Remember that the Knit and Crochet Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at Nancy Zucarelli'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 August 5th at 7:00

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.

Summer at St. Alphonsus



Etiquette for Children ages 10-High School
Monday ~ August 3rd ~
10:30 am ~ 12:30 pm

Social and table manners every child (and adult) should know. The Seminar will be hosted by certified teachers, Wendy and Michael Lundberg. The presentation will include a light lunch and refreshments. The fee is \$20.00 per child. Last chance to register is by 9 am Monday, Contact the Parish Office, 630-257-2414.

**“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: Jennifer Garcia & Dennis Madden

“A Time to Heal” —

Joetta Karlos	Francis Rittenhouse	Dorothy Goushas	Melanie Williams	Patricia Dedek
Nora McDonnell	Baby Kenneth	Harriet Bromberek	Karl Knasiak	Sue Dyer
Mary Tadda	Bill Sullivan	Robert Trock	Tina Ruiz	Jim Musial
Nathan Parry	Greg Hoger	Bonnie Posey	Ashley Smith Kitzer	Carson Lee Umentum
Debra Walden	Mary Tomy	Ken Convalle	Randy Nowak	Marilyn Ransford
Ray DeNardis		William Bellair	Dan Herzing	Gene Bozych

“A Time of War” —

Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait	Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force,	Andrew J. Bosko, Jr., USN,
Christopher Durkovic, USA, S. Korea		Germany Virginia Beach, VA
Stanley M. Simrayh III, USN, Japan	David Borkowski, USN, Mississippi	Kevin Parker, USA, Iraq
Alex Sullivan, USA, Italy	Joseph R. Pociask, USMC, San Diego	And all who serve our country.
	Jacob Christine, US Navy, Guatemala	

“A Time to Die” —

Jay Hanrahan
The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.

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

**PAINT PARTY
JULY 20TH**

Weekly Offering

July 25 & 26, 2015

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$ 8,868.79
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 1,090.43
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 2,909.78)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 8,366.23)
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 8,683.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

A SECRET

*The secret of happiness is to count your blessings
while others are adding up their troubles.*

— Anonymous

MARRIED IN 1965?



Have you registered for the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

If not, there is still time to register.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2015, at 2:45 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago.

To register, please call the Marriage and Family Ministries Office at 312-534-8351 or register online at www.familyministries.org

Assumption of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary
(Not a Holy Day
of Obligation)

C Church	CH Church Hall
Chpl - Chapel	OC Office Center
PC Parish Center	RE Religious Ed Bldg.
PC/ABC Parish Ctr, Rm A,B,C	

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1		Saturday, August 8	
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church)	7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at Ss. Cyril & Methodius)
5:00 pm	Mark Klosak <i>Osborne Family</i> Louis Skowronski <i>Joe & Judie</i> Parishioners of St. Alphonsus	5:00 pm	Jerry Lichtenwalter <i>Family</i> Mary Jo Lally <i>Cathy, Deb, Marnie, Mary Lou, Mary</i> Bernie Kucharski <i>Mr. & Mrs. A. Pall</i>
Sunday, August 2		Sunday, August 9	
7:30 am	Lauren Mandel <i>John & Marla McCarthy</i> Walter & Charlotte Suder <i>Family</i>	7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
9:00 am	Edward Perkey, Sr. <i>Pickering Family</i> Harriet Culinovic <i>Family</i> Willard & Marie Schmitt <i>Ralph & Pam Schobert</i>	9:00 am	Edward Perkey, Sr. <i>Friend of the Family</i> Mildred & Orville Tessum <i>Linn Eldred</i> Rosaline Reed <i>Linn Eldred</i>
11:00 am	Don Bianucci <i>Litoborski Family</i>	11:00 am	In Thanksgiving 25th Wedding Anniversary Tonia & Lonny Klaff <i>Family</i> John & Mary Serafin <i>Serafin Family</i>
5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish (Mass at St. Patrick Church)	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)
Monday, August 3			
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus		
Tuesday, August 4			
7:30 am	Sophie Casali <i>St. Alphonsus Parish</i> Helen Bromberek <i>Bev & Paul Malak</i> Patricia A. Goode <i>Tony Goode</i>		
Wednesday, August 5			
7:30 am	Augusta Serio <i>Jody Sternat</i>		
Thursday, August 6			
7:30 am	Susan M. Rynne <i>Gary Rynne</i>		
Friday, August 7			
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus		

PLEASE NOTE : The 2016 Mass book is now open

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Thursday:	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Friday:	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 5:2;
Sunday:	Jn 6:41-51

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	Gather Hymnal Mass Of Creation Setting 1 Gloria #191 Gospel Acclamation #194 Holy, Holy #198 Memorial Acclamation #199 Great Amen #202 Lamb of God #204
August 8	*5:00 pm	P. Josephitis	B. Israel B. Rogers G. Smith C. Levas (C) A. Pascente (C)	A. Fidanzo K. Hamilton	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	
August 9	7:30 am	M. Doherty	M. Doherty M. Main C. Kuhlman	Bozue Family		
	9:00 am	K. Mars	D. Rittenhouse G. Rittenhouse A. Padalik	Meeks Family C. Mars	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	
	11:00 am	J. Chiaramonte	D. Chiaramonte S. Turner D. Cerniuk	A. Kaye A. Ward S. O Hara	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s					

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