

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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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

It's hard to believe that we are already in the middle of April! It seems as if we are finally experiencing some warmer Spring days and we can enjoy the beauty of God's gift of nature. Before we become occupied with "Spring Cleaning" and other activities, please remember these items:

Celebration of First Communion

Next **Saturday, April 23rd**, our young parishioners from St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick Catholic School, St. Alphonsus Religious Education and Everest Academy will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. Let us pray for our young men and women and their families as they continue to grow on their journey of faith. May God bless you in everything you do!

Renew My Church" Parishioner Survey

Archbishop Cupich presented his "**Renew My Church**" initiative in January 2016 in order to revitalize parish communities. He is asking for our opinions as the Archdiocese of Chicago begins its next phase of this program. Please take some time to respond to a survey at www.archchicago.org/renew. There are also paper copies of this survey in the back of church.

Presenting the Gifts at Mass

I would like to remind everyone of the opportunity to present the gifts of the bread and wine at our weekend and weekday Masses. If you are attending a specific Mass and want to bring up the gifts, please sign up with Roseann at our Parish Office at (630) 257-2414 or check with the Ushers before Mass begins to see if there are any openings.

Mass Intentions

Our **Mass Intention Book** is open if you would like to offer a Mass Intention for a loved one who is deceased, who is ill or if you would like to celebrate a special occasion, such as birthday or a wedding anniversary. We have weekday intentions and some weekend intentions available. There is also an opportunity to offer an intention at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Tri-Parish Mass at St. Patrick as well. Please call Roseann at our Parish Office at (630) 257-2414.

Welcome Guests and Visitors We re so glad that you re here and invite you to join us in thanksgiving for action in our lives. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. In this way we have that the Church is the sacrament of God s saving presence in the world.

“Please come to Mass early enough not to disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult (the Mass does not end until the final blessing). Worship reverently enough not to distract. And dress proudly enough not to offend.”

Reflecting on God’s Word

The game called Follow the Leader can be fun depending on the leader leads. If the leader charges through tangled bushes, over high fences, under fallen branches, barking dogs, trying to discourage the other players, the followers tend to give up in defeat, feeling sad, and weak. On the other hand, if the leader blazes the trail for the others, and encourages and guides the way, the followers can complete the game feeling confident and joyful.

Today s scriptures show Christ as the latter kind of leader. He hand wipes away our tears. He is a shepherd who encourages us and brings us through suffering toward life. Paul and Barnabas joyfully follow his lead by becoming Christ-like leaders themselves. They encourage the way for their own followers through whatever distress may come their way. In the same way, all followers are invited to become leaders who share with others the courage, confidence, and joy they have found in following Christ.

—Virginia Stillwell
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Living God’s Word

*The passage from Revelation speaks of “a great multitude . . . wearing white robes” (7:9).
This refers to all who have put on Christ in baptism.
Those who put on Christ will suffer as Christ suffered.
Suffering will come to each of us who chooses to follow our shepherd-leader.*

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*I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”*
Acts 13:47b

THE SHEPHERD’S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before today s readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his flock.

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of this: we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

Religious Education Update

THIS IS IT... FINAL SESSIONS THIS WEEK

During this last session, catechists will review the final tasks taken last week, wrap-up the year and have a celebration during the last 30 minutes of the session.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

Registration forms for returning families will be given to the families this week so they can be returned this week. Families who have an open tuition balance, and have worked out a pay plan will need to contact Kevin Cody to set an appointment to register.

New families should contact the RE Office to register. Weppy to assist you in setting your child on a journey with Christ within a supportive faith community. Visit [our website](http://www.st-als.org) for information on our programs.



2-WEEK SUMMER INTENSIVE RE PILOT PROGRAM

We are offering this option in place of our regular program in response to the busy schedules we see faced by families during the rest of the year. These children would benefit from a morning schedule when school is out, and sessions not so spread out. Our pilot will be for Grades

SCHEDULE :
M-F, JUNE 13TH - 24TH
HOURS: 9:00AM - NOON

REQUIREMENTS

- > commit to attending every session.
- > pay the entire tuition up front. Rates are the same as our regular program.
- > commit to attending two Family Sessions, a spiritual event, and a family service project during the year following the program.

MEET A NEW CATECHIST

Connor is one of our high school catechist-aides who is using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Confirmation to help his parish and young people through this ministry as an aide to John Derby in Grade 8 class. Connor follows in the footsteps of his mother, Darlene, who was a catechist for a number of years. It's good to see young people like Connor active in their faith!

ME...A CATECHIST?

Please consider this as we end our program year, and we begin to look at our needs for next year. We do not know yet what positions will be available. Feel free to call the RE Office if you have any questions.

2017 CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, May 11th, 7 P.M., Church Hall



Parents will receive handbooks & information on the preparation program, including what should be done over the summer months. This meeting is for parents only. There will be a Candidate-Sponsor meeting in September.

FINAL WEEK

To the parents in our program, I'd like to say that it has been a pleasure helping you these past 7 months, along with our volunteer catechists, in forming your children as disciples of Christ within a faith-filled home nurtured by the sacraments. In this Year of Mercy, we have so many inspiring families who live out the Works of Mercy with compassion and generosity. May God continue to bless you in the role He entrusted to you.

St. Alphonsus-St. Patrick School News

Survey closes April 18, 2016

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Journey of Faith: Birth, Baptism, Belonging

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

Our baptismal preparation program *Journey of Faith: Birth, Baptism, Belonging*, is a seminar that will help you better understand the sacrament of Baptism. The seminar can be taken while awaiting the birth of your child or shortly after the baby is born. The seminar will meet Saturday of alternate months from 9:00 am to Noon in the Religious Education Building. The Seminar dates for 2016 are May 7th, July 9th, September 10th and November 12th. If you have not attended a baptismal preparation class at St. Alphonsus within three years you must participate in a Baptismal seminar. Call the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 to register for the baptismal seminar along with your baptismal date.



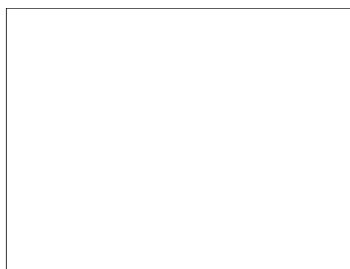
Couples married in 1966 interested in attending this celebration should contact the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 by June 1st to register.

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

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.

The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or the consecrated life inspire you? Call Father Francis Bitterman 312-534-8298, or write: fbitteran@archchicago.org.

CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE



Hi, I'm Michelle I have been living in Lemont for the past 4 years with my husband. I have been wanting to take RCIA classes for a long time now and couldn't have picked a better time to do so. I have a little one on the way and couldn't be happier to raise them at St. Alphonsus! I'm looking forward to the many years ahead with my family as a part of St. Alphonsus church! Thank you to my group and to all that have help me along the way!

 Lemont Pro-Life Ministry

FR. THOMAS LOYA TO SPEAK THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 7pm, ANNUNCIATION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

14610 Will-Cook Rd., Homer Glen

In-vitro Fertilization and Surrogate Motherhood: What the Church Really Has to Say

Fr. Thomas Loya, Pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church and renowned Radio Host, Author and International Lecturer, will speak at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 Will Cook Rd., Homer Glen at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 21. Loya, a recognized expert on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, will review and define what the Church teaches about in vitro fertilization and surrogate motherhood. Catholics and others may come to understand better that the Church approaches these procedures with calm, care and virtue.

SPONSORED BY:

The program is hosted by the Multi-Parish Knowledge and Prayer Series. The Series presented by the Resurrection Life Ministries of: Our Lady of the Woods, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bernard's, St. Michael and Annunciation Byzantine Catholic parishes.

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 May. We will meet in the chapel at 6 pm on May 5, 12, 19, and 26. We will pray the rosary, a devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and listen to readings of St. Alphonsus, our parish patron. Let's give special honor to Mary, the Mother of God, during her month of May.

Mother's Day Cards. . . .

Sunday, May 8th is Mother's Day. Spiritual bouquet cards for Mother's Day will be available the weekends of April 23 & 24 and April 30 & May 1 at the rear of the church. All mothers, living and deceased, will be remembered during all masses on Mother's Day weekend. Each card comes with an envelope for the card and an envelope to list your intention (mother's name). Please fill out the envelope, place your contribution inside and return the envelope in the collection basket at the Parish Office Center.

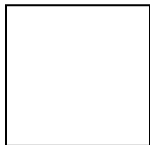
GREEN THUMBS NEEDED FOR PARISH GARDEN

We are hoping to get our garden going in the spring but need some gardeners to help get it ready and to keep it in shape. If you would like to be a part of the garden project, please call Linda in the Parish Office or let me know before or after. Thanks so much!

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 that is needed most. For 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.



**Sacred Heart
Domestic Violence
Outreach Ministry
and our pastor Fr 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
No RSVP needed**
Any questions please call Elizabeth Droel
708-974-3336 x6 or el@shredhealpalos.org



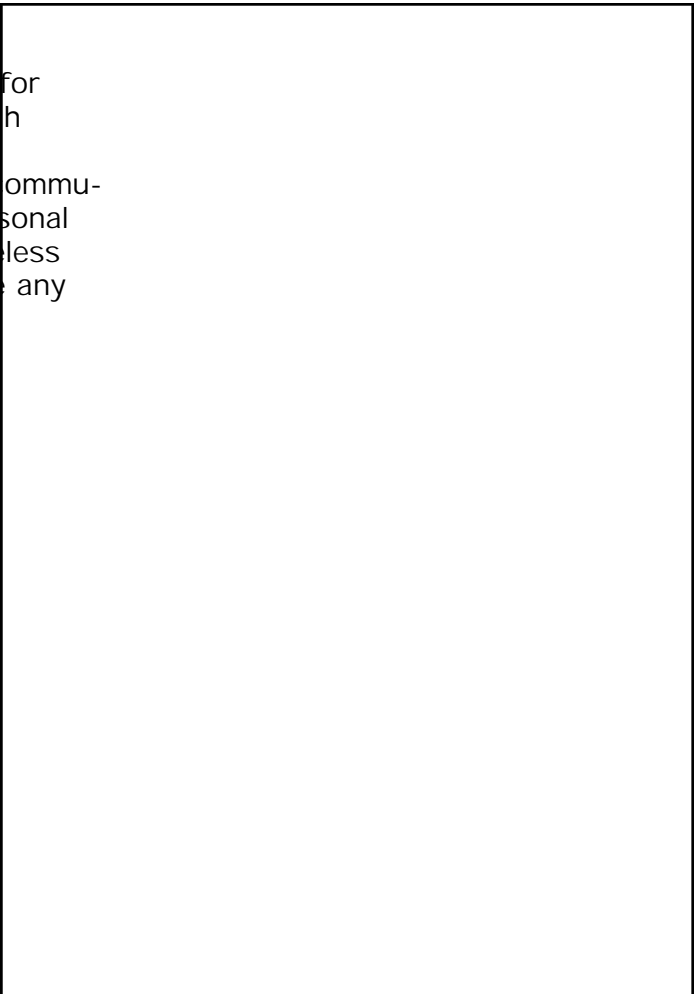
Socks of Love

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 slssocks@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

- 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” — Brynn Sophia daughter of Frank & Allanah DeSantis
Charles Robert son of Michael & Jaclyn Laflambo
Kendyl Jade daughter of David & Kerry Schmidt

“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 Neil	John Garrison	Dan Herzing	Jim Kulikauskas
James Benzies	Martin McDonough	Gladys Togliatti	Mary Woods	Steve Counter
	Gertrude Smith	Eugene Nawrocki	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.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a Literacy Tutor for 90 minutes per week at our Center, located at 3540 S. Hermitage Ave. in Chicago. All tutoring is one-on-one with the same student each week. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Join us for our next tutor training workshop: Friday, April 29 (6pm to 9pm) and Saturday, April 30 (9am to 3pm). Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Kristen Dempsey Pasyk at [773.927.0512](tel:773.927.0512) or aquinasliteracy@gmail.com

Through 20 years of English-language instruction, Aquinas Literacy Center has enabled learners to transform their lives by acquiring skills to become successful parents, productive workers and responsible citizens. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Domini-can Sisters.

**HERITAGE QUARRIES
RECREATION AREA
RESTORATION PROJECT**

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
2 Volunteer Shifts Available
9 AM — 11 AM
OR
10:30 AM — 12:30 PM

Join CITGO and The Conservation Foundation for a restoration project in Lemont. Volunteers are needed to help restore five acres of natural areas within the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area. The goal of this project is to restore plant and animal diversity.

For more information, contact Anna Fratto, Public Affairs & Community Relations Coordinator at the CITGO Lemont Refinery, affratto@citgo.com or 630-296-2959.

Weekly Offering

April 9 & 10, 2016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$ 9,966.12
Add l Easter	\$ 822.00
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 7,247.53
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,166.65
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$26,789.02
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$10,315.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Electronic Fund Transfer

Electronic Fund Transfer, (EFT), is the process of automatically having your contribution offering transferred from your checking or saving account to St. Al s account.

What will EFT do for you?

- No more check writing
- No more remembering your envelope
- No more looking for the correct currency
- Automated record keeping

What will EFT do for St. Al s?

- Your offering arrives even when you are not able to attend mass
- You help us simplify our record keeping
- We are better able to plan and budget

If your financial situation changes, you may change or stop your payment at any time by calling the parish office.

To sign up for Electronic Fund Transfer, complete the request for an EFT form. Return the completed form by mail or place in the collection basket marked Attr. Office Center. You will be sent an EFT form with more information about the EFT process. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office, 630-257-2414.

Electronic Funds Transfer Request Form
Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Phone : _____
Envelope Number: _____

SENIOR KINDRED SPIRITS



Come join us for some good food and games at the next Senior Kindred Spirits meeting. Lunch is catered by Ali Tucker for a very reasonable fee of \$6.00.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Alphonsus Parish Center. Please call Dee Hollman at 630-243-1805 by Thursday, April 21st if you are planning on attending this meeting

May Crowning at St. Alphonsus Chapel will be at 10:30 a.m. on May 6th. After crowning service, we will go to lunch.

Counseling By Fr. Rohrich

Counseling services are available by Fr. Bob Rohrich at the DePaul Center, 212 Custer. Appointment times on weekdays are: 10 and 11 am and 5, 7, 8 and 9 pm. Fr. Bob counsels the engaged and married, as well as individuals for depression, anxiety, separation, divorce and other personal problems. The cost is a \$10.00 donation for each session. Please call, 630-257-9235.

NOW HIRING

Part-time positions available at Alvernia Manor Senior Living (Lemont). If interested, please call 630-257-7721.

Mass Intentions

<p>Saturday, April 16</p> <p>4:00 pm Pat Urban <i>Fran Urban</i> Chester & Helen Kucharski <i>Mary Kucharski</i> Pasquale Del Cotto <i>Gasperec Family</i> Peter Josephitis <i>Dave & Phyllis</i></p> <p>Sunday, April 17</p> <p>7:30 am Gloria Dalpos <i>Srene Pareti</i> Deceased Members of the Lawson Family <i>John Goode</i> Floryan Jagodzinski <i>Family</i></p> <p>9:00 am Carlos Reyna <i>Reyna Family</i> Robert Byerwalter <i>Family</i> Stanley Farbotko <i>Pickering Family</i></p> <p>11:00 am Jim Farmakis <i>Family</i> Charlotte Meaney <i>Fr. Brian</i> Maria Z. Mudd <i>Charles, husband</i> Mickey Coppinger <i>Burke Family</i> Tom Helmuth, Jr. <i>Richard & Marie Helmuth & Family</i></p> <p>5:-00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)</p> <p>Monday, April 18</p> <p>7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus</p> <p>Tuesday, April 19</p> <p>7:30 am Rose Magiera <i>Family</i></p> <p>Wednesday, April 20</p> <p>7:30 am John R. Ruppert <i>Sue, Eric & Dad</i></p> <p>Thursday, April 21</p> <p>7:30 am Katherine Pernini <i>Family</i></p> <p>Friday, April 22</p> <p>7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus</p>	<p>Saturday, April 23</p> <p>4:00 pm Grace Snyder <i>Bev & Paul Malak</i> Ted Gancarz <i>Family</i></p> <p>Sunday, April 24</p> <p>7:30 am Marie Janeg <i>Grand Family</i> James Mraz <i>Family</i></p> <p>9:00 am Mary L. Stanton <i>John P. Stanton</i> Stanley Farbotko <i>Renee Payne</i></p> <p>11:00 am George Lindauer <i>Rita Lindauer</i> John Wacker <i>Litoborski Family</i> Bonnie Posey <i>Senior Kindred Spirits</i></p> <p>5:-00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)</p>
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; 22:3-5; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; 9:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 113; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

PLEASE NOTE : If you are celebrating a special occasion, wedding anniversary, or request a blessing or renewal of vows, arrangements made in advance by calling the Parish Office, 630-257-2444, and/or renewal of vows, will take place after the Mass.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	Gather Hymnal
April 23	4:00 pm	B. Waligorski	A. Pascente B. Rogers C. Levas	A. Fidanzo C. King W. Tarazi	Bell Choir	
April 24	*7:30 am	B. Betley	D. Betley M. Main C. Kuhlman S. Kostas (C) G. Umentum (C)	Kostas Family		Holy, Holy #375
	9:00 am	A. Lichtenwalter	M. Roenitz A. Padalik E. Bruno	L. Laga Meeks Family	Parish Choir	Memorial Acclamation #376
	11:00 am	H. Michniak	S. Turner D. Kornacker B. Burke	C. Michniak A. Ascolani E. Todner	Keyboard & Cantor	Great Amen #377 Lamb of God #388
	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.		