

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

Independence Day

This week we celebrate our country's independence and we give thanks for the opportunity to worship our Lord. Here is a short prayer that we can pray on July 4th.



**Almighty God, we pray
that we never take our freedom for granted.
May we always recall the many great sacrifices
that were made for our country
to experience independence.
Lord, bless those who have served our country
and continue to give their lives for our freedom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Share Your Soles

One charitable drive that we have 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 overseas. We will have bins in the Narthex area beginning July 1st & 10th and lasting for 3-4 weeks. Please be generous so we can help others.

Music News

Our 8th Annual Music on the Lawn will take place **Sunday, July 24th** at 6:30 p.m.. Each year, our Choir Director **Joe Martorano**, our St. Alphonsus Choir and a number of musicians do a magnificent job sharing their talents with us and everyone gathered there has a wonderful time.

This year's theme is **"The Music of Disney"**. It should be very enjoyable. I'm trying to convince Joe to play the modern songs for the boys and girls of our community. Please join us in celebrating the gift of music and song on July 24th.

In other choir news, Joe has organized an opportunity to share the music and songs of the St. Alphonsus Choir. This can be done through purchasing a CD or downloading a Fan-Funded album of their song selections from their past services throughout this past year. They will be using the proceeds towards purchasing a new organ for our church. Please see page 8 of the bulletin for more information.

Tri-Parish Weekday Morning Mass

The 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass continues to be celebrated at **St. Patrick Church** for the month of July. I would like to thank **Don Bailey, Deacon Dan Rittenhouse** and his wife **Gisela** and our various lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. They have made St. Alphonsus Church a wonderful place to worship during the month of June.

Welcome Guests and Visitors. We are so glad that you are here and invite you to join us in thanksgiving for God's 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. We believe 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

Robert Fulghum tells the story of a troubled man who paid a rabbi. He had experienced a great deal of failure in his life and didn't feel that he had what it takes to succeed. After listening to the man's tale of woe, the rabbi instructed him to seek out page thirty of *The Times Almanac*. That would be of help.

Following that instruction, he found that the almanac entry was a list of the greatest hitters in the annals of baseball, with Ty Cobb leading the pack with a .376 batting average. Puzzled that applied to his problem, he returned to the rabbi for an explanation. The rabbi explained that the Hall of Fame hitters represented people who in essence failed about seven out of every ten times at bat.

So if he thought his track record of failure was a problem, he should think again. The many failures put him in league with some of the greatest hitters baseball had ever known.

Rev. Richard Zajac
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Living God's Word

*Jesus sends off seventy-two disciples in our Gospel today.
He instructs them in advance not to expect success in all of their endeavors.
So when they fail, they are to "shake the dust from their feet" and move on.
It is an instruction to be heeded by any who fail.*

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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:14

PEACE

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today's readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a *shalom*. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the Lord's power shall be known to his servants (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul tells us that the peace and mercy on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. We are called to sincerely bring peace to our own lives and we share it with others.

Religious Education Update

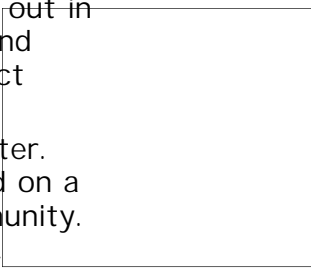
REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

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.

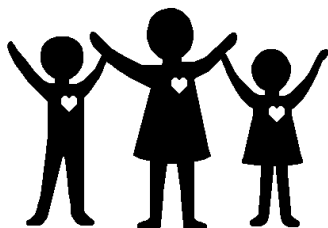
CONSIDER A MINISTRY AS A CATECHIST



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.

MAKING TIME TO PRAY



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

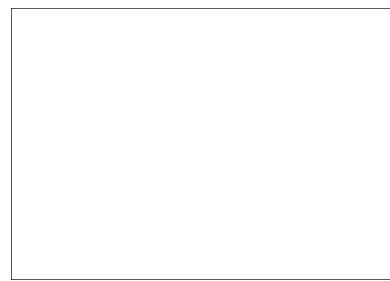
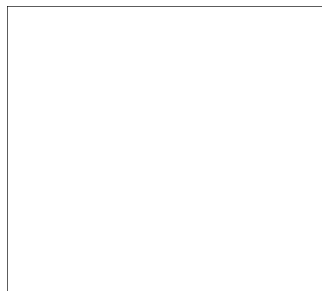
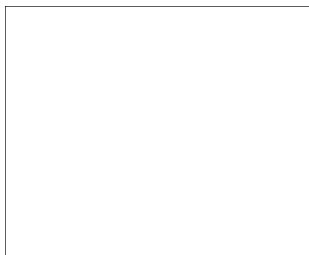
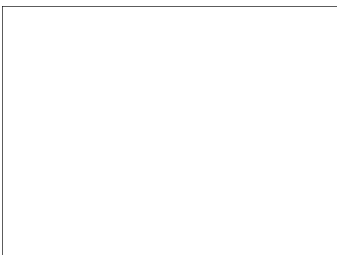
- Offer a prayer when you're facing an unpleasant task.
- Say a prayer of acceptance when your child exhibits a trait that gets under your skin.
- Pray for your child when she is facing a challenge (at test, a party where she doesn't know anyone, a first visit to a new park or playground).
- Bless your child's forehead as he or she leaves the house. Bless your child's forehead when he or she returns home.
- Say a prayer that God will be with you and that you will be with God when you feel the need to stand up for what you believe in.
- Say a prayer for guidance when you are at a loss and don't know what to do next. God help!

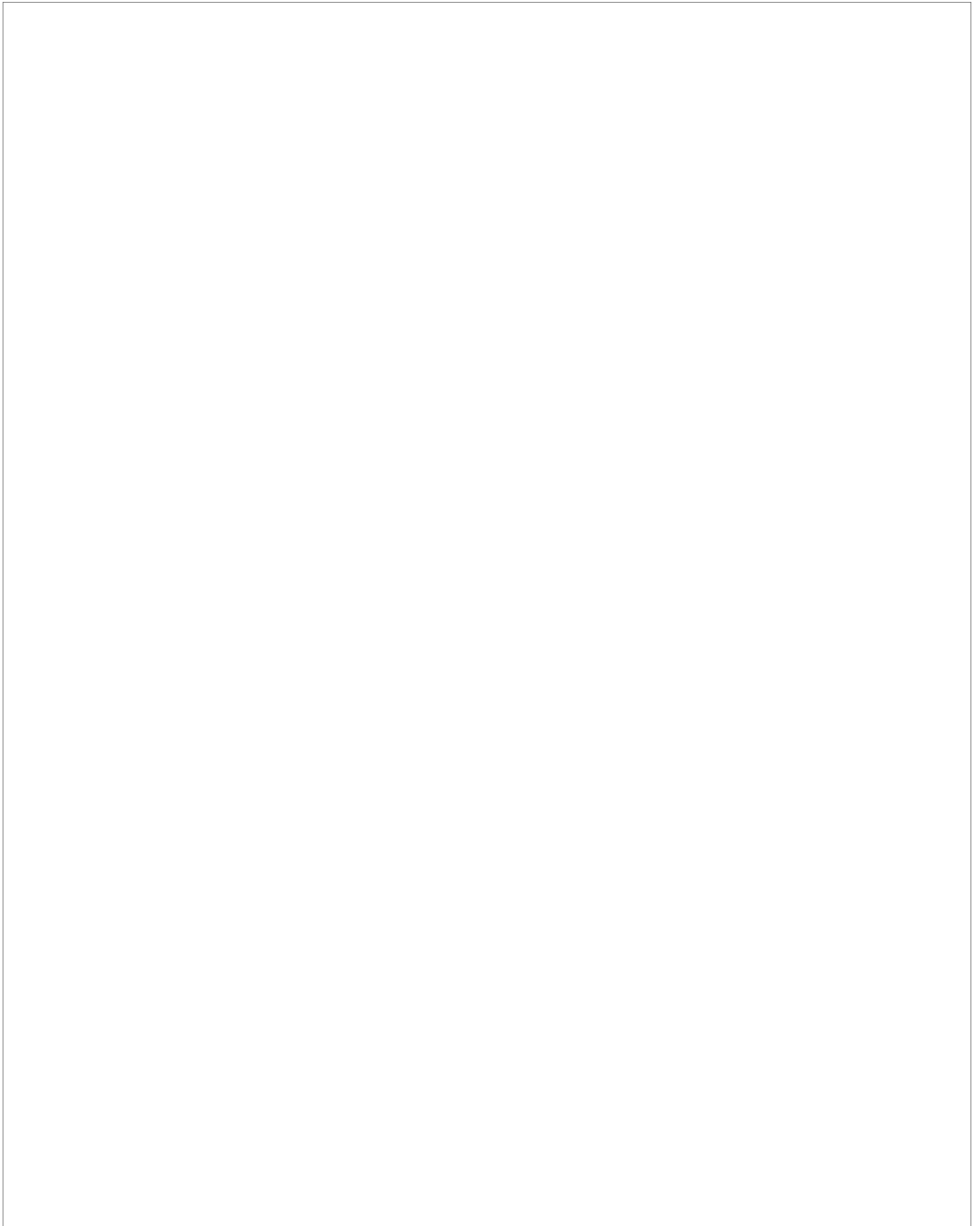
OUR 2-WEEK RE INTENSIVE PILOT IS COMPLETE!

Initial feedback on the alternative program for grades 3-5 is very good! Each of the 25 participants attended every one of the ten 3 hour sessions and even expressed disappointment that it would be ending! Much of the credit for such enthusiasm

belongs to our 3 lead catechists, Bill, Diane Kaye, and Angela Pascente.

Having participated in 30 hours of formal catechesis, people and their parents will participate in Advent & Lent Family sessions in the coming year to help them through these important seasons of preparation, as well as being in a family service project, and participating in a spiritual event. We have a good group of families creating little disciples!





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.

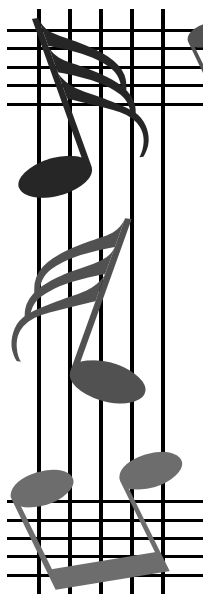
**Note-We also have a program for children and teens. Please call the number below for information.

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.

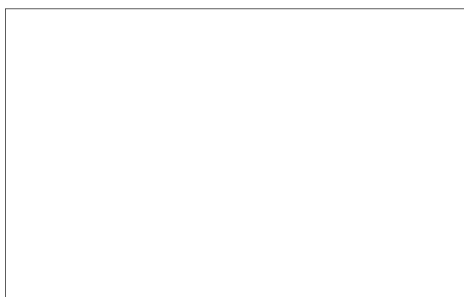
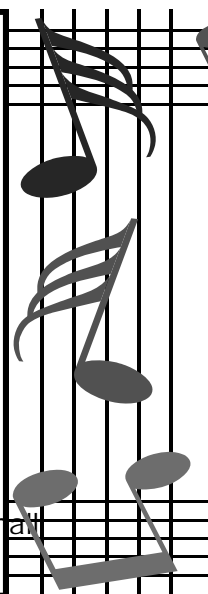


Music On The Lawn
Sunday, July 24th

Come join us once again for an evening of Melodious Melodies, Sensational Songs, and Toe-Tapping Tunes.

Presented by our Music Ministry and some special friends. Come and enjoy the talent of these special people as they sing and play for you. We will be featuring the music of Disney.

Bring your blankets or your lawn chairs. If you want, pack a picnic basket with goodies. Gather at 5:30 pm and the music starts at 6:30 pm. In the event of inclement weather we can picnic in the church hall and then the concert will be in the church.



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

CASH or CHECK PAYABLE TO: ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
ON THE MEMO LINE: MUSIC FUNDRAISER

“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: Amy Uscila and Christopher Jakubiak

“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” --

The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.
Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.

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

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 25 & 26, 2016

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 8,237.09
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 1,449.60
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,182.31)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,801.53
Last Year's weekly Collection	\$ 8,355.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be

combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief for people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

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 what 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.

Are You Registered?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment in all its dimensions. It also brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, sacramental registration, weddings, or when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor.

Registering here is very simple. You can go to our web page, www.st-als.org, look under Parish Registration and fill out the needed information. You can come into the office and fill out a registration form. If your time is limited, you can take the form home and return it via the collection basket on Sundays or mail it to the office.

A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings. Church law advises that territories or boundaries no longer limit parish registration. We accept anyone who wants to share in the life of our parish regardless of where they live.

Remember that you need to be a registered parishioner to partake in all the services that St. Alphonsus offers. Why not sign up? You are surely welcome!

Dear Friends,
I'm writing simply to say something I cannot say enough
Thank You!

You are part of an amazing group of philanthropic champions whose contributions strengthen the health of our community. Thank you for helping thousands of people in need through your generous support of our ministries.

Best regards,
Melanie Furlan, Vice President, Advancement
Alexian Brothers Foundation
(Our second collection on Holy Thursday was given to Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House for homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS.)

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, grieving, separation, divorce and other personal problems. The cost is a \$100 donation for each session. Please call, 630-257-9235.

**FARMERS MARKET
AT ALVERNIA MANOR SENIOR
LIVING COMMUNITY
13950 MAIN ST., LEMONT
2ND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Come visit July 8 from 11 AM TO 2 PM**

Limited space is available at no charge to vendors and dealers to sell their product. For more information call 630-257-7721, ext 28

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2		Saturday, July 9	
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus	7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
5:00 pm	Charlie Dunne <i>Osborne Family</i>	5:00 pm	James Hadley, Sr <i>Family</i>
Sunday, July 3		Sunday, July 10	
7:30 am	Richard Flesvig <i>Anne Lichtenwalter</i>	7:30 am	John & Anastasia Counter <i>Car & Jack Counter & Rose Nelson</i>
9:00 am	Ronald Dominick <i>Family</i>	9:00 am	Gloria Dalpos <i>Dalpos Family</i>
9:00 am	Estelle Cacciato <i>Carol & John Cacciato</i>		Francis Dreher <i>Friends</i>
11:00 am	Stanley Farbotko <i>Bruno Family</i>		Jane Schafer <i>Schafer Family</i>
11:00 am	Jeanne Sikora <i>Fr, Brian</i>		Kim Giazon <i>Bill & Lorraine Arenberg</i>
5:00 pm	Eleanor Anderson <i>Litoborski Family</i>	11:00 am	Kyle Holley <i>Barb & Bob Salbego</i>
5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)	5:00 pm	Homer Wilson <i>Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer</i>
Monday, July 4, Independence Day, Mass at St. Patrick			
9:00 am	John Langowski <i>Judy Langowski</i>		Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)
	All Living & Deceased Veterans		
Tuesday, July 5		READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
7:30 am	Patricia A. Goode <i>Tony Goode</i>	Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26; or for Independence Day, readings from the Mass For Public Needs, nos. 882-889, or For Peace and Justice, nos. 887-891
Wednesday, July 6		Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
7:30 am	Jerry Dietz <i>Bill & MaryAnne Doherty</i>	Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 7		Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
7:30 am	Jennie Lesniewski <i>Daughters</i>	Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
	James & Annabelle Santucci <i>Evelynne Gnatek</i>	Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Friday, July 8		Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
7:30 am	John J. Schneider <i>James Schneider Family</i>		
	Irene Kasak <i>Judy Langowski</i>		
	Chester Tomala <i>McGuire Family</i>		

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. The blessings and/or renewal of vows, will take place after the Mass.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	Gather Hymnal
July 9	5:00 pm	P. Josephitis	D. Josephitis B. Israel L. O Connor	A. Fidanzo W. Tarazi	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Mass Of Creation
July 10	7:30 am	P. Browne	P. Malak S. Kostas M. Main	Bozue Family		Gloria #193
	9:00 am	M. Doherty	M. Roenitz K. Lambrakis A. Padalik	S. Kerfin E. Todner M. Schuette	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Holy, Holy #198
	11:00 am	H. Michniak	B. Burke T. Turner C. Levas	Ascolani Family	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Memorial Acclamation #200
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s					Great Amen #202
						Lamb of God #204

* Communion under both species

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