

ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

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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

**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:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the men studying for service as priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago. On this occasion, we honor the ministry of many priests who serve you faithfully each day, as well as those who are preparing to serve you with charity in the future. Thank you for your generous support of these men.

Our seminarians are matching your sacrifice, by preparing for a life of service. They are willing to give up having their own families in order to serve you and the rest of the Catholic community their family. Today, we are blessed with 78 men in formation for priesthood and another 60 high school aged young men in our pre-seminary Quigley Scholars discernment program. Together, 138 men are the future priests in our parishes.

Perhaps you know some of these men, and like me come away inspired by their love for the Church and the generous enthusiasm that motivated them to answer the call to serve as pastors of our people. We love our seminarians for good reason: they call out the best in us. They need and deserve our prayer and financial support, as they consider forsaking all for the Kingdom of God and the service of God's people.

It is because of this commitment that I ask for your help by contributing generously to the seminarian education fund special collection this weekend. Regardless of the size of your gift, I can assure you that these young men will not be outdone in generosity. All funds collected will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Should you find it more convenient, feel free to make your gift online through our website at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

Thank you in advance for your commitment. This year as I mark my 40th anniversary of ordination as a priest, I pledge to you my daily prayers for you and your family. I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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 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

Focus on God's agenda, not your own. This message connects between the reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the tower suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop the tower, Moses asks, Are you jealous for my sake? Would the people . . . were prophets! (Numbers 11:29). And Jesus responds to his disciple John, also upset that some of the group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:40).

Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God blows where it will. It sometimes comes up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, we presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful not to box in or corral the spirit of God.

Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus talking about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. This is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their face whatever it is that leads them away from God. Deal with it, he says. We must always watch what we eat, what we drink, what we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us.

Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with the path that takes us to the Kingdom. And they can take others with them. What matters is that God will see to it; don't get in the way.

James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.
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Living God's Word

We ask for the discernment to recognize when God is working in unexpected ways through unexpected people who do unexpected things . . . and for the wisdom to distinguish the wise from the wacky, much less the wicked. And we pray both that we never let ourselves fall from grace or lead another away from God.

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*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing to the soul;
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.*

— Psalm 19:8

OUR PRODIGAL GOD

We keep having to relearn how prodigal God is as if God cannot quite manage to say no. We think it is surely fine for God to be prodigal with us rich in mercy and forgiveness, generous in grace. But what about the other the enemy, the heretic, the outsider? What do we expect God to be as stingy with that person as we are.

Moses and Joshua wanted such a crazy world. They wondered how the spirit of God could be given to the two who showed up at the meeting tent today's church. And the apostles in the Gospel complained because there were some miracle workers who were clearly not followers of Jesus. God's great free wheeling mercy confounded them all. Let this be, says Jesus, see to it that you who lead continue to be worthy of your calling.

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Religious Education Update

REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016 Sessions start next week.

If you are a returning family and have lost your application form, contact the RE Office and we will send you a new one. Families who want to register their child for the first time contact the RE Office to set an appointment to meet with us. Visit our website www.st-als.org for information on our programs.

Families of children attending non-archdiocesan schools such as Everest Academy, Noonan Academy, or Kings Academy who wish to celebrate the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation at St. Ann's, must be registered parishioners and should contact the RE Office to make your request, and to receive information regarding parent meetings and preparation requirements.

CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE

School-aged children who have not been baptized, or who have been baptized but have not received the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation are invited to see if this journey in faith is for you. The Children's Initiation Process introduces young people to the person of Jesus and leads them into full membership in his Church. For more information, contact the RE Office.

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

We have a special program the first Wednesday of the month from 6:15 for children ages 3-5. **Little Tot** sessions are held on Wednesdays from 7:15pm from October through April. The sessions are designed for parents to enjoy with their children, prayer, stories, games, crafts, activities, and snacks. Contact the RE Office for a registration form to be sent to you.

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS

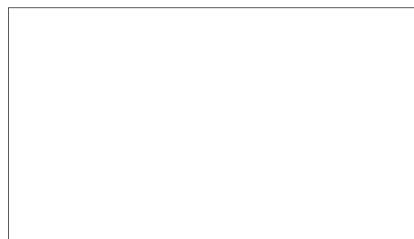
An overview of plans and policies for the coming year in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM followed by an opportunity to meet with your child's catechist in the classroom.

Track A: Tuesday, Sept. 28

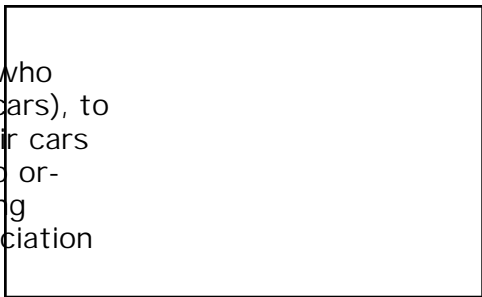
Track B: Monday, Sept. 29th

Track C: Wednesday, Sept. 30th

CAR WASH – THANK YOU!



Thank you to our 3rd Grade volunteers (who seemed to get just as clean as the cars), to those who donated and brought their cars in, and to Mrs. Melanie Terrazas who organized this successful event. Raising nearly \$700 for our Catechist Appreciation Fund.



CONSIDER A MINISTRY AS A CATECHIST

Don't think you're qualified, or you just don't have the time?

Join the club. Just about every person who has volunteered as a catechist has those feelings. We are all busy, and none of us are fully qualified. But people make the decision to step up because of the realization that they won't be alone. They are supported by the Holy Spirit and a community of faith within the parish. We try to have 2 catechists to a classroom, and there is a veteran catechist to assist new catechists for each grade-level. RE volunteers are the lifeblood of our parish. Prayerfully consider being a catechist. It is an amazing ministry putting you in a wonderful group of fellow volunteers and young people!

We are in need of catechists for Sunday morning and Monday afternoon.

If you feel called to join us on our 2015-16 journey by volunteering your time and talents, or would like more information regarding this all important ministry, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

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

Grandparent and Special Persons Day, 2015

On Friday, September 11, the halls of St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School were filled with love and caring as many grandparents and persons special to our students to visit and share the morning. The day was a beautiful liturgy officiated by Father Kurt with the help of our 7th graders. The 7th graders set the tone for the day with heartfelt words that expressed how special a grandparent's love is to all of us. Other readings and touching comments by the grandparents of Vince and Josie Caruso (and alumni Kate and Bruno) added to the ceremony.

In remembrance of September 11, 2001, the entire congregation sang *Beautiful* after Mass. Our special guests then had the opportunity to visit the classrooms and to enjoy a reception in their honor. Thanks to Mr. Lundberg and the 4th grade parents the motif for the reception was the patriotic theme for this day of remembrance.

It is apparent that our students are very much supported and loved by their families and extended families. Enjoy viewing a video montage of photos from the day: www.stals-stpats.org.

Who becomes Catholic today? You, or someone you know, may be in one of the following

- You are engaged to marry a Catholic and share with your future spouse, not only your values, but also your faith.
- You and your spouse are expecting your first child starting school, and feel this is the right time to join a faith community that will help you discover God's love and presence in your lives.
- You were baptized a Catholic but were not brought up in the faith, and want to return to the practice of your faith.
- You were baptized in another faith, but now want to explore the Catholic faith.

If you can relate to any of these situations, call 630-257-2414 to learn more. If you know someone in one of these situations, give them a call and invite them to contact St. Alphonse, St. Patrick and SS. Cyril & Methodius parishes join together to form a RCIA program. Sessions are held at St. Alphonse Church on Tuesday evenings. There is still time to become a part of this exciting experience of the Catholic Church.

Pet Blessing

Please join us on Saturday, October 3rd at 10 a.m. for our annual pet blessing on the north side of the church on the lawn. All of our furry and not so furry friends are invited to attend.

Please remember to bring something to clean up after any accidents

Please Note If it is rainy, blessing will be in the parking lot.

Ministers of Care Needed

Some of our homebound parishioners receive the Eucharist during a weekly visit from a St. Alphonse Minister of Care. However, some are missing out on the graces of the Eucharist because, due to chronic illness, they cannot get to church. Can you spare approximately thirty minutes a week to bring Communion to someone who is homebound? Your presence, prayer and support will bring comfort to those in much need of it. A training session will be held in late October/early November on Wednesday mornings at St. Julie Billiard Parish.

To register, or if you have questions, please call Linda at 630-257-2414.

Marian Prayer Group

Would you like to spend some time with fellow parishioners in prayer to our Blessed Mother? Come join us on Thursday evenings during the month of October. We will meet in the chapel at 7 pm on October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. We will pray the rosary, a devotion to Our Mother Perpetual Help and other traditional Marian prayers. Let's give special honor to Mary, the Mother of God, during the month of the rosary.

Attention Women and Men of the Parish

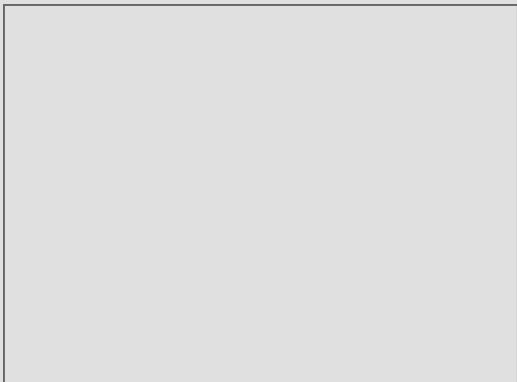
Sacred Heart Church in Palos Hills is in need of women and men to volunteer at their PADS homeless shelter for one shift per month from October to April. We work in teams on all shifts. The available shifts are Fridays 10:00 pm to 3am., Saturday morning 2:45 am to 7am., and Sunday morning 5:45am to 8am. Duties vary per shift. Our guests are men, women and children.

Please contact Deacon Tom or Linda at 708-598-2818

October 2015 - Respect Life Month "EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING"

Spare Change Can Help—Baby Bottle Project

October 3rd & 4th



October is Respect Life month! In support for the pro-life movement, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project of The Women's Centers of the Greater Chicagoland, benefiting moms and babies.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you next weekend, fill it with your spare change over the next three weeks and return it by the weekend of October 24-25. The Bottles may be found at the main exits as you leave Mass next week.

This is a simple, but a crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Thank you for helping defend life. Remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers especially this Respect Life Month.

Tri-Parish Pro-Life Procession Sunday, October 4th, 3:30 pm Beginning at St Cyril's Grotto

All are invited to join us as we honor the sanctity of life. Led by the Knights of Columbus, we process from St. Cyril's Grotto to St. Patrick Church praying the Rosary. From there we walk to St. Alphonsus Church. The procession will end in St. Alphonsus Church with a prayer. For those who find it difficult to make that journey we invite you to be at St Alphonsus Church and us simultaneously. If the weather is bad, a Prayer Service will be held in St. Alphonsus Church.

HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER ABORTION—888-456-HOPE

Why White Crosses on the Lawns of Lemont Churches?

The white crosses you will see throughout Lemont in weeks represent the lives lost through abortion. Since the advent of legalized abortion, over 57 million children lost their lives, and their parents and family members have been forever, unalterably changed. These crosses also remind us that Christ died for all sins and his forgiveness is for all. As yet, we have added a single gray cross in remembrance of all the women who have lost their lives to abortion.

FLU SHOTS THIS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH



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 often. In October we will collect breakfast items: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, etc. 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.

- Walgreens pharmacy is hosting a flu shot clinic at St. Alphonsus after every mass on Sunday, September 27 in the school building next to the church.
 - Patients must be 10 years or older.*
 - Your choice of the regular flu shot or the High Dose shot for patients over 65
 - \$25 cash or check.
 - NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
 - No out of pocket costs for patients with Medicare, Cigna or Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO.
- *Note: Medicaid patients must be 19 or older.

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



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

“A Time to be Born through Baptism” — Nolan David son of Brian & Maura Amundson
Chase Austin son of Brian & Amy Betley
Mason Thomas son of Zachary & Karri Radtke

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

“A Time to Heal” —

Joetta Karlos	Patty Baldrige	Dorothy Goushas	Melanie Williams	Patricia Dedek
Nora McDonnell	Baby Kenneth	Robert Trock	Karl Knasiak	Sue Dyer
Mary Tadda	Bill Sullivan	Bonnie Posey	Tina Ruiz	Jim Musial
Nathan Parry	Greg Hoger	Ken Convalle	Ashley Smith Kitzer	Carson Lee Umentum
Debra Walden	Mary Tomy	Virginia Henry	Randy Nowak	Marilyn Ransford
Ray DeNardis	Kandice Marie Sasa	Clemns Goushas	Dan Herzing	David Nenn
				Jim Kulikauskas

“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” —

The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.
Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.

**South and South Suburban Grand Knights & Past
Grand Knights Club**

All are invited to join us for

The 5Th ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Thursday October 15, 2015

Gaelic Park 6119 West 14Th Street,
Oak Forest IL

Cocktails will begin at 6:00 PM with a one hour OPEN BAR
followed by "A Great Complete Prime Dinner.
Alternate dinner ideas include Chick'n Marsala
or a Vegetarian Plate.

Gentlemen, remember ladies are welcome. Bring your best girl to a fabulous dinner
\$50.00 per person

All proceeds will benefit the South and South Suburban Grand Knights
and Past Grand Knights Club Scholarship Program.

This year's honoree is:

Most Reverend Andrew Wypych, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Your attendance will enhance the evening, expressing to Most Reverend Wypych
that his friendship and service to us over the years is greatly appreciated

RSVP by Thursday, October 8, 2015

For more information contact: John Muldoon 708-349-8926 708-557-5559 cell
johnmuloon@comcast.net

Weekly Offering

September 19 & 20, 2015

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 8,352.30
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,516.70)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$25,591.92)
Last Year's weekly Collection	\$ 8,560.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Please note change in venue.



Our 2nd Annual Celtic Open Golf Outing scheduled for Ruffled Feathers on Friday, October 9

Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

For further information, to join us for golf (\$95 per person), or perhaps only dinner (please), visit www.celticopengolftournament.com. Sponsorship opportunities are also available a perfect way to entertain clients and friends while supporting our parish school!



The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each diocesan seminarian as he proceeds through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

There will be a second collection this weekend, 9/26 & 9/27 at all the Masses to help support the seminary system of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 7b, 12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 118:1-8; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Mass Intentions

<p>Saturday, September 26</p> <p>5:00 pm Harry Grabo <i>Bill Littell & Gloria Javor</i> Kathy & Bruno <i>Crawczyk</i> Michael Sisto <i>Josephine Sisto</i> In Thanksgiving 62nd Wedding Anniversary of Charles & Faye Walker <i>Family</i></p> <p>7:30 am Jozef Dziaba <i>Family</i> Parishioners of St. Alphonsus</p> <p>9:00 am Irena Serelis <i>Daughter & Family</i> Mary L. Stanton <i>John P. Stanton, Sr.</i> Margaret Mars <i>Mars Family</i> Janet Millroney <i>Kathy & Nick Lambrakis</i></p> <p>11:00 am Kyle Holley <i>Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer</i> Betty Doyle <i>Parents</i> Jack Olson <i>Wife</i> Blessings for Baby Noah <i>Family</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus Parish (Mass at St. Patrick Church) Monday, September 28</p> <p>7:30 am Steve Klump <i>Don & Gisela Rittenhouse</i></p> <p>7:30 am Dolores Bogg <i>Osborne Family</i></p> <p>7:30 am Healing for Kathy Gibbons <i>Osborne Family</i></p>		<p>Thursday, October 1</p> <p>7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus</p> <p>Friday, October 2</p> <p>7:30 am Blessings for Francis Rittenhouse (90th Birthday) <i>Dan & Gisela Rittenhouse</i></p> <p>Saturday, October 3</p> <p>5:00 pm Josephine Piekosz <i>Piekosz Family</i> Edward McGury <i>Florence McGury</i> Bernie Kucharski <i>Mr. & Mr. F. Batistich</i> Margaret Josephite <i>David & Phyllis</i></p> <p>Sunday, October 4</p> <p>7:30 am Fran Bozych <i>Family</i> Parishioners of St. Alphonsus</p> <p>9:00 am Maureen Jejeda <i>Family</i> Intentions of Diane P. Robinson <i>Derry & Judy Radomski & Family</i></p> <p>Tula Johnson <i>Mars Family</i> Aunt Clara Holman <i>Kathy & Nick</i></p> <p>11:00 am Casey Galasinski <i>Family</i> Jane Hobbs <i>Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer</i> Phil Dupont <i>The Bruno's</i> In Remembrance Jack(+) & Syneta Olson 65th Wed. Ann <i>Wife & Family</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)</p>	
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PLEASE NOTE: If you are celebrating a special event, anniversary, etc. and request a Mass, please contact the Parish Office, 630-257-1434. Requests for Masses for the dead, or renewal of vows, will take place after the Octave of the feast.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	<p>Gather Hymnal</p> <p>Mass of Joy & Peace</p> <p>Setting Two</p> <p>Gloria #207</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation #208</p> <p>Holy, Holy #211</p> <p>Memorial Acclamation #213 (B)</p> <p>Great Amen #215</p> <p>Lamb of God #216</p>
Oct. 3	5:00 pm	A. Lichtenwalter	A. Pascente R. Haubner L. O Connor	A. Fidanxo K. Hamilton	Cantor & Keyboard	
Oct. 4	7:30 am	M. Doherty	R. Meyer S. Kostas M. Doherty	Kostas Family		
	9:00 am	K. Mars	C. Cacciato J. Cacciato D. Czaja	A. Carter C. Mars S. Kerfin	Parish Choir	
	*11:00 am	J. Chiamonte	D. Chiamonte B. Israel D. Kornacker M. McGuire(C) S. Kostas (C)	Aiello Family E. Todner	Treble Ensemble	
	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.		