

ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

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20W145 Davey Road

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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. Alphonus
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

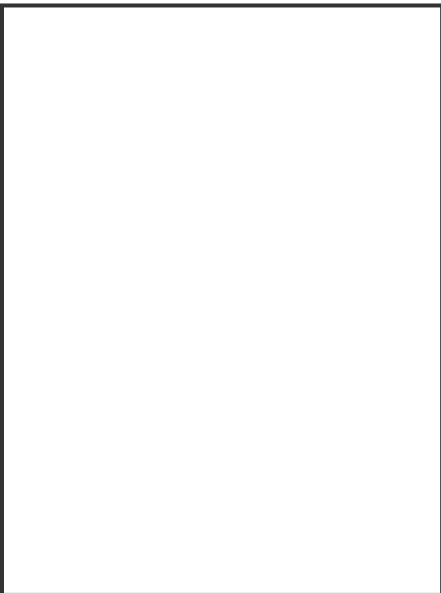
Sharon Kostes

Roy Tam

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk



*Lord,
the resurrection of
Your Son
has given us new life
and renewed hope.
Help us to live
as new people in pursuit
of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know
what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance
to continue to do it,
and the strength
to complete it.*

— *New St. Joseph People's Prayer Book*

*This Easter
and throughout the year
may you and your loved ones
— know peace and live it —
— understand love and give it —
— have happiness and share it —
May you have a very Happy and
Blessed Easter!*

and the Parish Staff

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|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Fr. Thomas Hoffman | Don Betley | Diane Marelli |
| Fr. Robert Rohrich | Kevin Cody | Joseph Martorano |
| Fr. Lou Zake | Carol Levas | Linda O Connor |
| Deacon Terry McGuire | Anne Lichtenwalter | Renee Payne |
| Deacon Dan Rittenhouse | Roseann Lucas | Melanie Terrazas |

Welcome Guests and Visitors. We are so glad that you are here and invite you to join us in thanksgiving for the resurrection 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 Jubilee Year, we have that the Church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world.

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Easter Sunday
Jubilee of Mercy



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,

When we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord, we affirm the center of our faith and we renew our hope. Jesus' Resurrection is a sign of victory over sin and death. He has conquered whatever would diminish us and separate us from God and the fullness of life.

We all need this celebration of Easter which is an infusion of aid and light in our lives which are often weighed down by stress, anxiety, broken relationships, and personal struggles with sin and temptation. As we continue our life journey, we can count on the Resurrection of Jesus as a sure compass of hope that helps us navigate our turbulent world.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we recognize that the Resurrection of Jesus is the triumph of God's mercy. The new life and hope that the Resurrection brings is not the result of our works or merits. It is a pure and free gift of love that comes because of God's mercy. When we stand before that mercy, we know that we are both indebted and responsible. We are indebted to the Lord for His gift, and all we can do is give Him thanks and sing praise. We are also responsible, for if mercy has touched us, then we must be the hands and feet of God's mercy in the world. When we carry on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we give living witness to our faith in His most wonderful Resurrection.

Let us pray for one another. Let us reach out in the power of His Resurrection to bring God's mercy and renewal to a world in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Religious Education Update

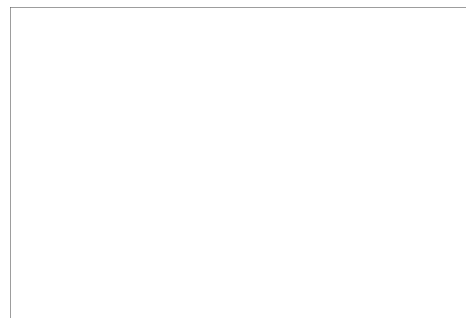
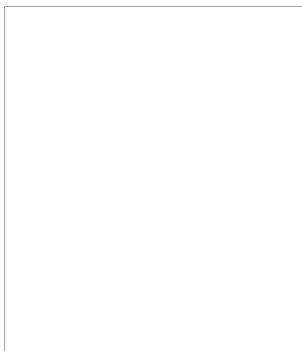
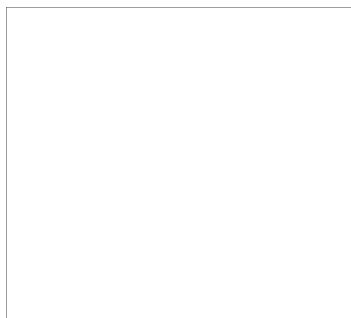
NO SESSIONS OVER THE NEXT 2 WEEKS FOR TRACKS A & B.
They will return the week of April 10th.
TRACK C MAKE-UP SESSION MARCH 30TH.

MEET A NEW CATECHIST

We are so grateful for those parishioners who stepped forward to answer the call to assist parents in raising their children in the faith by joining our catechist team. This series introduces those people who stepped forward this year.

Kelly Hagen (7C) returned to this ministry after being away for several years. She was responding to our need as well as a way to carve out time from her very busy life as a single mom and post-grad student to devote to Kelly has done such a wonderful job raising her children ages 16, 14, and 11 in the faith, that we are so grateful to share her valuable time to help other parents with their children as well.

MORE PHOTOS FROM 3RD/4TH GRADE FAMILY SESSIONS



EASTER SPIRIT... TURNING OUTWARD

Lent has been a time for us to look inward to our personal faith and to make change where necessary. The Easter season marks our movement outward as renewed disciples as Jesus' apostles after being shut in their room received the Good News of Easter and went out to spread it. The first person we turn toward is our spouse.

What do I mean by "turn toward" your spouse? Marriage expert, John Gottman describes giving your attention to your spouse in a kind and caring way whenever he/she makes a bid for your attention.

Turning toward can look a thousand different ways. It might be a loving touch on the shoulder. It might be responding to your spouse when he/she calls for you. It might be a text or two in the middle of the workday. There are lots of opportunities to turn toward your partner, but there are also lots of reasons we don't turn in our spouse's direction.

Yes, you're in a relationship, but it isn't the only thing that you are also one or more of the following: a sibling, a friend, a worker, a parent, a grandparent, a neighbor, a hobby, a child of aging parents, a person who needs alone time... You have a lot on your plate. While all can be really good, they also wreck the romantic love in your marriage if they take too much of your attention away from your spouse. Consider paying attention to the ways that you turn toward and give your attention to the many obligations you have on any given day. So what you notice. Use this Easter season to prove your relationships. Through it all things are made new.

Have a Blessed Easter!

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

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Easter Cross Project

The buddy system is a long tradition at St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick school. Younger students enjoy spending time with their buddies throughout the year and older students enjoy mentoring the younger students.

Recently, the 7h grade students spent time with their 1st grade buddies creating Easter crosses. It was a special time for big/little buddies to share in the spirit.

1st /7th Grade
Buddy Project
Easter Crosses

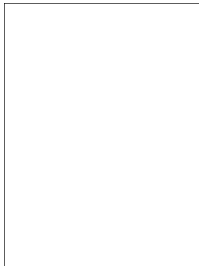
Happy Easter to our Alumni -
connect with us today!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SASPalumni/>

Thank you for
supporting our school,
staff, and students
during the
Lenten season.
Rejoice!
Christ has risen!

Students spent time in computer class answering questions on merice.com to donate rice to the United Nations World Food program. Close to 1 million grains of rice have already been donated.

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Greetings to all of you on this joyous Easter,

When I announced *Renew My Church* initiative in January, I invited everyone in the Archdiocese of Chicago to participate in the process of revitalizing our parish communities. Pope Francis asked Catholics across the globe for their input prior to the Synod of Bishops meetings in 2014 and 2015, I am asking for your help as we begin a new listening phase of this important

Please take time to respond to a survey designed to help us better understand the perspectives of Cook and Lake Counties. Please look for a link to an online survey in today's bulletin. Paper copies will also be available. I hope all of you will participate, and I look forward to reviewing your responses.

In this Easter season and Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us pray for one another. Let us renew our faith in the Resurrection of Christ to bring God's renewing mercy to a world in need.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Cupich



DRAWN INTO THE STORY

We are witnesses! The scriptures for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn in to the stories yourself. Peter reports the things Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from the Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover the body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: It is wonderful in our eyes!

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the details around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.

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Jubilee Year of Mercy

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Easter is always, but especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the victory of God's gentle but invincible mercy raising up Jesus, faithful witness, the first-born of the dead (Revelation 1:5), first-born among many brothers [and sisters] (Romans 8:29), conquering death in all its forms, in all of us in the human family. In Luke's Vigil Gospel, heavenly messengers send the women forth: Remember what [Jesus] said to you (Luke 24:6). In John's Gospel, the empty tomb likewise sends forth Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple, who believe though they do not fully understand. Finally, Luke's evening Emmaus Gospel sends us forth, as missionaries of mercy, assuring us that we will encounter the Risen Lord, today and every day, in the stranger we meet along life's journey, in the Word that makes our hearts burn within us, and the breaking of bread (see Luke 24:32, 35).

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please come and join us in celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. The recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction will be held at:

St. Alphonsus Church
Sunday, April 3rd
3:00 PM

Many Divine blessings and promises for those who participate.



The Parish Offices will be closed on Easter Monday, March 28th.
We will reopen on Tuesday, March 29th.

CRS Rice Bowl Project

If you haven't already, please return your CRS rice bowl to church. There is a basket in the back of church where you can put your filled rice bowl. You can also drop off your rice bowl at the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your generosity. Your donation helps the Church care for those who need the help.

RCIA

Congratulations.
to our newest members of the Church, Ashley Hull, Michele Rimbo, and Travis Willis. Ashley, Michele and Travis received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation the Easter Vigil after preparing through the RCIA program. St. Alphonsus will be their new spiritual home. In the coming weeks, Ashley, Michele and Travis will share with us a little bit about themselves and their journeys to the Church. The Holy Spirit is active in their hearts and our parish will be blessed through them.

Bethany
Lutheran Church
500 Lemont St., 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 we will collect canned meats such as chicken, tuna, ham or beef. Any item you are able to give is gratefully accepted. The staples you provide are also necessary.

March 2016
Dear St. Alphonsus Parishioners,
Thank you for the donation of food to the Open Pantry at Bethany Lutheran Church.
Your offering helps us to replenish the pantry so that our clients can prepare meals for their families. Without your generous support, we would not be able to assist those less fortunate in our community. Thank you for remembering the families of the Open Pantry.

Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.
Bethany Open Pantry Committee

Socks of Love

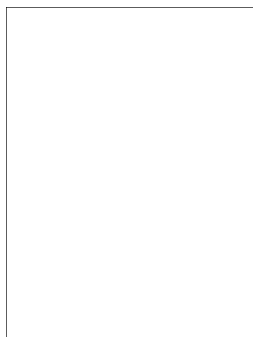
Girl Scouts of Troop 70929 are asking for help to make Socks of Love as a service project to assist the homeless in our community. Each pair of socks will be filled with basic personal care items that are in high demand in the homeless community. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact socks@gmail.com

- Items needed for this project: (see picture)
- Small/travel size personal care items such as
 - Shampoo
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrush
 - Soap
 - Deodorant
 - Lip Balm
 - Granola Bars
 - Tissue
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Wipes

- Collection bins will be available at:
- LEMONT PARK DISTRICT S the CORE & CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS
 - ST. PATRICK CHURCH
 - ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
 - LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 - WOODRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
 - MB FINANCIAL BANK LEMONT BRANCH
 - LEMONT FAMILY DENTAL

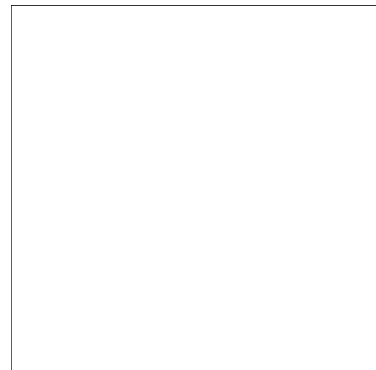
**“TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.”**

“A Time to be Born through Baptism” —



**We welcome the following child
into the Mystical Body of Christ
and into our St. Alphonsus Family.**

**Peyton Rose Healy
February 7, 2016**



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

“A Time to Heal” —

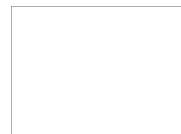
Joetta Karlos	Patty Baldrige	Dorothy Goushas	Melanie Williams	Patricia Dedek
Nora McDonnell	Baby Kenneth	Robert Trock	Karl Knasiak	Jim Musial
Mary Tadda	Greg Hoger	Bonnie Posey	Tina Ruiz	Carson Lee Umentum
Nathan Parry	Kandice Marie Sasak	Ken Convalle	Ashley Smith Kitzer	Marilyn Ransford
Ray DeNardis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

“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, 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.



All ladies of the
parish are
invited to attend
the next

**St. Alphonsus
Women’s Club Meeting
Tuesday — April 5th —7 PM
Church Hall**

Weekly Offering

March 12 & 13, 2016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$10,179.19
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 7,346.53
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 4,656.72
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 430.52)
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$10,313.00

March 19 & 20, 2016

*Due to the early submission of the bulletin,
figures for the above weekend
will be reported next week.*

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

National Arbor Day



Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, March 26
 8:00 am Prayer Service
 10:00am Easter Basket Blessing
 7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 Easter Sunday, March 27
 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 7:35 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 9:05 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 11:05 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 Monday, March 28
 7:30 am Edward Starsha *St. Alphonsus Parish*
 Agnes Margulas *Family*
 Tuesday, March 29
 7:30 am Dolores (Sara) Ruppert *Family*
 Wednesday, March 30
 7:30 am Joan Stephens *Dev & Paul Malak*
 Thursday, March 31
 7:30 am Nadine Schroeder *Bill & MaryAnne Doherty*
 Friday, April 1
 7:30 am John R. Ruppert *Family*

Saturday, April 2
 4:00 pm Giuseppe DeSens *Mc Clatchy Family & Art Danko*
 John Bolseja *Ed & Annette Slenk*
 Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 Sunday, April 3
 7:30 am Karen Mooney *Michael & Judith Mooney*
 Charlotte Suda *Family*
 9:00 am William Maloney, Sr *Jim & Pat Browne*
 JoAnn Grabo *Husband, Ron*
 John Russell *Ray & Sandy Roche*
 11:00 am James Santucci *Lynne Gnatek*
 Robert Bob Gedville *Frank & Sandra Prete*
 Homer Wilson *Wife, Judy*
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 (Mass at St. Patrick Church)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-13; Ps 28:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 24:13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

PLEASE NOTE: If you are celebrating a special occasion, 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 Angels & Saints Holy, Holy #375 Memorial Acclamation #376 Great Amen #377 Lamb of God #388
April 2	4:00 pm	L. Jankowski	G. August G. Smith C. Levas	W. Tarazi L. Laga	Keyboard & Cantor	
April 3	7:30 am	P. Browne	C. Kuhlman G. Umentum B. Rogers	Pontrelli Family		
	*9:00 am	B. Waligorski	R. Meyer D. Czaja K. Lambrakis D. Rittenhouse (C) G. Rittenhouse (C)	Calhoun Family	Parish Choir	
	11:00 am	J. Chiamonte	D. Chiamonte T. Turner D. Kornacker	E. Todner A. Fidanzo	Keyboard & Cantor	
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s	* Communion under both species	St. Alphonsus Bulletin is a weekly publication of St. Alphonsus Catholic Community of Lemont, Illinois. All rights reserved. Printing by J. S. Paluch Co., Inc., Schiller Park, Illinois.			