

ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

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20W145 Davey Road

Website: www.st-als.org

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Business Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 8 am - 4 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 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—3:00 to 3:30 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.

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

SPRED: Carol Levas

Parish Pastoral

Council Members

Mike Bruno

Bill Doherty

Diane Kaye

Deborah Kornacker

Sharon Kostes

Roy Tam

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk

Lenten Fish Fry

Our St. Alphonsus Women's Club is sponsoring its annual Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, March 4th** from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Admission is: \$12/adult, \$10/senior and \$6/child. Your meal will include: fish, pasta, salads, bread, desserts, soft drinks and tea/coffee. Please drop off payment to the Parish Office **Wednesday, March 2nd**.

2016 Confirmation Class

Last weekend, our 8th graders and their sponsors attended the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses and they received a blessing from the church community as they continue on their journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have prepared a great deal during the 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, "What I want to be Confirmed" and completing over 40 hours of service in the area of school, community, church and at home.

They will participate in the Confirmation Retreat **Fr. Tomby McCarthy** on Sunday, March 6th which they will reflect on Confirmation and how they will be considered in the eyes of the Catholic Church. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **Bishop Francis Kane** on Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m. on March 19th (One Night Only!)

A number of people have approached me and commented how they enjoy the Saturday Mass being celebrated at 4:00 p.m. **However**, on day, March 19th, we have to change the time for Saturday Mass from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. because the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. and it probably won't conclude until 4:00 p.m.. By moving the Saturday Mass to 5:00 p.m. it will give enough time for the 8th graders and their families to depart after the Confirmation liturgy.

So mark your calendars - Saturday Mass on 19th will begin at 5:00 p.m.

*Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.*

— Psalm 103:8

Lent 2016

Change us ...through prayer



Daily Mass:

St. Alphonsus

Monday through
Friday 7:30 am
in the church

Ss. Cyril & Methodius

Monday through
Saturday 7:00 am

St. Patrick

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday
8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
5:00 pm (St. Patrick Church)

Tri-Parish Lenten Mission

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 14th, 15th, & 16th, 7:30 pm at St. Patrick Church

Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Tri-Parish Reconciliation

Monday, March 21st at SS. Cyril & Methodius
1st session 5:00—6:00 pm
2nd session 7:00—8:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings, at 7:00 pm.
March 4th (Fish Fry)
March 11th (Living Stations)
March 18th

... through Fasting

Abstinence from meat is required on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent for Catholics 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting. It is required for all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59, to eat only one full meal on these days, and other foods as necessary to maintain their strength.

...through Almsgiving

Lemont Food Pantry. Every Sunday monetary donations will be accepted for the Lemont Food Pantry. A bowl will be located in the front of the Church on the right side of the altar.

Our Lenten Almsgiving will also include Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl is a project of Catholic Relief Services. Watch for more information in the weeks to come in the bulletin.



Acclaimed Bible Study
coming to St. Alphonsus
Join Deacon Dan Ritten-
house
20 sessions 7:00 8:30 on
Thursday nights
beginning on March 10th
in the RE Building.

Contact the RE Office so can order your kit.

**LEMONT TRI-PARISH
LENTEN MISSION**
Presented by Msgr. John Canary
"Embracing the Cross of Jesus Christ
in Love and Mercy"
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
March 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30pm
ST. PATRICK Parish
200 E. ILLINOIS ST., Lemont, 60439
Call 630-257-4640 for more information

Religious Education Update

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ... 6TH GRADE

In recent weeks, our 6th graders have been learning about Catholic Moral teaching, and entered into discussions on how true joy is attained by living a moral life and believing in the hope of eternal life. One of the Core Objectives at the 6th grade level is to be able to demonstrate ways you can live a life of holiness. Mrs. Ferguson's class looked at the Beatitudes and discussed how these are directions from God on how to live a life of holiness and happiness. Students gave examples of ways that they can live the Beatitudes. Parents were encouraged to ask their children about this and encourage them to continue to follow these guidelines.

One of the ways Mrs. Ferguson's class is living out the Beatitudes is by running a food/basic necessity drive on the Wednesday evening RE classes. The students formed groups, picked one class to be in charge of, and created flyers to hand out to the class. They have been collecting donations from classrooms, and have been invited to participate in delivering them to the Lemont Food Pantries.

Mrs. Lellos was so pleased with how well her 8 students have understood what has been taught over the half of the year, that she treated them as to be in a small class! Sometimes it pays to be in a small class!

RECONCILIATION DURING SESSIONS

We will be offering the sacrament of Reconciliation on the following dates

- Track A Feb. 28th
- Track B March 4th
- Track C March 16th

Parents can help their children with their Examination of Conscience.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING SESSIONS

We will go over to the church or chapel to pray the Stations of the Cross on Feb. 29th, March 2nd, and March 13th

MEET A NEW CATECHIST

We are so grateful for those parishioners who step forward to answer the call to assist parents in raising their children in the faith by joining our catechist team. In the coming weeks, we will introduce those people who stepped forward this year.

John Derby is a retired commercial manager, husband, father of 2 grown children, and grandfather to 5 children who accepted a challenging grade for a first year catechist's grade. He saw this ministry as a way to make a difference in the lives of young people as well as in his own. He loves the new Matthew Kelly series that we began using this year, and says that it has enriched his faith life. We appreciate the enthusiasm and caring John has brought to his ministry.

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School
20W145 Davey Road
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www.stals-stpats.org

Eighth-grade Ribbon Mass

February 19 was another celebration of the love we have for our eighth-grade students as they received ribbons from their mentors at mass. May these ribbons remind them of their accomplishments, talents and the importance of friendship and learning in the days ahead. Many blessings ahead on their future.

Illinois State Scholars

Congratulations to the 2012 graduates of St. Al/St. Pat's School and 2016 graduates of Benet Academy for being recognized as Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement:

Brittany DeWilkins Alexis Enacopol Kathryn Lenz

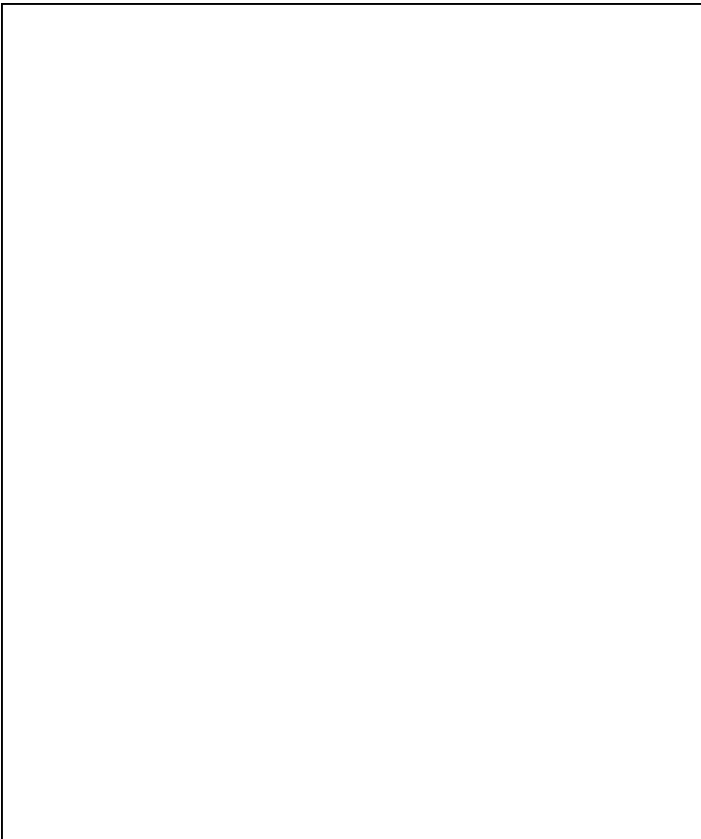
Nazareth Academy Honor Roll

Congratulations to the Dana Rauch for achieving First Semester A honor roll. You are a proud Ozarkian. *We like to brag about our grads! Let us know any news!*

Ms. Renee Payne, Principal

Lemont
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 5th

Join our school family as we march in the Lemont St. Patrick's Day parade.
 Check in: Safety Village, 12:40 pm
 Invite your Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Neighbors!
Let's show the town we're proud of St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School.



What is it?

It refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly just before the *Liturgy of the Word* and to gather elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate their level of understanding.

When & Where? It will take place during the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 6th. Children will be called forward following the Opening Prayer to process out of the worship space to the Church Hall in the lower level of the church. They will return just prior to the Presentation of the Gifts.

Who? Children in grades K-4. Children younger than this are generally unable to participate consciously and actively in liturgical celebrations. It is not a child-minding event.

Why? To help make the Mass more meaningful for children; to gradually lead them to full, conscious and active participation in the Sunday liturgical assembly.

If you are interested in assisting with this new ministry contact Patrice Loisi (630-410-8475) or Candy Hamilton (630-243-7704).

CSR Rice Bowl Project

If you are following your CRS Lenten calendar, you will notice that this week focus on the story of Odette and her daughter Olga. From Rawanda, Odette and Olga live in a country where many children do not receive enough nutrients and, so, child malnutrition is commonplace.

CRS works with Odette, and others like her, to teach the importance of good nutrition and how to feed their daughters and sons so they will grow strong and healthy enough to have a bright future. They also educate Rwandan mothers on the importance of eating healthy from conception.

By supporting Operation Rice Bowl with your dollars, dimes and nickels you show your belief in the sacredness and dignity of the human person. CRS protect life in all stages. Thank you for your willingness to do

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Journey of Faith: Birth, Baptism, Belonging

BAPTISM SEMINAR

If you are expecting a baby, family members have showered you with gifts and you have no doubt furnished and decorated. In the same way your Catholic community, through the sacrament of Baptism, welcomes your child with strength and encouragement as your child begins 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 Saturday of alternate months from 9:00 am to Noon in the Religious Education Building. The Seminar dates for 2016 March 12th, May 7th, July 9th, September 10th and November 12th. If you have not attended a baptismal preparation seminar in the last three years you must participate in a Baptism seminar. Call the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 to register for the baptism seminar along with your baptism date.

The Living Stations of the Cross



Presented on
Friday March 11th
7 pm St. Al Church

Practice Times

Tues.. - Mar. 1 - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tues. - Mar. 8th - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm

St. Alphonsus Church

Teens are needed to play parts.

There are many speaking parts.

For more information email Mike Lundberg
mikelandberg01@gmail.com

EASTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR



All children from 3rd to 8th grade are invited to sing at the 9:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. Children should attend all 3 rehearsals in order to be prepared for the Easter Mass.

REVISED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays
March 8 & March 15
7:30pm 8:30pm
RE Building

The last rehearsal before Easter will be
Tuesday, March 22
5:00 pm 6:00 pm
Church

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

February 2016

Dear St. Alphonsus Families,

On behalf of Epiphany Parish, thank you so much for your donation of Christmas gifts to our children from the Religious Education Program. As you may know, families and individuals in our community go without Christmas gifts for their children due to a variety of factors, including low wages and/or job loss. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children are the most who would have a Christmas present under their home Christmas tree.

With the generous support and help of people like you, we were able to provide our CCD children their Christmas gifts. During the distribution of the presents, it was very nice to see the children's happy faces. Some of the children wrote simple, but heartfelt letters as thank you cards they received their gifts. I am sending these to you please share them with the families that kindly donated the presents. Some of the letters are written in Spanish as our community is Spanish speaking.

We are very grateful for your continued support throughout the years!

God bless,

Please note The children's thank you notes can be found at the ends of our church pews.

Fr. Daniel Long, Pastor

On February 16, 2016 the Lemont Knights of Columbus, Council #1599, held a Pizza Party at the Lemont VFW to distribute the money collected during the Intellectual Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) held last fall. Checks were presented to the SPRED ministry of St. Alphonsus, SS Cyril and Methodious St. Pat, and to The Northern Will County SRA organizations which provide services to those with Special Needs in Lemont.

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 laundry detergent, softener and soap. 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 St.
Lemont

February 2016

Dear St. Alphonsus

Parishioners,

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

The generosity of the St. Alphonsus family enables us to continue to assist those in need in our community. Your gifts help us to keep the pantry shelves well stocked so that our clients can place food on their tables. Thank you for your continued support of the Open Pantry.

Bethany Open Pantry
Committee

**LOOPS OF LOVE
MEETING**

The Knit and Crochet Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at Nancy Zucarelli s house at 1350 Overton Dr. 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 March 2 at 7:00 PM

“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 | Patty Baldrige | Dorothy Goushas | Melanie Williams | Patricia Dedek |
| Nora McDonnell | Baby Kenneth | Robert Trock | Karl Knasiak | Jim Musial |
| Mary Tadda | Greg Hoger | Bonnie Posey | Tina Ruiz | Carson Lee Umentum |
| Nathan Parry | Kandice Marie Sasak | Ken Convalle | Ashley Smith Kitzer | Marilyn Ransford |
| Ray DeNardis | Baby Scarlett | Annamarie | Randy Nowak | David Nenn |
| Donna Murphy | | O Neill | Challenger | Dan Herzing |
| James Benzies | Martin McDonough | John Garrison | Mary Woods | Steve Counter |

“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, Kentucky |
| Alex Sullivan, USA, New York | Joseph R. Pociask, USMC, San Diego | And all who serve our country. |
| | Jacob Christine, US Navy | |

“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.

Help the Vulnerable: Urge Elected Leaders to Pass a State Budget

Every 30 seconds someone counts on Catholic Charities for help. We are now asking for your help. Please lend your voice to advocate for the State of

Illinois to end its budget stalemate and pass a budget that cares for the poor and most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities is currently owed more than \$25 million by the State of Illinois a number that grows by at least \$2 million per month.

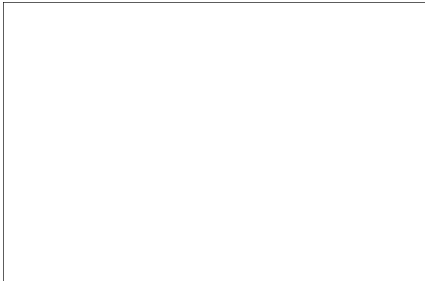
Please take time today to call your state elected officials with this simple message: *“Be a voter in your district. I am contacting you on behalf of the poor and vulnerable people who depend on our state’s safety net of human services, especially the more than 1 million people served by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago.”* If you do not know who your state representative and senator are, please call the State Board of Elections at (217) 782-4141 or visit www.irs.state.il.gov and click on New District/ Official Search.

You can find more information and a template advocacy letter at www.CatholicCharities.net on the homepage.

Thank you St. Alphonsus, Ss. Cyril & Methodius and St. Patrick’s Parishes!

On behalf of our clients we’d like to say a very big thank you for your support through your combined collection of baby items and diapers you conducted for our baby boutique. Our client families are so appreciative of the kindness and generosity of the parishioners at St. Alphonsus, Ss. Cyril & Methodius and St. Patrick’s Parishes. Thank you for helping make their lives a little brighter.

The Woman’s Choice Services Board and Staff
WCS Bolingbrook Center
682 W. Boughton Road, Suite B
Bolingbrook, IL 60440
815-725-7732



Weekly Offering

February 20 & 21, 2016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$ 9,285.00
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 1,520.43
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 2,063.57)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,172.32
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 9,521.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Income Tax Statements

Once again we will only send tax statements to those parishioners 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, 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 2015

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Envelope Number _____

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



PLEASE NOTE:
No Confessions
Vigil Mass at 5pm

Masses: 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27		Saturday, March 5	
4:00 pm	Bernie Kucharski <i>Wife</i>	4:00 pm	Dennis Ganski <i>Ganski Family</i>
Sunday, February 28		Sunday, March 6	
7:30 am	Julene Endecavage <i>Family</i>	7:30 am	James Mraz <i>Family</i>
	John & Anastasia Countack & Char Counter & <i>Rose Nelson</i>	9:00 am	Virtine Virginia Grimaldi <i>St. Alphonsus Church</i>
9:00 am	Virtine Virginia Grimaldi <i>Smith Family</i>		William Maloney, Jr. <i>Pat & Jim Browne</i>
	Mary L. Stanton <i>John P. Stanton</i>	11:00 am	Robert Gedville <i>Dave & Jan McCracken</i>
	Robert Byerwalter <i>Family</i>		Robert Pellegrini <i>Wife</i>
11:00 am	Virtine Virginia Grimaldi <i>McGuire Family</i>	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)
	Maureen Sobeeck <i>Edward Sobeeck Family</i>		
5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)		
Monday, February 29			
7:30 am	John Stephen <i>Bev & Paul Malak</i>		
Tuesday, March 1			
7:30 am	Patricia A. Goode <i>Tony Goode</i>		
Wednesday, March 2			
7:30 am	Rita Kearney <i>Fr. Brian</i>		
Thursday, March 3			
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus		
Friday, March 4			
7:30 am	Jean Lindauer <i>Rita Lindauer</i>		

PLEASE NOTE : Saturday, March 19th, there will be no confessions and the Vigil Mass will be at 5:00 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 52:5, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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	Gather Hymnal Latin Chant Settings Kyrie #169 Gospel Acclamation #173 Sanctus #308B Memorial Acclamation #309B Great Amen #310 Angus Dei #313B
March 5	4:00 pm	L. Jankowski	G. August A. Pascente B. Roger	A. Fidanzo W. Tarazi	Keyboard & Cantor	
March 6	7:30 am	R. Kaiser	G. Kaiser C. Kuhlman P. Malak	Bozue Family		
	9:00 am	J. Chiaramonte	D. Chiaramonte L. Kerfin M. Bruno	S. Kerfin E. Todner	Parish Choir	
	*11:00 am	B. Mc Guire	M. McGuire M. McGuire D. Cernick B., Israel (C) P. Malak (C)	I. McGuire A. Ascolani	Keyboard & Cantor	
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s					

* Communion under both species

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