

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

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

Summer Weekday Schedule

Tri-Parish

Monday-Saturday 7:30 am in church

(August 1st to August 31st.
SS. Cyril & Methodius 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 parishioners for at least 6 months
before a wedding date may be scheduled

Sick and Homebound

Contact the office, 257-2414 to receive a
visit from a Minister of Care

**St. Alphonus
Catholic Church
Parish Registration**

Everyone 18 years and older should register for the parish. To register, please call the Office Center, 257-2414 or you can register online at www.st-als.org.

Parish Staff

Pastor

Fr. Brian Ardagh

Tri-Parish Associate Pastor

Fr. Tom Hoffman

Resident

Fr. Robert Rohrich

Weekend Celebrant

Fr. Lou Zake

Diaconal Ministry:

Deacon Terry McGuire

Deacon Dan Rittenhouse

Director of Religious Education

Kevin Cody

Admin. Assistant for Religious Ed.

Melanie Terrazas

School Principal:

Renee Payne

Pastoral Associate:

Linda O Connor

Office Coordinator:

Roseann Lucas

Accountant:

Carol Levas

Music Director

Joseph Martorano

Music Staff

Diane Marelli

SPRED: Carol Levas

**Parish Pastoral
Council Members**

Mike Bruno

Bill Doherty

Diane Kaye

Deborah Kornacker

Sharon Kostes

Roy Tam

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk

A New School Year

A few weeks ago, we offered a special blessing at all of the week Masses for teachers and students as they start the new school year. I know that some schools started last week and other schools began this week. What happened to students returning late from Labor Day? I remember everybody going back to school after that holiday. Oh well, I must be getting but not quite as old as Fr. Rohrich!

The 2016-2017 St. Alphonus/St. Patrick School year began on Monday, August 22nd. Our "Back to School" night took place on Wednesday, August 24th. Even though the weather is still pretty warm, many students seem to be very happy to be back. However, I don't think they were as happy as parents were dropping them off at school.

Supporting Catholic Education

Here are two ways in which you can support Catholic education:

1. Our Religious Education Program is sponsored by **Cori Wash** on Sat., Sept. 3rd from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in our Church parking lot. Tokens are given with any free will donation.
2. St. Alphonus/St. Patrick School will hold a Pack the Place fundraiser on Monday, Sept. 14th at **Gelsosomo's Pizza** (206 Main St, Lemont, IL). The food is delicious and in the past I noticed a number of school families and St. Alphonus parishioners present at the restaurant in support of our parish school. Thank you very much!

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Catholic education and bringing people together for a great cause.

R.C.I.A.

As we draw closer to September, it's time for all our parishioners to reach out to family members, friends, neighbors and invite them to think about becoming a full member of the Catholic faith. If you know of someone who has never received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation and they would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, please encourage them to join us!

On **Tuesday, September 20th**, the parishes of St. Alphonus, St. Patrick and Ss. Cyril and Methodius will offer the Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a wonderful program that prepares adults for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation through presentations, discussions and prayer. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings here at St. Alphonus Church at 7:00 p.m. until May. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastoral Associate, Linda O Connor, 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 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

The story is told of a priest who was a brilliant scholar and an ordinary lecturer. His concern in life was the position he would hold at God's eternal banquet. One night, in a dream, an angel revealed that he should expect to be seated next to the butcher from Regenberg. The priest was a little dismayed, but he decided to set out for Regenberg to see the man who would be his companion. As he traveled, he thought about himself that perhaps this butcher was really a man of great distinction. In hard times and was temporarily forced to cut meat for a living. With that thought, he tried to console himself.

In Regenberg, the priest found the butcher working quietly. He asked him if he had been a butcher all his life. The butcher replied, "Yes, I have, my good man, but I'm a mediocre butcher. You see, I have not had much time to devote to my trade. I have two elderly parents and they pass on to me the daily tasks of life. As a result, much of my time is consumed in their care. Every day I must care for them, and feed them. And there's the cleaning and washing of clothes."

The priest, with tears in his eyes, knelt down, kissed the hands of the butcher, and thanked God for giving him a place in heaven next to a man of such great distinction.

Rev. Richard Zajac
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Living God's Word

In our Gospel today Jesus states, "Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted!"

How can you humble yourself this week for the sake of another?

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You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.
Hebrews 12:22a

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church and discovered you had just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such regular folks. What is it that makes people seem so regular? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we make, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth

....."be embarrassed because someone did not.

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 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 up with Christ within a supportive faith community. Visit [our website](http://www.st-als.org) for information on our programs.

Sessions start the week of September 25

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

We have a special program for children ages 3-5, called *Tykes for Christ*. We meet the second Wednesday of the month from 6:15-7:15pm from October through April. The sessions are designed for parents to enjoy with their children, prayer, stories, games, crafts, activities, and snacks. Contact the RE Office for a registration form to be sent to you.

CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE

School-aged children who have not been baptized, or in 1st or 2nd grade and have had no formal religious education are invited to see if this journey in faith is for you. This Children's Initiation Process introduces young people to the person of Jesus and leads them into full membership in his Church. For more information, contact the RE Office.

RESTRUCTURING OUR RE CLASS SCHEDULE

Due to low registration for 1st through 7th Grade during the Monday afternoon RE sessions, we will have to cancel Monday sessions and offer RE for those particular grade levels on Sunday and Wednesday sessions only. There will be openings at all of the grade levels on both Sunday and Wednesday sessions. We will even offer two 2nd Grade sessions on Wednesday evenings to accommodate the large number of requests for that grade level. Thank you for your consideration.

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS

An overview of plans and policies for the coming year in Church Hall at 7:00 PM followed by an opportunity to meet your child's catechist in the classroom.

Track A: Tuesday, Sept. 20
Track C: Wednesday, Sept. 21

CAR WASH

Get your car nice & shiny clean for the holiday weekend while contributing to the Catechist Appreciation Fund!

Saturday, 9/3 from Noon - 3:00pm.
Car Wash Tokens will be available after Masses this weekend for goodwill offering.

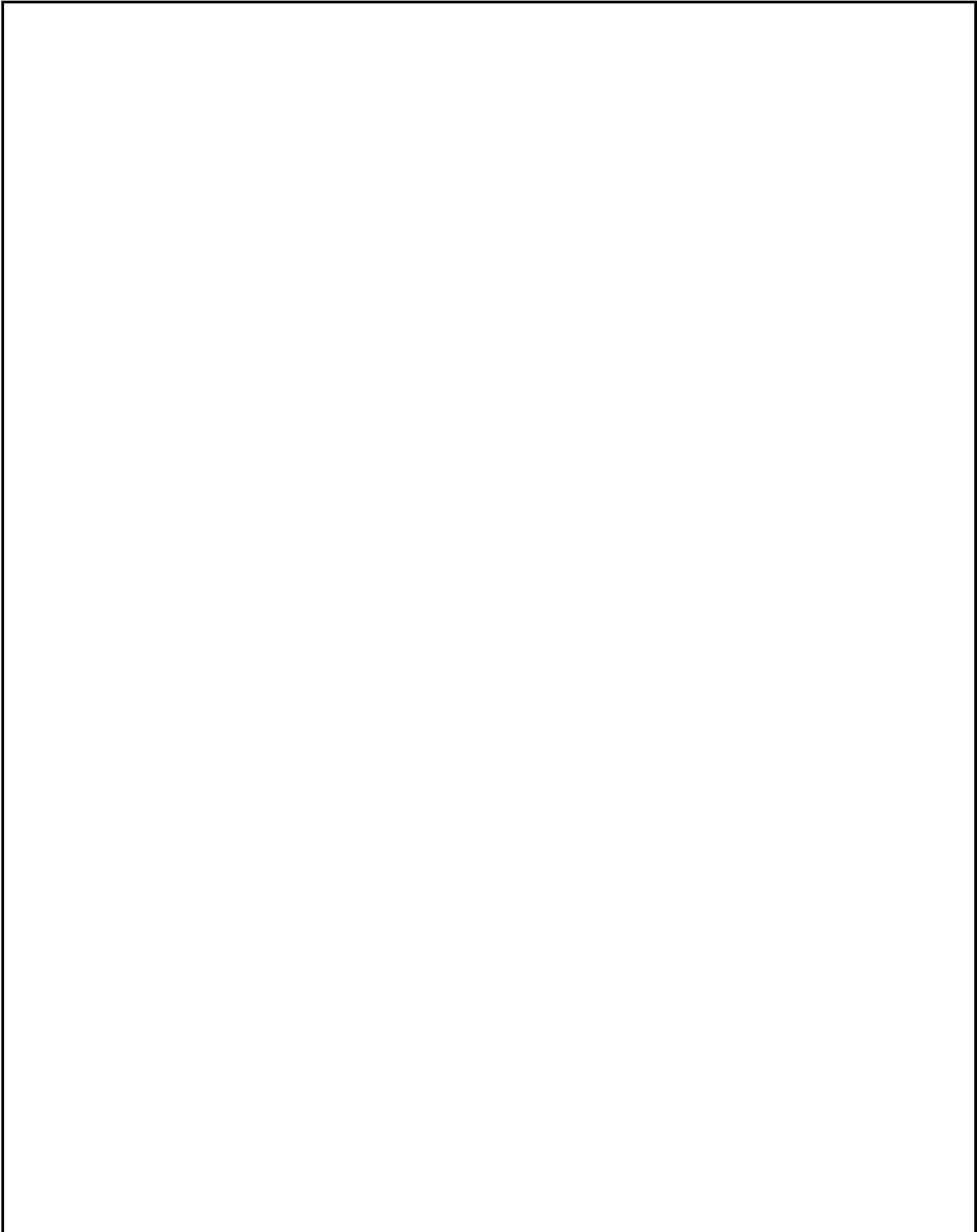
CONSIDER A MINISTRY AS A CATECHIST

RE volunteers are the lifeblood of our programs and our parish. Prayerfully consider being a catechist. It is an amazing ministry putting you in touch with a wonderful group of fellow parishioners and young people!

We are in need of catechists for the following classes

Track A (Sunday 8:45-10:15am) 4th, 5th, 6th Track C (Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30pm) 5th, 6th, 7th

If you feel called to join us on our 2016-17 journey by volunteering your time and talents, please contact us by phone or email for more information regarding this all important ministry.



CONFIRMATION SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MEETING

Tuesday, September 13th
7:00 PM Church Hall.

Candidates and their sponsors will formally begin their journey together in preparation for the sacrament. Sponsors will learn about our process and their role within it. They will be given examples of how to listen and support their faith in dialogue with their candidates. Parents who missed the previous meeting in May are welcome to learn more about the preparation process and its requirements.

A "NOTE" FROM THE DIRECTOR'S PODIUM



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With the ending of summer at hand, I once again find myself looking forward to another year of serving you as Director of Music Ministry. It is amazing to realize this is my eighteenth year at St. Alphonsus. A harsh reality of this, however, is the loneliness I feel of our wonderful young adult musicians heading to college or beyond. Many of them have been serving our parish through music since they were little children. This reality is also what has led me to my note to you.

Our Music Ministry is in need of NEW TALENT! All choir and instrument ensembles could use your talents and time. I know there are wonderful voices sitting in the pews who can help you! If you enjoy singing as part of your worship, please allow me to find a way for you to share your gifts with our parish community. The Instrument Ensemble also needs additional string instruments, flutes and woodwinds, brass players. If you are at least in the 8th grade with three or more years of training, WE NEED YOU!!! The Instrument Ensemble has always been the most unique facet of our weekly music ministry. I need your help to continue this tradition.

Fr. Brian, the Worship Commission, and I have spoken at length regarding this. This year we will continue our small choral ensemble at the 11:00 am Mass on a weekly basis. Both vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome. The music selected for the Liturgy will be a mixture of contemporary and traditional. I am hoping this ensemble will encourage those who prefer attending that Mass to increase their participation with us. Rehearsals for this choir will coincide with the Parish Choir on Thursday at 7:30 pm. The Children's Choir will continue to rehearse and sing only once each month. We will meet at 3:20 pm on Saturday of each month, and prepare the music used at the 5:00 pm Mass that day. Later this fall we will have time for (3) one-hour rehearsals for children wishing to sing at the 3:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. The Choir will continue to play at the 5:00 pm Mass on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Rehearsal times are 6:00-7:15 pm on the Thursdays and 90 minutes on an assigned Mass. We welcome children and adults to this ministry as well. The Parish choir will be splitting its ministry between the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on the fourth Sunday of each month. The Choir will continue to sing at the 9:00 Mass all other Sundays. We are in need of additional volunteer cantors for choir Masses. Training will be one-on-one or group. All else in the ministry will remain the same.

Please feel free to call me at 708-828-5095 or email jmartorano@vandercook.edu

Yours Musically in Christ,

Joseph Martorano, Director of Music Ministry

St. Alphonsus Music Ministry Ensembles

The Parish Choir. Open to all parishioners above the age of 13. This choir serves our parish with all of the weekly and seasonal liturgical worship through music. This choir serves to reinforce the weekly scripture. The music ranges from our liturgically pasted the most recent sacred contemporary.

The Children's Choir Open to children in grades 3-8. Children in 7th grade and above may also participate in a Youth Cantor Program.

The Volunteer Cantor Ministry. Providing song leadership to the assembly at all designated liturgies with music. The cantor ministry will also provide small ensemble singing at selected non-choir liturgies.

The Instrumental Ensemble. Open by audition to anyone with at least 3 years of experience and training on their instrument.

The Handbell Ensemble Open to all parishioners above the age of 10.

The Resurrection Choir Open to all parishioners who are generally available any morning for funeral services as they arise. This is a very good ministry for those who make the time commitment to the other parish ensembles.

Rehearsals

Parish Choir Thursday evening 7:30-9:15 pm

Children's Choir 3:20-4:45 pm on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month, prior to the 5:00 pm Mass (September - May) There will also be (3) one-rehearsals in December for children wishing to sing at the Christmas Eve 3:30 pm Mass

Volunteer Cantor Ministry Twice monthly for 90 minutes

Instrumental Ensemble Twice monthly

Handbell Ensemble 6:00-7:15 pm on the Thursdays prior to an assigned Mass 3:30-4:30 pm on the SECOND and FOURTH SATURDAYS prior to the 5:00 pm Mass.

*All Saturday rehearsal times will move one hour in November as per change in the Mass time to 4 pm.

Assignments

Parish Choir Sunday 9:00 Mass and 11:00 Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month as part of a

Children's Choir 5:00 pm Mass on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month (September-May) 3:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, 9:00 am on Easter Sunday

Volunteer Cantors At least one cantor will be assigned to all non-choir Masses

Instrumental Ensemble Sunday 9:00 Mass and various special services

Handbell Ensemble 5:00 pm Mass on the SECOND and FOURTH SATURDAYS of each month (September-May)

Special Holiday Services as assigned by Music Director

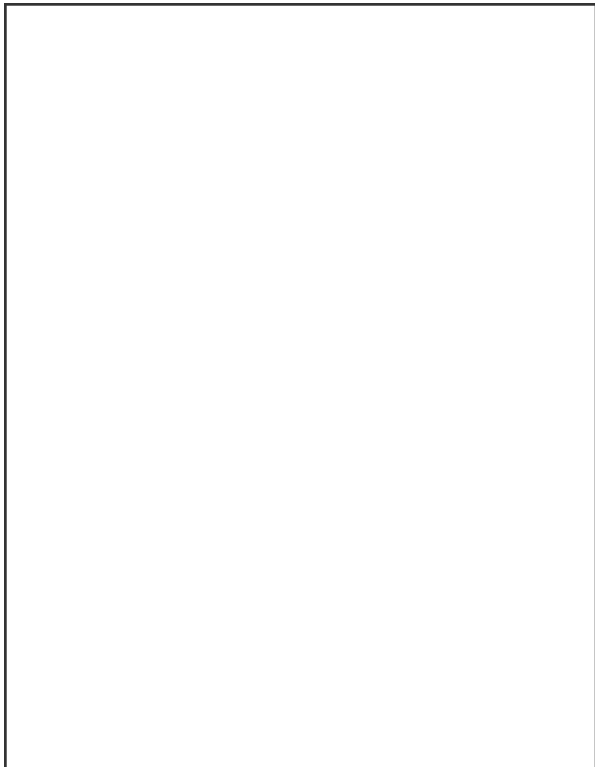
Resurrection Choir All funerals unless otherwise requested by the family of the deceased.

**Mass time will change to 4 pm the first Saturday in November.

If you are interested in any of these musical opportunities, please fill out this portion and return to Joe Martorano, Music Director, the collection basket, or to the Parish Office or call, 708-300-28-50

NAME _____

PHONE _____



We will return to our normal schedule for Daily Mass in the St. Alphonsus Daily Mass chapel on Thursday, September 1st.

Do you know someone who is drawn to the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members into its communal life. RCIA is a living experience of the Church, and not just a series of classes that teach knowledge about the Church. Although there is instruction in the facts of the faith, instruction is but one part of a larger experience of knowing and sharing with other members of the Church.

If you are interested in learning more about our tri-parish RCIA program, please contact Linda at 630.257.2414 or loconnor@st-als.org.

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Journey of Faith: Birth, Baptism, Belonging

BAPTISM SEMINAR

If you are a parent, family and friends have already by no doubt furnished and decorated a nursery the same way your Catholic community, through the sacrament of Baptism, welcomes and offers support and encouragement as your child begins a long journey of faith.

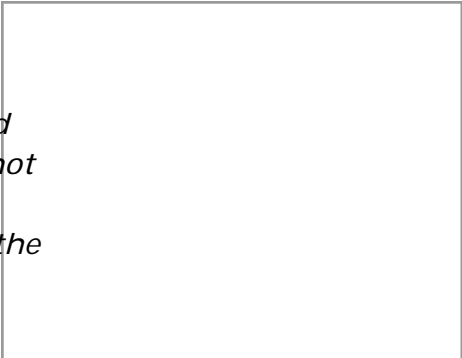
Our Baptismal Preparation program *Journey of Faith: Birth, Baptism, Belonging*, is a seminar that will help you better understand the sacrament of Baptism. The seminar can be taken while awaiting the birth of your child or shortly after the baby is born. The seminar will meet Saturday of alternate months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



Lemont Pro Life Ministry

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Thank you for praying for me, the child you have spiritually adopted. Although I am very little, my gender, hair color, and eye color are already determined. My mother and father do not yet know what they are but God our Father does. I snuggled myself in the wall of my mother's womb and she gives me all the nutrition I need.



**“TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.”**

“A Time to be Born through Baptism” — Amanda Rose daughter of Daniel & Fay Alvarado
Venice Loren daughter of Romulo & Cheryl Lontok
Toby Joseph son of Joseph & Marie McEvoy
Jameson Morgan son of Jesse & Julie Wright

“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony” — **Congratulations to:**

“A Time to Heal” —

Joetta Karlos	Baby Kenneth	Dorothy Goushas	Melanie Williams	Patricia Dedek
Nora McDonnell	Greg Hoger	Robert Trock	Karl Knasiak	Jim Musial
Mary Tadda	Kandice Marie Sasak	Ken Convalle	Tina Ruiz	Carson Lee Umentum
Nathan Parry	Baby Scarlett	John Garrison	Ashley Smith Kitzer	Marilyn Ransford
Ray DeNardis		O Neil Gladys Togliatti	Randy Nowak	David Nenn
Donna Murphy	Michael Haller	Gertrude Smith	Dan Herzing	Jim Kulikauskas
	Marie Wietrzycki	John Ruppert	Mary Woods	Steve Counter
				Victoria Annarino

“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” --

James Benzies and Tom Lynch

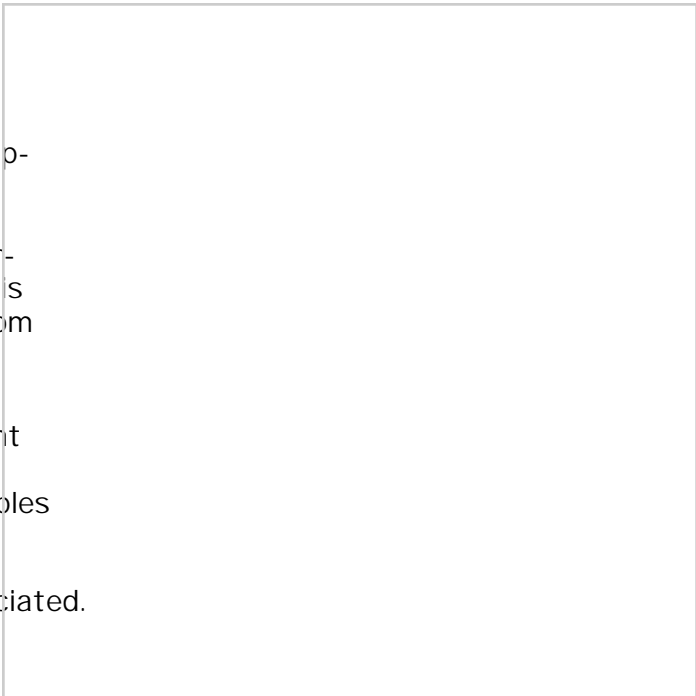
The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantry. As part of a service project, the St. Al s Women s Club will be featuring a product of the month . This item will be a special request from the pantry for an item that is needed most.

For September we will collect instant rice or instant pasta with sauce such as Knorr side dishes. 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.



Weekly Offering

August 20 & 21, 2016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$ 8,869.96
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 1,463.80
Assumption	\$ 721.01
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 1,814.23)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$14,272.74)
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 8,111.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.

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 \$10 donation for each session.

Please call, 630-257-9235.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27		Thursday, September 1	
7:30 am	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus	7:30 am	Jim Koski <i>Irene Koski</i>
5:00 pm	Anthony Dick Sarlo <i>Gloria J. Yorke, wife</i>		Friday, September 2
	Edward & Virginia Yorke <i>Gloria J. Yorke, daughter</i>	7:30 am	Francis Rittenhouse <i>Er. Tom Hoffman</i>
	Lena Marie Disalle <i>Gloria J. Yorke, godchild</i>		Saturday, September 3
	In Thanksgiving 45th Wed. Anniv. Con & Kathleen Twomey <i>Family</i>	5:00 pm	Frank & Mary Kearns <i>Mary Kucharski</i>
			Sophie Javorski <i>Osborne Family</i>
	Sunday, August 28		Sunday, September 4
7:30 am	John & Anastasia Counter & Rose Todd	7:30 am	Bob Michalek <i>Family</i>
	<i>Char & Jack Counter & Rose Nelson</i>		Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
	Sue Gosstrom <i>Paul & Bev Malak</i>	9:00 am	John, Estelle & Bernadette Cacciato - <i>John & Carol Cacciato</i>
9:00 am	Concetta Gattuso <i>Bodalik Family</i>		Chester & Jean Kles <i>Jerry, Kim & Giana Lewis</i>
	Mary L. Stanton <i>John P. Stanton</i>	11:00 am	Harriet Bromberg <i>St. Alphonsus Parish</i>
	Gertrude Heuman <i>Daughter, Marie</i>		Lois Jablonski <i>Dan & Gisela Rittenhouse</i>
	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)
11:00 am	In Thanksgiving 50th Wed. Anniv. Ken & Chris Shupe <i>Family</i>		
	Tom Begeske <i>Family</i>		
	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Miller <i>Ganski Family</i>		
	Robert Lindauer <i>Rita Lindauer</i>		
5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)		

PLEASE NOTE : The 2017 Mass book is now open

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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, 630-257-2454. Blessings and/or renewal of vows, will take place after the Mass.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	Gather Hymnal
Sept. 3	5:00 pm	P. Josephitis	J. August D. Josephitis L. O Connor	Kaye Family K. Hamilton	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	Mass Of Creation Gloria #193 Holy, Holy #198 Memorial Acclamation #200 Great Amen #202 Lamb of God #204
Sept. 4	7:30 am	B. Betley	D. Betley S. Kostas P. Malak	Kostas Family		
	9:00 am	M. Doherty	D. Rittenhouse G. Rittenhouse D. Czaja	M. Schuette L. Laga A. Carter	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	
	11:00 am	K. Cody	D. Cerniuk T. Turner M. McGuire	Ascolani Family	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s					
		* Communion under both species				

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