

ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

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Summer Business Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm

Friday: 8 am - 2 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

(Beginning July 2nd)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Summer Weekday Schedule

Tri-Parish

Monday-Saturday 7:30 am in church

(July 1st -July 31st at St. Patrick Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—8:00 am—8:00 pm, chapel

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

Saturday—4:00 to 4:30 pm

(Beginning July 2nd)

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 Kostas

Roy Tam

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk

This weekend in our Scripture Readings we hear about following the way of God in our lives. Even though we do not always understand the ways that discipleship guides our life, we are encouraged to keep moving forward in faith.

Religious Education Summer Intensive

Speaking of moving forward in faith, our Religious Education Summer Intensive Program was a huge success! It was a two-week Religious Education program for 4th and 5th Grade students.

Our catechists taught the students about various topics such as the lives of the Israelites in the Old Testament, the lives of Catholic saints, the Sacraments and the importance of celebrating the Mass. I believe our students really enjoyed the program and we are thinking about extending the program to 2017.

A very big thank you and congratulations go to our Reviewers: Cody, Diane Kaye, Angie Pascente, Jill Herlihy and our many 4th Grade Volunteers.

St. Als/St. Pats School Exciting News

As you can see in our bulletin, St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School is planning a "Day of Play" for new students and prospective students on Friday, July 1st from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The age range is Pre-Kindergarten to 3rd Grade. Some of the activities include: Pizza & Smoothie making, tyndale lessons, playground games and a Scavenger Hunt! Please call (630) 783-2220 or email: schooloffice@stals-stpats.org to register.

St. Als/St. Pats Pre-School

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School is also very excited to announce that 3-year-old and 4-year-old Full-day and Half-day Pre-School classes will be offered for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information call (630) 783-2220.

Share Your Soles

One charitable drive that we enjoyed sponsoring for the past number of years was to collect shoes for the "Share Your Soles". This program takes new shoes and gently-used shoes and donates them to people in need in the United States and poor countries. We will have bins in the Narthex area beginning July 9th & 10th and lasting for 3 weeks. Please be generous so we can help others.

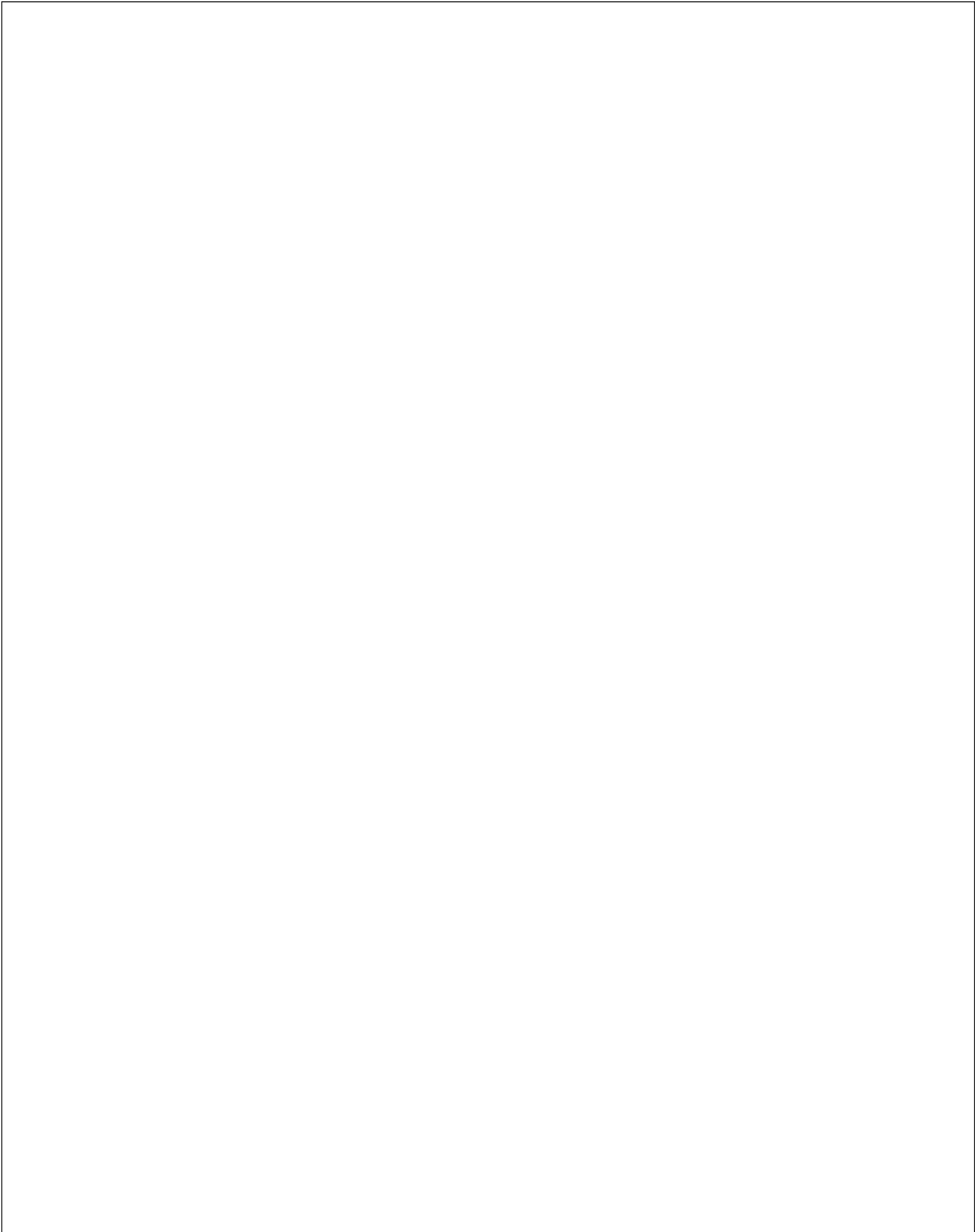
Tri-Parish Weekday Morning Mass

St. Alphonsus Church has had the privilege of hosting the Tri-Parish Weekday Masses for the month of June. We will continue to host the Weekday mass until **Thursday, June 30th**. The 7:30 a.m. Mass will then move to **St. Patrick Church** on **Friday, July 1st** for the month of July and we will celebrate Mass at **Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church** for the month of August.

Saturday Mass Time

Just a reminder that **Saturday, July 2nd**, we will return to celebrating Saturday Evening Mass. **Confessions will take place at 4:00 p.m.**

This change will allow ample time for weddings to be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. and then permit enough time for confessions to be held and also prepare the church for Saturday Mass. **High Day Living Time** on the weekend of **November 5th & 6th**, we will return to celebrating Saturday Evening Mass at 4:00 p.m..



Religious Education Update

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

Returning families can contact the RE Office to request another form if you can't locate the forms handed out in class. Families who have an open tuition balance, and have not 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. We will be happy to assist you in setting your child on a journey with Christ within a supportive faith community.

Visit our website www.st-als.org for information on our programs.

CONSIDER A MINISTRY AS A CATECHIST

Religious education volunteers are the lifeblood of our program. Prayerfully consider being part of our catechist team. It is an amazing ministry putting you in touch with a wonderful group of kids and fellow volunteers!

For more information, contact the RE Office.

CONFIRMATION DATE IS OFFICIAL . . . We will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation Saturday, March 11th at 10:00am. Our celebrant will be Bishop Andrew Wypych.

MAKING TIME TO PRAY

Praying together as family is one of the most important things a parent can do in the faith formation of our children. The following is a list of ideas on prayer.

- Give thanks at mealtimes for the farmer who grew the food, the workers (often grossly underpaid) who picked, processed, and delivered, and sold the food. Thank God for the sun and soil and water that made it all possible.
- Pray at bedtime for someone who did a kindness to you today.
- Visit family members in a nursing home and pray with them.
- Send a letter to a distant relative, saying you remember him or her in your prayers.
- When you pick up your child from a fun event, give a simple prayer of thanks for the fun, friends, and safety of your child.
- Say a short prayer of hope, such as, God help us get the most out of this day to its fullest when you wake your child to a brand new day..

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CERTIFIED CATECHISTS!

Congratulations to Vivian Brueckmann, Karin Gory, and Tonia Tomas for achieving full certification as catechists. They were presented with certificates from Archbishop Cupich and Bishop Manz at a ceremony in Niles. Archbishop Cupich expressed his appreciation for the effort they have put into this important ministry. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers!

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

There are so many things to do. We have so little time. How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to gratify [ing] the desires of the flesh, as Paul relates in today's second reading, are really not productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah's chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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**Lemont Tri-Parish
Summer Weekday Masses**

**At St. Alphonsus,
SS. Cyril & Methodius & St. Patrick**

**June 1st thru August 31st
Weekday Mass will be at 7:30 a.m.**

June 1st thru Thursday, June 30th
St. Alphonsus 7:30 a.m.

Friday, July 1st thru Friday, July 29th
St. Patrick 7:30 a.m.

Monday, August 1st thru Wednesday, August 31st
SS. Cyril & Methodius 7:30 a.m.

SAINT ALPHONSUS

*Journey of Faith:
Birth, Baptism, Belonging*

BAPTISM SEMINAR

If you are expecting a baby, family and friends have already surrounded you with gifts and you have no doubt furnished and decorated a nursery. In the same way your Catholic child, through the sacrament of Baptism, welcomes and offers spiritual strength and 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 July 9th, September 10th and November 12th. If you have not attended a baptismal preparation class at St. Alphonsus in the past three years you must participate in a Baptism seminar. Call the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 to schedule the seminar along with your baptismal date.

“Who is my Neighbor? Discipleship in the Year of Mercy”

Join us for the 30th annual Social Action Summer July 11-17, 2016 at St. Xavier University for Who is my Neighbor? Discipleship in the Year of Mercy. We will be addressing our neighbors including racism, violence and poverty. Participants will come away with resources and ideas in the parish level as well as within other aspects of public life. You may register for single days or the full conference. There will be workshops, keynote sessions, liturgies and one full day for field trips and activities funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Financial assistance is available.

Go to www.CatholicPeaceandJustice.org for more information.

Ever thought about becoming a Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults

An invitation to
join the Church

RCIA might be for you if:

- You have never been baptized,
- You were baptized in another denomination
- You are a baptized Catholic not raised in the faith and would like to receive Eucharist and Confirmation.

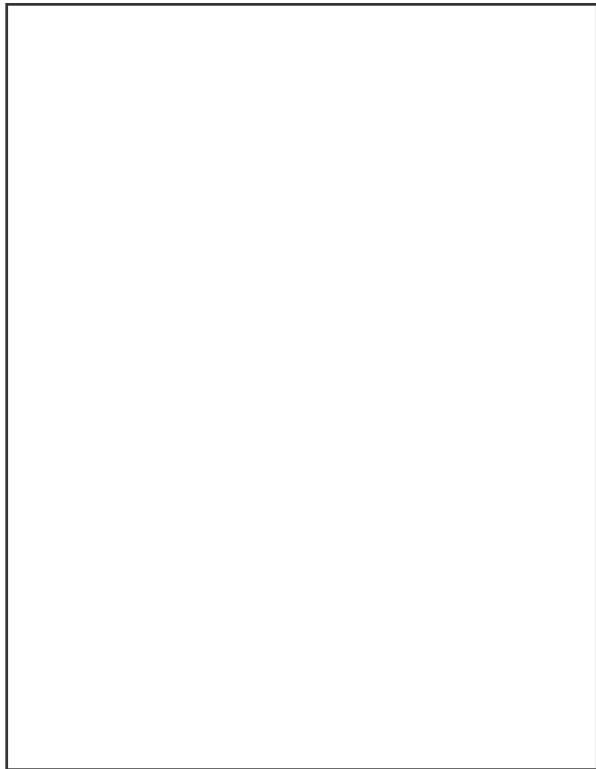
**Note-We also have a program for children and teens, Please call the number below for information.

Please read on to learn more...

RCIA begins with a period of inquiry in the fall - a time to ask questions. The only requirement is a desire to explore one's relationship to God through the Catholic faith. No firm commitment to join the Church is needed at this time. One might wish to come for one of the following reasons:

- * I definitely want to become a Catholic.
- * I think I might want to become a Catholic.
- * I'm "just looking" - not sure at this time.
- * I don't want to join, but just want to know what Catholics believe.
- * I'm Catholic, but have had little or no contact with the Church.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THE RCIA PROGRAM.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE,
PLEASE CALL LINDA AT 630-257-2414. WE BEGIN IN THE FALL.



**Jubilee of Mercy
June 26, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Yet again in Ordinary Time, Jesus seems to demand extraordinary commitment. A would-be disciple enthusiastically volunteers to follow Jesus where ever he goes (Matthew 9:57). Jesus replies that wherever means nowhere to rest (his head on his shoulders). Unlike other candidates, Jesus brusquely denies reasonable requests to fulfill family obligations (Matthew 59, 61) declaring that discipleship demands total commitment now! But Jesus also demands that we not judge how others promote the Kingdom of God. When James and John volunteered to call down fire from heaven to destroy an unwelcoming town, Jesus turned and rebuked them (9:55). All violence of any kind is completely unacceptable among Jesus' disciples, a lesson this Jubilee Year of Mercy is teaching the Christian community once again. Paul's challenge to the Galatians and us reinforces Jesus' decisive command to James and John that they express their commitment to him through compassion for others. We must abandon the violence of biting and devouring one another (1 Corinthians 5:15) and choose instead to serve one another through love.

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Lemont
Pro Life Ministry

A Fortnight for Freedom

Again this year, our bishops have asked us to observe a Fortnight for Freedom from July 21st (the Vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More) to July 28th (Independence Day). During this fortnight, we are urged to spend some time in prayer and study on our Christian and American traditions of liberty.

We are fortunate in this country to have the right to practice our Catholic faith, though some protections are being challenged. Let us make a special effort to pray that our religious freedoms continue to be protected. Let us also remember in prayer those in many places around the world where religious freedom does not exist or where citizens are attacked or killed for expressing or practicing their Christian faith.

Our bishops have asked us to especially pray and fast for the right of freedom in our beloved country by praying the following prayer:

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,
For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).
We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.
Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties;
By your grace may we have the courage to defend them,
for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness,
and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

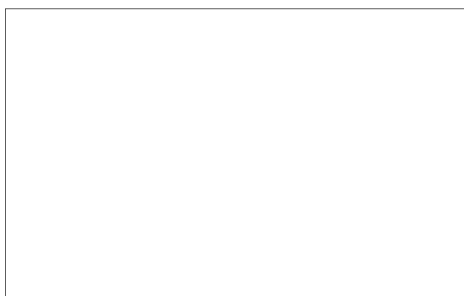
Our regularly scheduled Holy Hour on Tuesday, July 26th is dedicated to the Fortnight for Freedom. Please join in prayer for the cause of religious freedom in America and abroad.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Music On The Lawn
Sunday, July 24th, 6:30 pm

Come join us once again for an evening of Melodious Melodies, Sensational Songs, and Toe-Tapping Tunes!
This year we will be featuring the Music of Disney.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of our local food pantries. As the summer months approach, donations to the food pantries decline. Unfortunately, their need does not. With this in mind, we will break from featuring a "product of the month". We ask that you continue to donate any item that you can. The products and monetary donations you provide are so important. In August, we will return to our featured item request. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ST. ALPHONSUS MUSIC MINISTRY VESPERS.

A CD featuring 12 selections from this past year's Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, and Songs of Mary

COST: \$20 PER CD

PROCEEDS TO HELP FUND A NEW CHURCH ORGAN

You can order two ways:

To order on-line: Go to LegacyFundraiser.com
(Our unique and secure order site)

Or

Fill out the form below and place it in an envelope marked "Music Fundraiser" in the collection basket or turn it into the Parish Office.

Last day to order is July 29th.

CD ORDER FORM

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF C/D's: _____

COST: \$20.00 per C/D

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**“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	John Garrison	Ashley Smith Kitzer	Marilyn Ransford
Ray DeNardis	Baby Scarlett	Gladys Togliatti	Randy Nowak	David Nenn
Donna Murphy	O Neil	Gertrude Smith	Dan Herzing	Jim Kulikauskas
James Benzies	Martin McDonough	Lois Jablonski	Mary Woods	Steve Counter

“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	Jacob Christine, US Navy	Kevin Parker, USA, Kentucky
Alex Sullivan, USA, New York		And all who serve our country.

“A Time to Die” -- Fr. Joe McDonnell, Margaret Casey, Mother of Fr. Bob Casey
The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.

Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.

**HELP SPREAD
GOOD HEALTH
ALL OVER
THE WORLD**

**Please join
us for a
Shoe
Drive.**

Donate your clean and gently used shoes to help others in need.

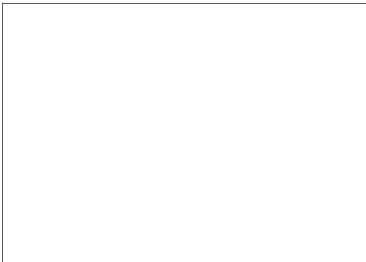
Please rubber band shoes together . Donation bins will be set up at the back of church. Collection starts July 9th thru July 31st. Shoes donated will be taken to Share Your Soles Distribution Center in Chicago.

Weekly Offering

June 18 & 19, 2016

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 8,640.61
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,228.39)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,983.84
Last Year's weekly	
Collection	\$ 7,789.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.



In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society,

including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

9:00A Mass
St. Patrick Church

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 25
 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 4:00 pm Bernie Kucharski *Mr. & Mrs. R. Baley*
 Harry D. Jungles *Family*
 Sunday, June 26
 7:30 am James Mraz *Family*
 9:00 am Mary L. Stanton *John P. Stanton*
 Mildred & Orville Tessum *Linn Eldred*
 Rosaline Reed *Linn Eldred*
 Robert Byerwalter *Family*
 11:00 am Maria Z. Mudd *Husband, Charles*
 Dorothy Steck *Nancy & Ken Rose*
 5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 (Mass at St. Patrick Church)
 Monday, June 27
 7:30 am In Thanksgiving 63rd Wedding Anniversary
 Dominic and Joanne Filicich *Dominic & Joanne*
 Tuesday, June 28
 7:30 am William Margalus *Family*
 Sue Gosstrom *Bev & Paul Malak*
 Wednesday, June 29
 7:30 am Francis Rittenhouse *Soren & Mike Flavin*
 Thursday, June 30
 7:30 am Helen Szymonik *Family*
 Elaine Littel *Betty Israel*
 Friday, July 1
 7:30 am David Kowalski *Paul, Bev, & Geraldine Malak*
 Kim Giazzon *Bev & Paul Malak*

Saturday, July 2
 7:30 am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
 5:00 pm Charlie Dunne *Osborne Family*
 Sunday, July 3
 7:30 am Richard Flesvig *Anne Lichtenwalter*
 Ronald Dominick *Family*
 9:00 am Estelle Cacciato *Carol & John Cacciato*
 Stanley Farbotko *Bruno Family*
 11:00 am Jeanne Sikora *Fr, Brian*
 Eleanor Anderson *Litoborski 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 request a blessing or renewal of vows, arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office, 630-257-2414. Blessings and/or renewal of vows, will take place after the Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Vigil Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;
 Jn 21:15-19; Day Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131;
 Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18;
 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	Gather Hymnal
July 2	5:00 pm	A. Lichtenwalter	J. August R. Haubner A. Pascente	Gorski Family	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Mass Of Creation
July 3	7:30 am	R. Kaiser	G. Kaiser P. Malak M. Doherty	F. Kula A. Mierzycki		Gloria #193
	*9:00 am	M. Doherty	E. Bruno C. Cacciato J. Cacciato	J. Yabush L. Laga	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Holy, Holy #198 Memorial Acclamation #200
	*11:00 am	K. Cody	D. Kornacker K. Gory D. Cerniuk	K. Hamilton D. Scumaci A. Ward	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Great Amen #202 Lamb of God #204
	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.		