

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

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

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

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 parishioner 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

Share Your Soles

One charitable drive that we have enjoyed sponsoring for the past number of years was to collect shoes for the program "**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 3-4 weeks. Please be generous so we can help others.

Music News

Our 9th Annual **Music on the Lawn** will take place on **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**". Please join us in celebrating the gift of music and song on July 24th!

A Friendly Reminder about Hospital visits

A number of years ago, we were notified by our local hospitals that, in compliance with HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996), all Illinois hospitals have made changes to their Chaplains' Report. All Priests, Pastoral Associates and Ministers of Care will no longer have full access to the Chaplain's Report that is kept at the Information Desk.

Rather than printing every member's name from a certain church in the Hospital Chaplain's Report, only the patients who have responded "Yes" to the question to "*Notify Pastor?*" will have their names printed in the Chaplains' Report.

We ask that if you would like a visitation from the St. Alphonsus Priests, Pastoral Associate or Ministers of Care, please mention during the admission process that you are a member of St. Alphonsus Church in Lemont and please answer "Yes" to the question, "*Should we notify your Pastor?*" That way, the St. Alphonsus ministers can visit and try to provide any spiritual guidance and prayers.

The Cross of San Damiano

St. Francis of Assisi prayed before this cross and heard the Lord say to him
"Renew My Church."

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us in every age and in our own time,
You call to us and say : "Renew My Church."

Welcome Guests and Visitors! We re so glad that you re 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

Live and let live. Mind your own business. Leave enough alone. It s not your problem. Don t get involved. So goes the wisdom of the world, the *Jungle of One*. One of these sayings may come to mind when you see a car accident, a bum on the sidewalk, a competitor going bankrupt, a child, a teenage prostitute, a new story about illegal immigrants being deported.

We who have received the love of Christ are to live by a *diffie* is very near to you . . . in your hearts; you have only to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:14). We are to live in love and let our neighbor experience that same life-giving love. And yet, like the scholar of the *day in Gospel*, we always try to define who is or more precisely, who isn t our neighbor. There s no escaping the *of this Gospel passage*. Everyone we fear or despise, every victim, every outsider, every undeserving *God loves*, we are to go and do likewise. *Virginia Stillwell*
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Living God’s Word

The good Samaritan doesn’t ask the victim, “Who did this to you?” or “Did you deserve it?” or “Can you pay me back?”

Like Christ, the Samaritan reveals “the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15) by treating the suffering person with compassionate mercy and healing his wounds, not counting the cost.

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Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.
Colossians 1:15, 18

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Miss Collins, the dean of students at Olympic High School, was past the point of scolding Matt, though she liked him very much. Four detention two weeks are too many.

Still Matt wouldn t tell. It was only after Miss Collins went on a morning neighborhood patrol that she found out the real reason for Matt s tardiness. Thump, thump, thump, came the wheelchair down the stairs. It was Matt steadying Shawnetta as he helped her down the stairs and then pushed her to the corner bus stop.

She s a girl in my parish youth group, Matt explained to Miss Collins. There are many ways to describe Matt s actions a random act of kindness, making a difference one person at a time, or a good deed. When the lawyer correctly identified the good Samaritan as the one who had treated the injured man with compassion, Jesus said simply, Go and do likewise (Luke 10:37).

Religious Education Update

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017

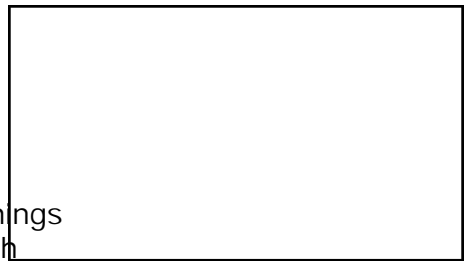
Returning families can contact the RE Office to register. If you can't locate the forms handed out in class, please contact the RE Office. Families who have an open tuition balance and have not worked out a payment plan need to contact Kevin Cody to set an appointment to register.

New families should contact the RE Office to register. We are 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.

3 IDEAS FOR PRAYER WHILE ON VACATION

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to go and teach all nations.



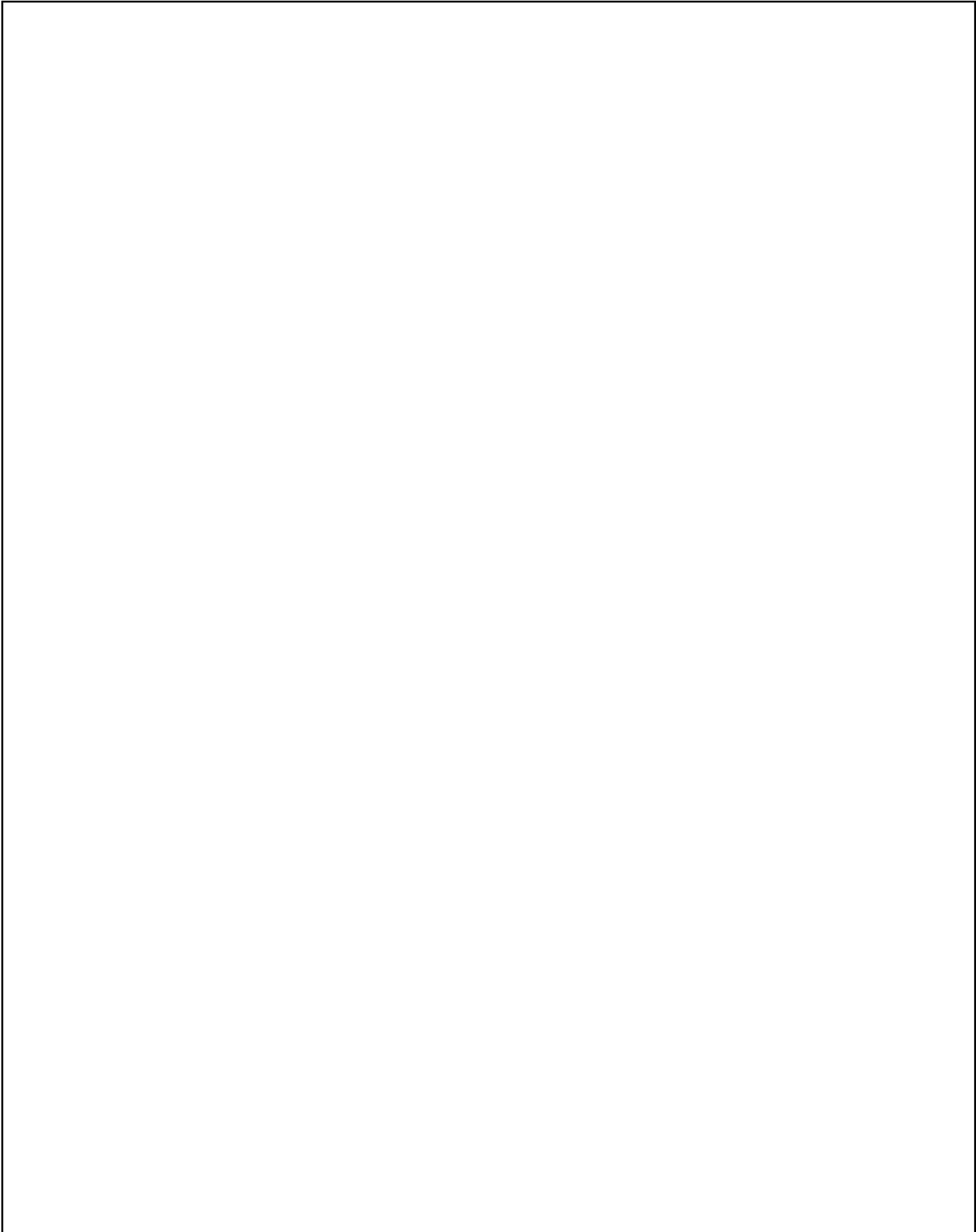
When you're trying to do vacation, trying to relax and get away from the usual schedules and obligations, it's tempting to let go of prayer and other spiritual practices. But being in the midst of the beauty of God's creation can also provide an opportunity for deeper connection. How do we incorporate prayer without the benefit of a set schedule? Following are a few suggestions provided by Vanita Hampton Wright:

1. Make gratitude your companion. Just say "Thank you" to God for whatever you are experiencing - the beach, a walk through the woods, sitting pool-side, good food, family time, etc.
2. Take along some simple materials. Use a small prayer book, printed pages of favorite prayers, or if you have Internet access, a prayer app.
3. Use some form of the Daily Examen. Such as: At the end of each day, reflect on "Today's grace..." "Today's discomfort..." "Something worth remembering..." Looking toward tomorrow

Contact the RE Office to explore the possibility!

PARENT SURVEYS

If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to complete a Survey Monkey survey for the past RE Program year, and the 2-Week Summer Inventory survey. If you don't have it, just contact the RE Office, and we'll send it to you. Thank you.



**Jubilee of Mercy
July 10, 2016
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Could anyone object to Jesus' supreme lesson in mercy, the parable of the Good Samaritan? Jesus' devoutly religious audience certainly did not. ~~Scant sympathy~~ for anyone foolish enough to travel the crime-ridden Jericho Highway ~~alone~~ ~~with~~ ~~sympathy~~ for priest and Levite, hurrying to assigned temple ministry, unwilling to risk ritual impurity through hands-on ~~Mercy~~ ~~sympathy~~ for Jesus' scandalous hero. Samaritans ~~religious~~ ~~apostates~~ and political enemies. Jesus challenges them and us to seek God's presence not only in liturgical beauty, but in fellow traveler's self-inflicted misfortunes. See God's presence even in someone outside the whose hands-on mercy springs ~~from~~ ~~not~~ ~~religious~~ ~~obligation~~ but from the heart's instinctive ~~goodness~~. Since Jesus became our Good Samaritan despite our ~~infirmities~~ and sins, who are we to ration our mercy? Who is my neighbor? (Luke 10:29). The next person we see who needs hands-on mercy! No conditions, no limits, no exceptions. Especially in ~~this~~ ~~Year of Mercy~~, Jesus commands, Go and do likewise (10:37).

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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.**

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.

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

Join us for the 30th annual Social Action Summer Institute July 17-21 at St. Xavier University for “Who is my Neighbor? Discipleship in the Year of Mercy.” We will examine issues facing our neighbors including racism, violence, and poverty. Participants will come away with resources and tools for use in the parish level as well as within other aspects of public life. You may register for single days or for the full conference. There will be workshops, keynote sessions, liturgies and one full day for field trips to visit organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Financial assistance is available.

Go to: www.CatholicPeaceandJustice.org/SASI for more information.

JOYFUL AGAIN! Program for Widowed Men & Women

Are you or someone you know widowed ~~and~~ ~~looking~~ for a way to make things better? This just might be the answer.

There will be a retreat/workshop
July 23 & 24
Holy Family Parish
2515 Palatine Road, Inverness

August 13 & 14
Mary Queen Parish
Near North Ave. & Hwy 83, Elmhurst

Call: 708-354-7211 to register, or joyfulagain7211@gmail.com more info at: www.joyfulagain.org
Early registration is encouraged.

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.

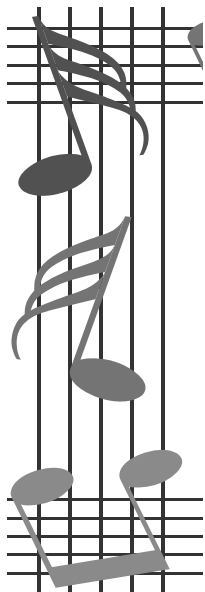
**Note-We also have a program for children and teens. Please call the number below for information.

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.

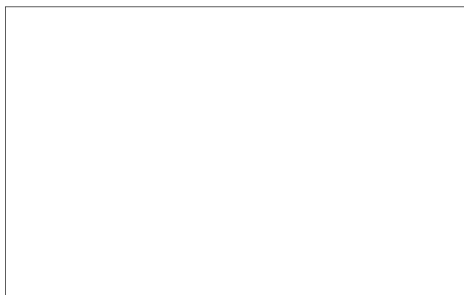
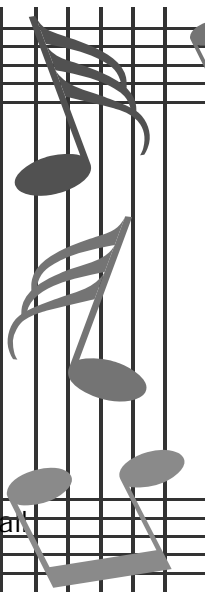


Music On The Lawn
Sunday, July 24th

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: Sarah Pellegrine & Theodore Cruitt
Lisa Pierce & Jacob Wielebnicki

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

“A Time to Die” --

Lois Jablonski
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

July 2 & 3, 2016

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 8,291.37
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,477.63)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,477.63)
Last Year's weekly	
Collection	\$ 7,723.00

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, 630-257-2444.

Electronic Funds Transfer Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone : _____

Envelope Number: _____

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 important. In August, we will return to our featured item request. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Bethany Lutheran Church
500 Lemont Street, Lemont

June 2016

Dear St. Alphonsus Parishioners,

Thank you for the donation of food to the Open Pantry at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Your gifts will help us keep the pantry well stocked so that our clients can select a variety of items from the shelves. Your generosity allows us to help those in need in our community. We are grateful for your assistance. Thank you for your continued support of the Open Pantry.

Bethany Open Pantry Committee

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 contribution for each session. Please call, 630-257-9235.

Palos Hospital is offering the COURAGE TO QUIT PROGRAM

This is a seven week program, meeting weekly except for week 6 and is designed for adults who are ready to quit smoking. Help yourself and a loved one quit smoking.

Morning Session Meetings Begin Tuesday, 8/2 9-10 a.m.
 Evening Session Meetings Begin Wednesday, 8/3 6-7 p.m.
 Woodland Cafè Private Dining Room
 This is a free program.
 12251 S. 80th Ave., Palos Heights, 60463
 For more info or to register call 708-226-2800

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 9		Friday, July 15	
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus	7:30 am	Patricia Trayner <i>Pam & Roger Nogal</i>
5:00 pm	James Hadley, Sr <i>Family</i>		Saturday, July 16
	James Hadley, Jr. <i>Family</i>	7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
	Ernest Dalpos <i>Benjamin Dalpos</i>	5:00 pm	Pat Urban <i>Fran Urban</i>
	Bernie Kucharski <i>Wife</i>		Ted & Marie Ganca <i>z Butch</i>
Sunday, July 10			Linda Gibbons <i>Maureen & Don Kaiser</i>
7:30 am	John & Anastasia Counte <i>Car & Jack Counter & Rose Nelson</i>		In Thanksgiving 10th Wedding Anniversary, Amy & Kevin Gier
9:00 am	Gloria Dalpos <i>Dalpos Family</i>	Sunday, July 17	
	Francis Dreher <i>Friends</i>	7:30 am	James Mraz <i>Family</i>
	Jane Schafer <i>Schafer Family</i>		Jack McCarthy <i>Family</i>
	Kim Giazzon <i>Bill & Lorraine Arenberg</i>	9:00 am	Chester J. Klos <i>Carol & John Cacciato</i>
11:00 am	Kyle Holley <i>Barb & Bob Salbego</i>		Richard Kudia <i>Kris Florczak</i>
	Homer Wilson <i>Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer</i>		Jane Schafer <i>Theresa & George</i>
5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)	11:00 am	Patrick O Riordan <i>Eileen Deasy</i>
Monday, July 11			Ann Lindauer <i>Rita Lindauer</i>
9:00 am	Francis Rittenhouse <i>Bill & MaryAnne Doherty</i>		Maria Z. Mudd <i>Husband, Charles</i>
	Patrick O Riordan <i>Twomey Family</i>		Francis Rittenhouse <i>Fr. Brian</i>
Tuesday, July 12		5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)
7:30 am	Roger Doherty <i>St. Alphonsus Parish</i>		
Wednesday, July 13			
7:30 am	Martin Bates <i>Twomey Family</i>		
Thursday, July 14			
7:30 am	Thomas Nommenser <i>Bill & MaryAnne Doherty</i>		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Is 1:10-17; Ps 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-13
Saturday:	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

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, 630-257-2444. Blessings and/or renewal of vows, will take place after the Mass.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	Gather Hymnal	
July 16	5:00 pm	T. Griffin-Groebe	T. Mathias R. Haubner B. Rogers	Kaye Family	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Mass Of Creation	
July 17	7:30 am	D. Ende	M. Doherty G. Umentum R. Meyer	Kostes Family		Gloria #193	
	9:00 am	G. Klaff	G. Rittenhouse D. Rittenhouse M. Bruno A. Padalik	A. Carter Meeks Family	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Holy, Holy #198	
	11:00 am	J. Chiaramonte	D. Chiaramonte D. Cernuk C. Levas	O Hara Family	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Memorial Acclamation #200	
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s					Great Amen #202	
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