



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

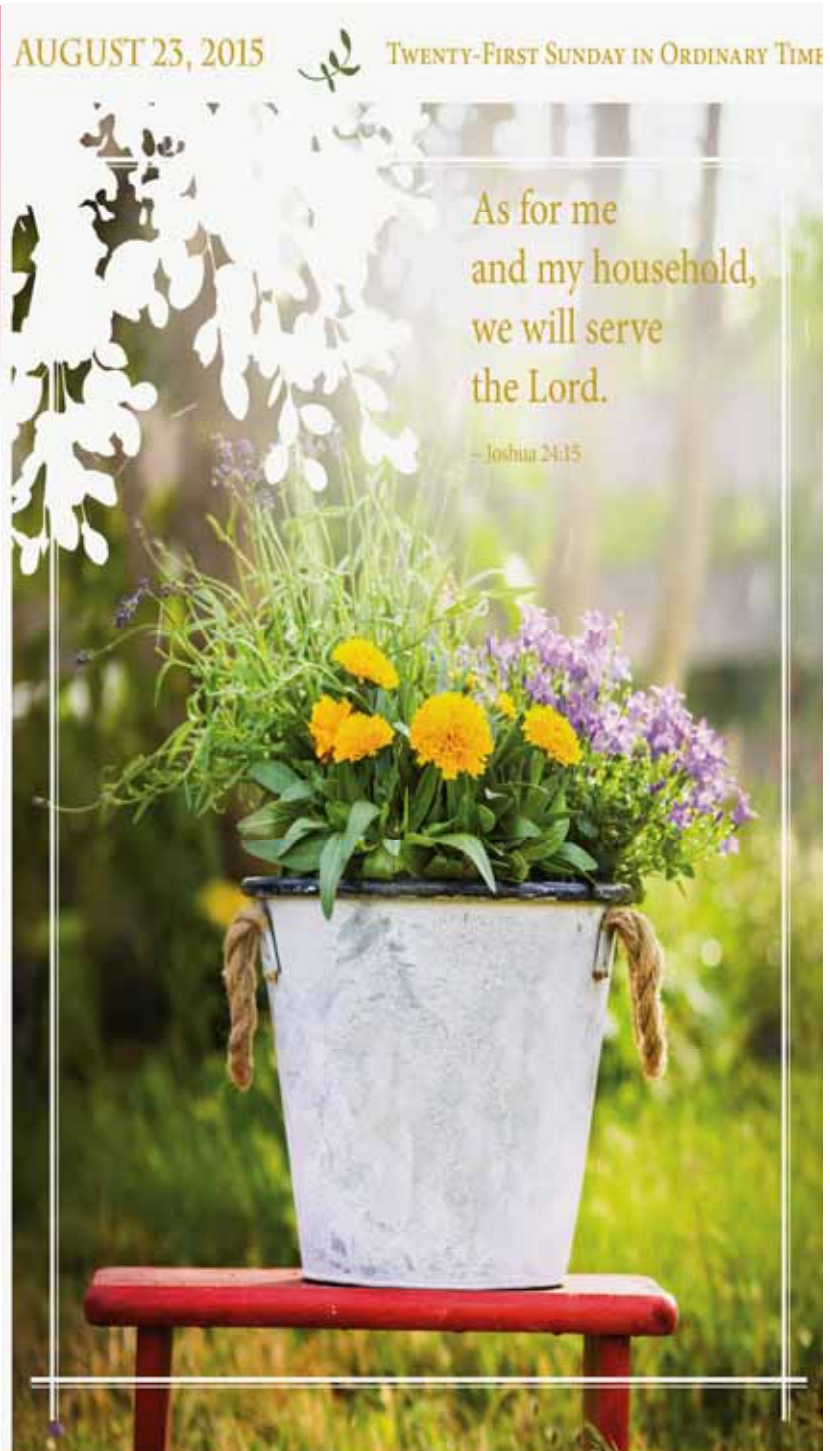
Contact the office, 257-2414 to receive a
visit from a Minister of Care

AUGUST 23, 2015

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As for me
and my household,
we will serve
the Lord.

—Joshua 24:15



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.
 Melanie Terrazas
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

A New School Year

A few weeks ago, we offered a special blessing at all of the weekend Masses for teachers and students as they enter a new school year. I know that some schools started last week and other schools begin this week. Whatever happened to students returning to school after Labor Day? I remember everybody going back to school after that holiday. I must be getting old – but not quite as old as Fr. Rohrich!

The 2015-2016 St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School year began on **Wednesday, August 19th** with our “**Meet the Teacher Day**”. The first full day of school began on Thursday, August 20th. Even though the weather is still pretty warm, many students seemed to be very happy to be back. However, I don't think they were as happy as their parents were dropping them off at school.

Supporting our School in a Delicious Way

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School held a wonderful fundraiser on Monday, August 17th at **Gelsosomo's Pizza** (206 Main St, Lemont, IL). The food was delicious and I noticed a number of school families and St. Alphonsus parishioners present at the restaurant in support of our parish school. Thank you very much! I would also like to thank the owners of Gelsosomo's Pizza for their generosity in supporting our school and bringing the parish communities together for a great cause.

Religious Education

As many of our families already know, our 2015-2016 Religious Education Program begins on **Sunday, October 4th**. There will be a change in our Religious Education Office Staff as **Tricia Lutz**, our Administrative Assistant, will be moving with her family to Texas in a couple of weeks. Tricia has been a member of our St. Alphonsus Staff for five years and she always had a smile on her face and offered a welcoming spirit to our R.E. Program. We will definitely miss Tricia and we hope that she and her family will experience joy and success in their new journey of life!

We are blessed to have **Melanie Terrazas** be Tricia's replacement in our Religious Education Office. Melanie has been very active in our parish and in our Religious Education Program as a catechist and the Religious Education Advisory Board Chairperson. Melanie has mentioned that she is very excited for this opportunity to share her gifts with our parish and to help our young men and women grow in the faith. Please welcome Melanie to our Religious Education Office!

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

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD," Joshua enjoins the tribes of Israel at Shechem, "decide today whom you will serve." And the people answered: "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods," going on to name the deeds the Lord had done for them (Joshua 24:15, 16).

Centuries later, after hearing Jesus call himself bread to be eaten, descendants of those at Shechem said: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" And they "no longer accompanied him." Jesus then asked the Twelve if they would leave too. Simon answered for all: "We have come to believe and are convinced you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:60, 66, 69).

Our response is a simple but weighty *Amen* (meaning "So be it"). When the consecrated host is held up, accompanied by "The Body of Christ," and the cup offered with "The Blood of Christ," we are asked to put our faith on the line and say, "Amen."

Has familiarity bred contentment? Are we so used to this mystery that we rarely have a sense of awe or wonder? The first act of faith is believing that God is present in things as ordinary as this bread and wine. We believe that the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. What is the change in us that should accompany receiving them?

But of such stuff dreams are made—God's dream of a family, loving daughters and sons, gathered around a table to say "Amen," then to live Communion in a world of broken bodies, shed blood, wounded hearts, and crushed spirits. When we say "Amen" to this mystery, who knows what might happen?

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Living God's Word

*Jesus, you came from the Father and returned to the Father and remain ever near the Father's heart.
You remain the Father's Word of love to us, the Word of the Father's commitment to us;
draw us into being "Amen" as you were also "Amen" to the Father's will. Amen.*

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As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

— Joshua 24:15



Master,
to whom
shall
we go?

KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the husband, Tevye, whose marriage was arranged years and years before, wants to know if his wife really loves him. Was their marriage just an arrangement, a deal? Did his wife, after all these years, ever love him? Does she still?

We need to know if our loving commitments stick. We need to be reminded and reaffirmed. In the first reading, Joshua, Moses' successor, needed to know if the people would remain faithful to their covenant with the Lord. Joshua was going to lead them to a new life—a settled life. Would they be faithful?

Jesus, who identified himself as the very life of his disciples' life, needed to know: Will you also go away or will you stay? We do not often see Jesus this vulnerable. Peter and the apostles chose to stay. What will we do?

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Religious Education Update

REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

Registration forms for returning families were given to the youngest 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 contact the RE Office to set an appointment to register. Visit our website, www.st-als.org, for information on our programs.



THANK YOU, TRICIA LATZ!

A familiar friendly face in the RE Office for the past 5 years worked her last day this past week. Tricia, her husband Jeff, and 4 children will be moving to Texas. For Tricia, her Administrative Assistant position was more than a job... It was a ministry that she put her whole self into. Tricia had been a volunteer catechist and core catechist before she took on the admin position, and she continued to volunteer even after that. She took ownership of the fundraising events for our Catechist Appreciation Fund, and looked for opportunities to express our appreciation for these parishioners who give so much of themselves for our children. To make things easier for families in what has been challenging economic times, Tricia introduced and coordinated the Manna Program. It was something she added to her workload out of concern for our families. It is that concern, passion, and friendly demeanor that she brought to this ministry that will be missed. Amidst the gratitude and sadness, I wish Tricia and her family well with their Texas adventure!

WHY BE A CATECHIST? Here are some reasons given by people like you who have given it a try...

- ~ There is no better way I know of to understand my faith more deeply than to teach it. Also, there are few things more important than passing on the faith to future generations.
- ~ I like to see children's faith come alive with excitement when they see Jesus in their life.
- ~ I want to help young people to understand their faith tradition and to come to a deeper relationship with God.
- ~ I am the person I am today because I had people in my life who helped me get there. With out the faith mentors in my life, I would not be as strong as I am. I want to be one of those people for even one child.
- ~ It has helped my own faith to grow and to be put into action.

Contact the RE Office if you are interested in helping children's, and your own, faith life. We are in need of catechists on Sunday mornings, Monday afternoons, and Wednesday evenings.

WELCOME, MELANIE TERRAZAS!

We are so fortunate that Tricia's replacement as Administrative Assistant is very much like her. Melanie also has a passion for, and appreciation of, religious education. She has been involved with the Religious Education Program at St. Alphonsus for over 10 years as a catechist, core catechist, Advisory Board Chair, and Alpha Course Team member. So, she is very familiar with our programs, and demonstrated her organizational skills when she was chair of the RE Advisory Board. Melanie has been training with Tricia over the past 2 weeks, so we are anticipating a smooth transition as we enter the new program year. Melanie has 2 teenagers who have been through our program. Jake will be a Sophomore in college, and Paige will be a senior in high school. Melanie and her husband Tony will soon be experiencing the empty nest syndrome that the Cody family has already entered!

Please welcome, and be patient with, Melanie as she takes over the Administrative Assistant position.



St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

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



Thank you to all the families and parishioners who shared dinner at Gelsosomo's as we kick-off the new school year. Thank you to Gelsosomo's for their continued support of our school.



WELCOME STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We welcome all of our St. Al/St. Pat's School families to the 2015-2016 school year of **Celtic Mission: Power of Love**. Our power to educate children comes from God. While we can't see Him, He is real, powerful, and can supply enough love to power our world. Each of us is a windmill in God's hands. He supplies us with all the power we need to bring His love to our kids.

GOODBYE TO MARKET DAY!

Thank you so very much to all parishioners who have supported our school all these years through Market Day. Sadly, the Market Day grocery fundraisers are being discontinued. The Market Day company has been purchased, and the new owners will not be offering this type of sale anymore.

The school will be looking into alternative fundraisers. As these fundraisers are announced, please consider your ongoing generous support of our parish school through participation in these fundraisers!

Ms. Renee Payne, Principal



SAINT ALPHONSUS



BAPTISM SEMINAR

*Journey of Faith:
Birth, Baptism, Belonging*

If you are expecting a baby, family and friends have showered you with gifts and you have no doubt furnished and decorated a nursery. In the same way your Catholic community, through the sacrament of Baptism, welcomes and offers spiritual strength and encouragement as your child begins a life-long journey of faith.

Our baptismal preparation program, *Journey of Faith: Birth, Baptism, Belonging*, is a seminar that will help you better understand the sacrament of Baptism. The seminar can be taken while awaiting the birth of your child or shortly after the baby is born. The seminar will meet on a **Saturday of alternate months** from 9:00 am to Noon in the Religious Education Building. **The Seminar dates for 2015 are: September 12**, November 7.

If you have not attended a baptismal preparation class at St. Alphonsus in the last three years you must participate in a Baptism seminar. Call the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 to schedule the baptism seminar along with your baptismal date.

A "NOTE" FROM THE DIRECTOR'S PODIUM



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With the ending of summer at hand, I once again find myself looking forward to another year of serving you as Director of Music Ministry. It is amazing to realize this is my seventeenth year at St. Alphonsus. I truly feel blest. A "harsh" reality of this, however, is the loneliness I feel when many of our wonderful young adult musicians head back to college or beyond. Many of them have been serving Our Lord with me through music since they were little children. This reality is also what has led me to my "note" to you.

Our Music Ministry is in need of "NEW TALENT!" All choirs and instrument ensembles could use your talents and time. I know there are wonderful voices sitting in the pews because I can hear you! If you enjoy singing as part of your worship, please allow me to find a way for you to share your gift with our parish community. The Instrument Ensemble also needs additional string instruments, flutes, clarinets, and low brass players. If you are at least in the 8th grade with three or more years of training, WE NEED YOU!!! The Instrument Ensemble has always been the most unique facet of our weekly music ministry. I need your help if we are to continue this tradition.

Fr. Brian, the Worship Commission, and I have spoken at length regarding this need. We have initiated a few changes that we hope will make participating in music ministry possible for new members. New this year will be a small choral ensemble at the 11:00 am Mass on a weekly basis. Both singers and instrumentalists are welcome. The music selected for the Liturgy will be a mixture of contemporary with traditional. I am hoping this ensemble will encourage those who prefer attending that Mass to increase their prayerful participation with us. Rehearsals for this choir will coincide with the Parish Choir on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. The Children's Choir will continue to rehearse and sing only once each month. We will meet at 3:20 pm on the third Saturday of each month, and prepare the music used at the 5:00 pm Mass that day. Later this fall I will announce a time for (3) one-hour rehearsals for children wishing to sing at the 3:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. The Hand Bell Choir will continue to play at the 5:00 pm Mass on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Rehearsal times are 6:00-7:15 pm on the Thursdays and 90 minutes prior to an assigned Mass. We welcome children and adults to consider this ministry as well. The Parish choir will be splitting its ministry between the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. The Choir will continue to sing at the 9:00 Mass all other Sundays of the month. We are in need of additional volunteer cantors for non-choir Masses. Training will be one-on-one or in small groups. All else in the ministry will remain the same.

Please feel free to call me at 708-828-5095 or email to jmartorano@vandercook.edu

Yours Musically in Christ,

Joseph Martorano, Director of Music Ministry

St. Alphonsus Music Ministry Ensembles

The Parish Choir...Open to all parishioners above the age of 13. This Choir serves our parish with all of the weekly and seasonal liturgical worship through music. Music sung by this choir serves to reinforce the weekly scripture. The music ranges from our liturgically sacred past to the most recent sacred contemporary.

The Children's Choir ... Open to children in grades 3-8. Children 7th grade and above may also participate in a Youth Cantor Program.

The Volunteer Cantor Ministry...Providing song leadership to the assembly at all designated liturgies with music. The cantor ministry will also provide small ensemble singing at selected non-choir liturgies.

The Instrumental Ensemble...Open by audition to anyone with at least three years of experience and training on their instrument.

The Handbell Ensemble...Open to all parishioners above the age of 10.

The Resurrection Choir...Open to all parishioners who are generally available any morning for funeral services as they arise. This is a very good ministry for those who cannot make the time commitment to the other parish ensembles.

Rehearsals

Parish Choir —Thursday evening 7:30—9:15 pm

Children's Choir—3:20-4:45 pm on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month, prior to the 5:00 pm Mass. (September — May) There will also be (3) one-hour rehearsals in December for children wishing to sing at the Christmas Eve 3:30 pm Mass

Volunteer Cantor Ministry—Twice monthly for 90 minutes

Instrumental Ensemble—Twice monthly

Handbell Ensemble—6:00-7:15 pm on the Thursdays prior to an assigned Mass
3:30-4:30 pm on the SECOND and FOURTH SATURDAYS prior to the 5:00 pm Mass.

Assignments

Parish Choir—Sunday 9:00 Mass (11:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month.)

Children's Choir—5:00 pm Mass on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month (September-May)
3:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, 9:00 am on Easter Sunday

Volunteer Cantors—At least one cantor will be assigned to all non-choir masses.

Instrumental Ensemble—Sunday 9:00 Mass and various special services

Handbell Ensemble—5:00 pm Mass on the SECOND and FOURTH SATURDAYS of each month.
(September-May)

Special Holiday Services as assigned by Music Director

Resurrection Choir—All funerals unless otherwise requested by the family of the deceased.

If you are interested in any of these musical opportunities, please fill out this portion and return to Joe Martorano, Music Director, the collection basket, or to the Parish Office or call, 708-828-5095.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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.

Interested in Learning More About the Catholic Church?



Take a look at the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members into its communal life. RCIA is a living experience of the Church, and not just a series of classes that 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.

**Note-We also have an RCIA process for teens and a program for children as well.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact your pastor or call Linda at 630.257.2414. Please watch the bulletins for further details.



JOYFUL AGAIN! Widowed?

Wondering how to adjust to the changes in your life while still treasuring memories of your loved one?

Wondering how to renew hope and joy in your life?

Then consider attending one of the retreat/workshops being held for widowed men and women (all ages).

What: **Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women**

When: **October 24 & 25, 2015 — Batavia**
November 14 & 15 — Lemont
January 16 & 17, 2016 — Lemont

For more information call: 1-708-354-7211

E-mail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Website: www.joyfulagain.org

Register early, space is limited.

Religious Freedom and Sanctity of Life

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

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed.

If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

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| 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 |

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

“A Time to be Born through Baptism” —

Charlie Patrick son of Steven & Allison Eissing
Molly Sophia daughter of Robert & Kerry Haberkorn
Grace Ann daughter of Christopher & Elizabeth Huber

“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony” — Congratulations to: Christina Villarreal & Joshua Hall

“A Time to Heal” —

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| 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 | Candice Marie Sasak | Deacon Terry | Dan Herzing | Gene Bozych |
| | | McGuire | Virginia Henry | David Nenn |

“A Time of War” —

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| 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” —

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

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

Let’s Fill the Shelves. . . . Food Pantry Update



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 **any items** that you can. The products and monetary donations you provide are so important. In September, we will return to our featured item request. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Join Us As We Bike-Hike to Save Babies!

The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland will hold their annual Bike-Hike on Saturday, September 12th at two locations: Caldwell Woods at Devon and Milwaukee in Chicago and Yankee Woods at 167th and Central in Oak Forest. Each route follows paved bike trails for 5K (3 miles). Participants who welcome a challenge can choose their distance, up to 30 miles round trip on either trail.

Check-in opens at 8:00 a.m. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and includes a T-shirt, picnic lunch and refreshments for a minimum pledge of \$35 for adults; \$10 for students under 18.

Register now by visiting www.womens-center.org. Follow the links to create your own webpage and raise funds through social media or download a copy of the flyer. You can also phone us at 773-794-1313 for information. Can’t be there in person? Take a virtual bike-hike with us by registering and raising money.

Every dollar raised helps save another baby from abortion and allows The Women’s Centers to offer counseling and support to those moms who critically need assistance.

Weekly Offering

August 15 & 16, 2015

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| Week's Need | \$12,869.00 |
| Assumption | \$ 621.25 |
| Sunday's Collection | \$ 9,427.88 |
| Electronic Fund (EFT) | \$ |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$ 2,819.87) |
| Fiscal Year to Date | |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$ 13,510.66) |
| Last Year's weekly Collection | \$ 8,621.00 |

Thank you for your support of our parish.

In The Hospital?

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 don't feel it is a bother to inform us.



You are important to us.

St. Rita of Cascia Grammar School All-Class & Parish Reunion

The St. Rita of Cascia Alumni Organization is holding an all-class grammar school & parish reunion Saturday, September 12th, at St. Rita High School, 7740 So. Western Ave. There will be a 4 p.m. mass in the high school chapel, followed by a reunion reception 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., outside in a tented area, on high school grounds. Tickets are \$30 pre-sale and \$35 at the gate, and it includes dinner and an open bar. Graduates from 1939-1995 are attending and traveling from Alaska, California, NYC, Texas, Florida and all over the country!

Please visit www.StRitaReunion.com for details and tickets or contact Catherina Wojtowicz at StRitaReunion@Gmail.com or (312) 731-3600.

In years to come, you will say,

"I was there!"

See you in September

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.

SAVE THE DATE!



**ST. AL'S/ST. PAT'S SCHOOL
GOLF OUTING**

FRIDAY ~ OCTOBER 9TH

**GLENEAGLES COUNTRY CLUB
12:30 SHOTGUN START**

**WATCH THE BULLETIN
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



St. Alexander School in Palos Heights is having our First All School & Parents Reunion on Saturday, October 3rd to celebrate 50+ years of our great, faith based school. We're looking for school alumni and their parents to attend. The evening will start with 5:00 Mass followed by a 21 and older party in the Parish Center located at 7025 W. 126th St. in Palos Heights.

For more information or if you'd like to help out, contact Pat Hurley at pvhurley05@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook at St. Alexander All School & Parents Reunion or Follow us on Twitter @stalsreunion. SPREAD THE WORD!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

- 7:30 am — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church)
- 5:00 pm — Al Graf — *Joan Pejsa*
Bernie Kucharski — *Mr. & Mrs. R. Baley*
Anthony “Dick” Sarlo — *Gloria J. Yorke*

Sunday, August 23

- 7:30 am — Harold Endecavageh — *Family*
- 9:00 am — James & Jennie Hadley — *Family*
Mary L. Stanton — *John P. Stanton, Sr.*
Ed Perkey, Sr. — *Rich & Cinda Boyce*
- 11:00 am — Betty & Mike Lucheon — *Barb & Bob Salbeo*
Bernice Dowejko — *Latz Family*
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
- 5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish (Mass at St. Patrick Church)

Monday, August 24

- 7:30 am — Nancy Ott — *Bill & MaryAnne Doherty*

Tuesday, August 25

- 7:30 am — Jane M. Lippner — *St. Alphonsus Parish*
Joseph Florczak — *Wife*

Wednesday, August 26

- 7:30 am — Peter Pejsa — *Joan Pejsa*

Thursday, August 27

- 7:30 am — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Friday, August 28

- 7:30 am — Robert Lindauer — *Rita Lindauer*

Saturday, August 29

- 7:30 am — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at Ss. Cyril & Methodius)
- 5:00 pm — Tom Golden — *Nancy Golden*
Michele Langowski — *Mom*
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, August 30

- 7:30 am — John & Anastasia Counter & Rose Todd —
Jack & Char Counter & Rose Nelson
- 9:00 am — Rosemarie Miller — *Ganski Family*
Mary L. Stanton — *John P. Stanton, Sr.*
Ed Perkey, Sr. — *Judy*
- 11:00 am — Tom Beigeske — *Family*
Betty Doyle — *Parents*
- 5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)

PLEASE NOTE: The 2016 Mass book is now open.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PLEASE NOTE: If you are celebrating a special event, 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 |
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| August 29 | 5:00 pm | L. Jankowski | G. Smith D. Josephitis J. August | A. Kaye A. Fidanzo | Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard |
| August 30 | 7:30 am | M. Doherty | M. Doherty B. Rogers C. Kuhlman | Pontrelli Family | |
| | 9:00 am | K. Mars | M. Bruno M. Roenitz R. Meyer | Popper Family | Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard |
| | *11:00 am | J. Latz | D. Chiaramonte D. Cerniuk D. Kornacker B. Burke (C) M. McGuire (C) | A. Ward I. McGuire A. Ascolani | Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard |
| | 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, IL. | |

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