

ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

Parish Office Center 630-257-2414

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Religious Ed. Office 630-257-2371

School Office 630-783-2220

20W145 Davey Road

Website: www.st-als.org

E-mail: stals-lemont@comcast.net

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 Kostas

Roy Tam

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk

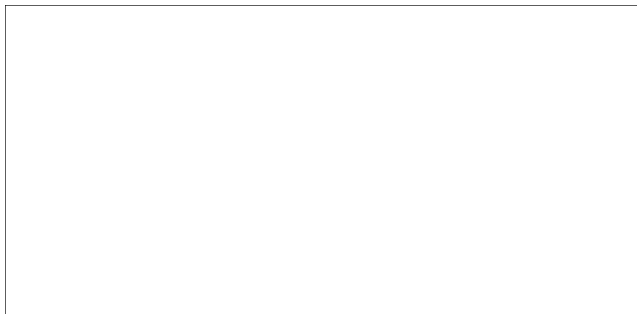
I hope everyone will enjoy a wonderful Easter! Even though some people believe that Easter is only celebrated on Easter Sunday, the season of Easter continues until the feast of Pentecost in June.

We take the opportunity these couple of months to give thanks to God for the gift of his Son, Jesus and realize how important our faith is in this world we live in. As we say thank you to our Lord for the gifts we have received, I just would like at this time to offer a **Thank You** for those who have given so much to our community these past few weeks.

Thank You to...

1. Our priests Fr. Bob Rohrich, Fr. Tom Hoffman, Fr. Lou Zake, Fr. Richard Shannon and our deacons Terry McGuire and Dan Rittenhouse who have assisted us with our liturgies during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
2. Linda O Connor and Kevin Cody for leading those in **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** and **Children's Initiation Process**. The adults and children involved in the programs received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.
3. Don Betley, Sharon Kostas, Paul Malak, Terese Turner and the many volunteers for their hard work in preparing our church environment for the Lenten season, Holy Week and the Easter celebrations.
4. Our Parish Choir Director, Martorano, our St. Alphonus Choir members and musicians for their beautiful music and song.
5. Our Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers for making the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter such marvelous and blessed events.

I think we all can agree that it is through these wonderful people and their dedication to our community that St. Alphonus such a special place to worship and celebrate our faith!



**BLESSING OF
EASTER
BASKETS
HOLY SATURDAY
MARCH 26TH**

Photo courtesy of Fran Urban

Welcome Guests and Visitors. We're so glad that you're here and invite you to join us in thanksgiving for the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. We believe that the Church is the sacrament of God's living 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

Most of us find ourselves remembering a mixture of both good and bad times. We are able to call up the blessing of those times when we lie back on the grass, hands behind our heads, gazing at clouds and dreaming of how they shape themselves into silhouettes of what we've known and loved, a scrapbook of images dear to us. We hang on to such times.

But other memories come along as well, clouds drearier if not also stormier. Adolescence, maybe it can still ring a copper penny. Or the growing relationship we once had with a parent still limp from it, a bruised or broken spirit that never healed the way it should have. Or the team that comes from never having made the team, not the basketball team or love's team or even life's team, yet you sit in the wrong bus when everyone left for the game, ever after we gaze through the window at all the other buses and wish they would wave back.

Mercifully life moves on. And if we're blessed, it moves on to other adventures of other sorts. Yet not without the scars of those ways our flesh has of remembering. In some ways they're the buoys that mark the deep-water channel in the river of life, markers for safe sailing as well as for rocky beds that rip us open.

So we remember the wounds, which is what Thomas said they were. They also marked the real Jesus. He knew that if the wounds into which he would put his own were real, so would Jesus be, and so also the demise of death. For Thomas it was the wounds that proved the resurrection and so moved him into faith.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis
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Living God's Word

*We all struggle with believing. We all doubt; it is the essence of faith.
The difference is in where we look for renewed strength and reaffirmed faith.
For some the thermometer or measuring stick is the calm of life.
For others it is in our wounded helplessness that we come to faith simply
because we recognize that the new life that comes is not our doing.*

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JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today's readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories recorded to help us believe, as the passage from John's Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers: countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles' faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports a mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, "Once I was dead, but now I am alive" (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along must have faith so that we can have life.

Religious Education Update

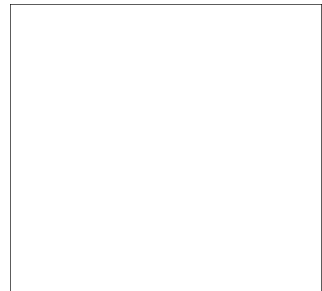
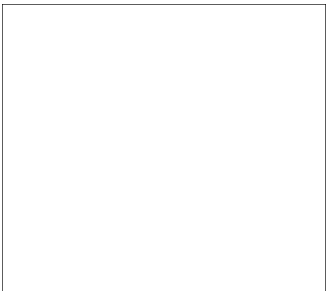
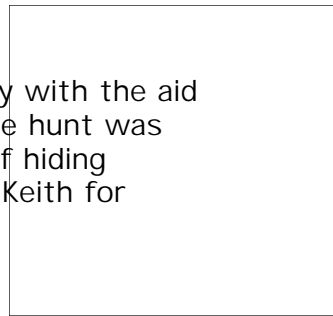
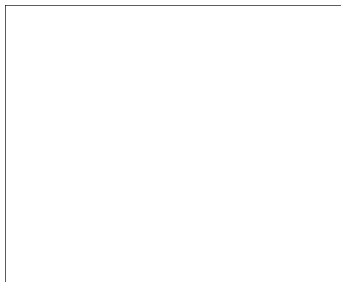
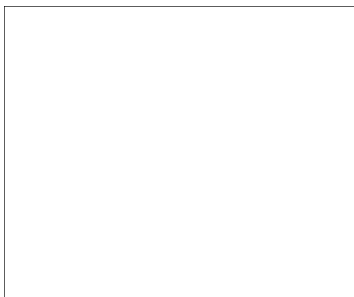
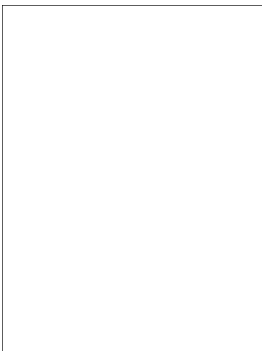
NO RE SESSIONS THIS WEEK

LITTLE TYKES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

Our preschool and kindergarten-aged children and their parents will have their April session, and final session of the year, this Wednesday at 6:15pm in the Church Hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT WAS EGGS-CITING!

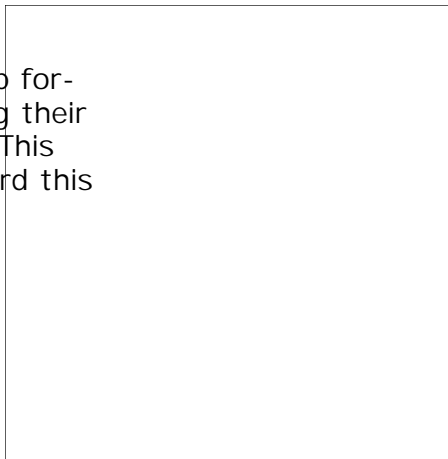
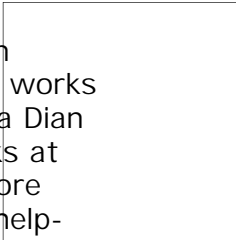
After having fun with a craft and hearing the Easter story with the aid of key symbols of the story discovered in Easter eggs, the hunt was on under blue skies! The Hamilton family did a great job of hiding the eggs for kids and parents to find. We thank Candy & Keith for facilitating this annual event.



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. This series introduces those people who stepped forward this year.

Terri Riordan travels from St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School on Monday afternoons, where she works in the office, to assist with Lisa Dian with our 3rd Grade class. She looks at this ministry as a way to be more involved with our parish while helping children to learn about their faith. Terri enjoys deepening her faith alongside the children. A good teacher is always open to learning.



**WELCOME
MAX &
SELIN!**

We welcomed 2 of the children to our Children's Initiation Process as members of the Church through the celebration of the sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Have a Blessed Easter season!

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

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School
Traditions
Celebrate
Our
Heritage

2016 School Year

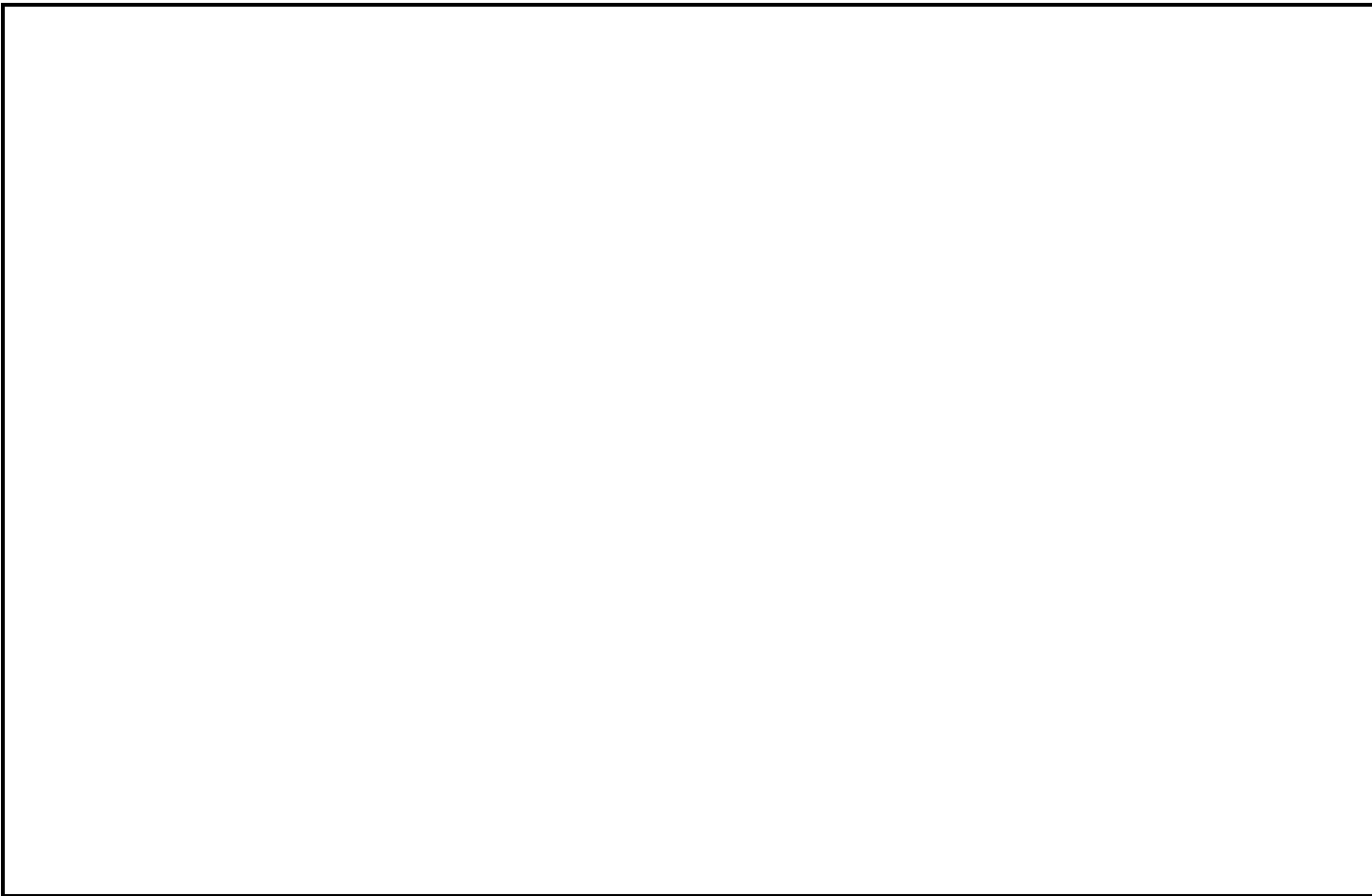
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5th Grade Presents - The Last Supper

Younger students enjoyed watching the reenactment of The Last Supper portrayed by the 5th grade students. It is a tremendous blessing for students to share this story in their classrooms and then be able to have their own live version of the story.

Junior High Students Enjoy a Seder Meal

Exploring and learning the history of traditions of our ancestors has become an annual event at St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School. The feast is one of redemption and liberation, the memorial of the Israelites' escape from their bondage in Egypt. There are specific traditional foods served such as hard boiled eggs, matzo bread, wine (in our case apple juice) as well as different elements of prayer and reflection. The Christian observance of this ritual reminds us to celebrate the tradition of Christ's last supper and our heritage.



Lemont
Pro-Life Ministry

**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.

**Knowledge & Prayer Series 2016
Forgiveness & Healing Service
with Father Paul Burak**

For those whose lives have been directly or indirectly
impacted by abortion. And for all others in need of
our Lord & Savior's Healing Love.

**Sunday, April 3rd @ 6:30pm
St. Michael Church
14327 Highland Avenue
Orland Park, IL**

HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

*If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor,
you should approach God first with all your heart.
Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . .
with it you can accomplish what you desire.*

St. Vincent Ferrer

Jubilee Year of Mercy
April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter or
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy in response to Saint Faustina's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort receive a gift we gladly share: We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. At times how hard it seems to forgive! he acknowledges. And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart (Misericordiae Vultus, 9). The necessary condition for living joyfully? To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge. May Divine Mercy Sunday in this Jubilee Year of Mercy remind us that Jesus made mercy our life ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy (Matthew 5:7).

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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 to their level of understanding.

When & Where? It will take place during the 11 a.m.

Mass on Sunday, April 10. 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).

ST. PATRICK'S SPRED GROUP AGES 6-10 – INFORMATIONAL MEETING

St. Patrick's SPRED group for ages 6-10 will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the ministry building located on Cass Street adjacent to St. Patrick's Church (200 East Illinois Street, Lemont, Illinois).

SPRED is a ministry program designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental and intellectual challenges from ages 6 and up. Any families who may benefit from this program are welcome to attend the meeting and learn what the SPRED program has to offer.

Information will also be provided to individuals who might be interested in working with the SPRED staff.

Working as a volunteer with SPRED can be very rewarding and all materials and training are provided by the program. Anyone 21 years or older may volunteer with SPRED and no experience is required.

We cordially invite you to join us at the meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. No registration is required and you may contact St. Patrick's Parish office at 630-257-6134 with any questions.



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 18th, at 2:45 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago.

Couples married in 1966 interested in attending this celebration should contact the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 by June 1st to register.

For further information, call the Marriage and Family Ministries Office at 312-534-8351 or visit the web-site www.marriageandfamilyministries.org

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. April we will collect canned meats such as chicken, tuna, ham or beef stew. 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.

Socks of Love



Girl Scouts of Troop 70929 are asking for help gathering items needed March 19th thru April 29th to make Socks of Love as a service project to assist the homeless

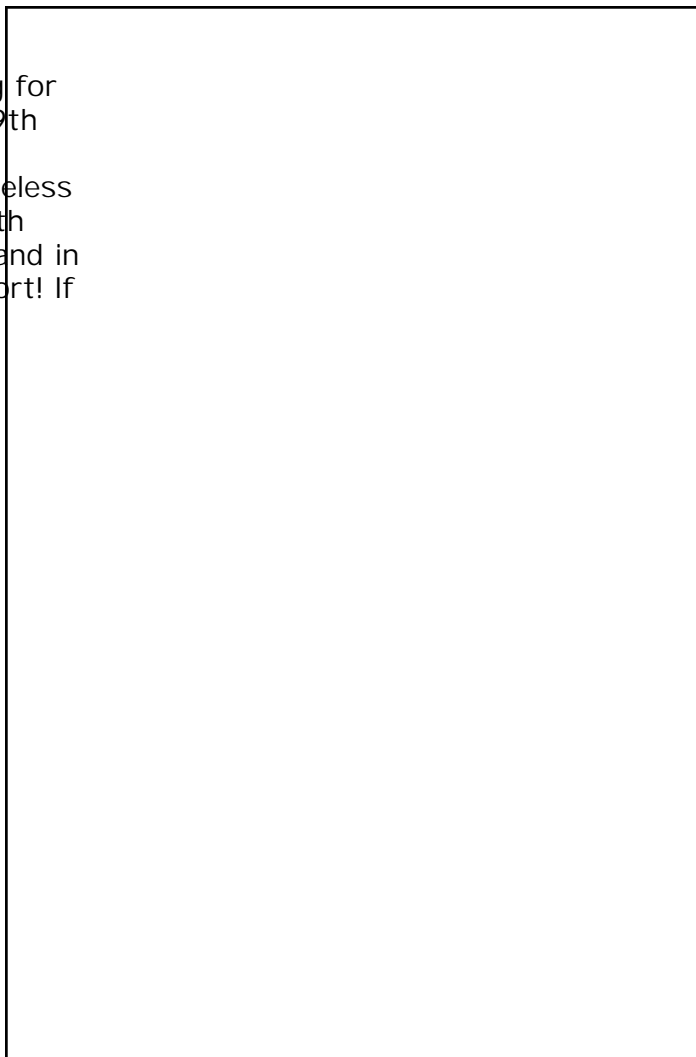
in our communities. Each pair of socks will be filled with basic personal care items that are in growing demand in the homeless community. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact saspgssocks@gmail.com

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” —

“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	Ken Convalle	Tina Ruiz	Carson Lee Umentum
Nathan Parry	Kandice Marie Sasak	Annamarie	Ashley Smith Kitzer	Marilyn Ransford
Ray DeNardis	Baby Scarlett	Challenger	Randy Nowak	David Nenn
Donna Murphy	O Neill	John Garrison	Dan Herzing	Jim Kulikauskas
James Benzies	Martin McDonough	Gladys Togliatti	Mary Woods	Steve Counter
	Gertrude Smith		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.

**Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry
and our pastor**

Father Patrick Tucker

invite you to join

Dawn Eden for a discussion about

“Remembering God's Mercy”

Sunday, April 24 3:00pm

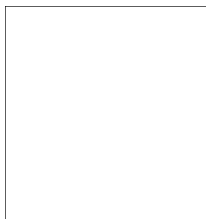
Sacred Heart Church Ministry Center Gym

8245 W. 111th Street

Palos Hills, IL 60465

No RSVP needed

Any questions please contact Elizabeth Droel
708-974-3336 x6 or edroel@sacredheartpalos.org



Dawn Eden is the author of *The Thrill of the Chase: Finding Fulfillment While Keeping Your Clothes On* and *My Peace I Give You: Healing Sacred Wounds with the Help of the Saints*. Eden received her pontifical licentiate in sacred theology from the Dominican House of Studies in 2014 and is studying for a doctorate in theology at the Holy Family Seminary. She speaks throughout North America and abroad and has been featured in the *New York Times* and on *EW.com*. She lives in the Chicago area.

Weekly Offering

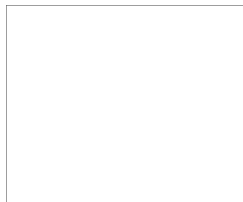
March 19 & 20, 2016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$10,564.15
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 2,304.85)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,615.37)
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 8,999.00

March 26 & 27, 2016 (Easter)

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Easter Sunday s Collection	\$37,065.38
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 1,520.43
Surplus (Deficit)	\$25,716.81
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$22,101.44
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 40,191.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.



All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the next

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

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 visitors. 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.

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 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 _____

LOOPS OF LOVE MEETING



Remember that the Knit and Crochet Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at Nancy Zuccarelli s house at 1350 Overton Drive in Lemont. If you have not joined us before-no problem-come just the same. If you have joined us before or are regular, we look forward to seeing you on April 6th at 7:00PM.

NOW HIRING

The School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King are looking for an On Call CNA at St. Joseph Infirmary in Lemont.

Possible Shifts:
 6:00 AM 2:00 PM or 2:00 PM 10:00 PM or 11:00 PM 7:00 AM

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Krestina at 708-912-7510 or Sister Annette at 630-257-5644.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2
 4:00 pm Giuseppe DeSensis *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*

Monday, April 4
 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Tuesday, April 5
 7:30 am Patricia A. Goode *Tony Goode*

Wednesday, April 6
 7:30 am Margaret Mary Urban *Urban Family*

Thursday, April 7
 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Friday, April 8
 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Saturday, April 9
 4:00 pm Jerry Lichtenwalter *Family*
 Leo Piekosz *Piekosz Family*
 Judy Belline *Piekosz Family*
 Bernie Kucharski *Mr. & Mrs. R. Baley*

Sunday, April 10
 7:30 am Gudelevich Family *Tony Goode*
 Jozef Gajda *Swann Family*

9:00 am Mildred & Orville Tessutti *Tim Eldred*
 Rosaline Reed *Linn Eldred*

11:00 am Rob Salbego *Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer*
 Mary Wheatley (1st Anniversary) *Shleen Mannix & Family*

Casey & Helen Galasinski *Family*
 Tom Begeske *Family*

5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 (Mass at St. Patrick Church)

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, 630-251-2414. The blessings and/or renewals will take place after the Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-36; Ps 79:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-32; Ps 42, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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 9	4:00 pm	T. Griffin-Groebe	A. Pascente D. Rittenhouse G. Rittenhouse	Popper Family	Bell Choir	
April 10	7:30 am	R. Kaiser	G. Kaiser M. Main P. Malak	Bozue Family		
	9:00 am	G. Klaff	M. Roenitz A. Padalik M. Bruno	A. Carter A. Ward	Keyboard & Cantor	
	*11:00 am	McGuire	M. McGuire M. McGuire Deacon Terry K. Gory (C) D. Kornacker (C)	A. Kaye I. McGuire J. Yabush	Parish Choir	
	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.		