

ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

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Business Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 8 am - 4 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

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

Weekday Schedule

Monday-Friday 7:30 am in the chapel

Holy Days to be announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—8:00 am—8:00 pm, chapel

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

Saturday—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. Alphonsus
Catholic Church
Parish Registration**

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

Parish Staff

Pastor

Fr. Brian Ardagh

Tri-Parish Associate Pastor

Fr. Tom Hoffman

Resident

Fr. Robert Rohrich

Weekend Celebrant

Fr. Lou Zake

Diaconal Ministry:

Deacon Terry McGuire

Deacon Dan Rittenhouse

Director of Religious Education

Kevin Cody

Admin. Assistant for Religious Ed.

Melanie Terrazas

School Principal:

Renee Payne

Pastoral Associate:

Linda O Connor

Office Coordinator:

Roseann Lucas

Accountant:

Carol Levas

Music Director

Joseph Martorano

Music Staff

Diane Marelli

SPRED: Carol Levas

**Parish Pastoral
Council Members**

Mike Bruno

Bill Doherty

Diane Kaye

Deborah Kornacker

Sharon Kostes

Roy Tam

Terese Turner

James Zuccarelli

From Father Brian's Desk

To Teach Who Christ Is

As you can read on page three of the parish bulletin, the "Teach Who Christ Is" campaign has been very successful in its early stages. Our Campaign Executive Committee has worked diligently at meeting with a number of families in our parish already and received a great response to our mission.

However, we have noticed that a few parishioners have not replied yet to messages that were sent. If your personal information (including their phone number and email address) has changed, I ask that if you can please reply to the messages that our Campaign Executive Committee members have left and update your information with our Parish Office, we would greatly appreciate it.

Respect Life

As many people are aware, October is Respect Life month. We reflect on the importance of life itself and how we can bring about a greater appreciation of this gift. We will once again have our "Baby Bottle Collection". All we are asked is to donate our spare change, putting it into the baby bottles that are provided and returned on the weekend of October 29-30. The collection is used to help the Women's Centers of the Greater Chicago-land area.

Also, the Tri-Parish Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a Respect Life Procession around our Lemont area **Sunday, October 2nd**. The procession will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Grotto and conclude here at St. Alphonsus Church with a Benediction. Come join us as we pray for people to respect the gift of life.

Saturday Evening Mass Schedule

A number of people have been asking me when we are returning to our 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass schedule. As many people are aware, we have reverted to celebrating Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m. during the last three months in order to accommodate a number of Saturday afternoon weddings that were booked over two years ago.

The good news is that beginning **Sunday, November 5th**, the Saturday Evening Mass will change from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Confessions will take place at 3:00 p.m. This will assist a number of people who would like to attend Saturday Evening Mass when there is still adequate daylight.

Peace,



TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

A campaign for strong parishes, Catholic education and faith formation in the Archdiocese of Chicago

Campaign Update

We have raised more than \$506,000 in pledged support thanks to the early commitments from 54 parish families!

Thank you for your enthusiasm, generosity, and prayer. Our *Who Christ Is* Team continues to invite more and more families to participate. Please accept their invitation and prayerfully consider how you might help. Your gift will ensure a bright future for our parish, and Catholic education across the Archdiocese.

Connect with *To Teach Who Christ Is* and stay up-to-date on campaign news and events.
Twitter - @ToTeachCampaign Facebook - To Teach Who Christ Is
www.toteachwhochristis.org
Questions about your pledge or payments? Call (312) 534-8500

Reflecting on God's Word

We celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on the anniversary of his death, which occurred on October 4, 1226. Perhaps the most beloved of all saints, Francis issued a challenge to preach the gospel all times. When necessary, use words. Signs of faith were evident throughout his life. He learned to give away his possessions, to embrace lepers, and to endure deep suffering. Faith in a joyful spirit and a love of creation. His faith drew others to Christ in the Franciscan order. And Francis is the ultimate sign of faith the stigmata.

In today's scriptures we see many signs of faith that are more than words. Habakkuk shows his faith by his urgent plea to God. God tells him that the just one, because of his faith, shall live (Habakkuk 2:4). In the second reading we hear that faith shows forth in love, self-control, and the ability to endure hardship. In the Gospel Jesus tells the disciples that faith can work miracles, but the most reliable sign of faith is a life of steadfast service to the Lord.

—Virginia Stillwell

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Living God's Word

You may never be canonized.

However, people should be able to look at your life and discover signs of faith.

Do they see you reaching out to those in need, working for justice, caring for family, engaging in prayer, seeking reconciliation, growing spiritually?

If so, they see a just one who, through the gift of faith, shall live.

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Religious Education Update

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Little Tykes for Christ starts this week! LTC is a special program for children ages 3-5. We generally meet the second

CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED OR WHO HAVE NOT HAD FORMAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have a program for you!

Wednesday of the month from 6:15 - 7:15pm from October through April. However, the first session will be held this week because we have the week of Columbus Day off. The sessions are designed for parents to enjoy with their children, prayer, stories, games, crafts, activities, snacks. Contact the RE Office for a registration form to be sent to you. Our Children's Initiation Process is for children of school age who have not been baptized, or Children 3 Grade and up who have not had any formal religious education to catch them up and prepare them for the sacraments. Contact the RE Office.

WE ARE UNDERWAY!

The Sunday of our first session was a beautiful day, which may have helped to put on all the smiles that came through the door. It was rewarding to see all the hard work the previous weeks with catechist meetings, parents meetings, last-minute registrations, people stepping forward answering the call to be catechists and aides, etc. come together. Next week we will take

our first break with the Columbus Day Weekend

No classes next week!

PRAYER – JESUS' EXAMPLE

We parents are the first to teach our children the multiple ways that Jesus prayed. Jesus prayed on the spot spontaneously, in the midst of any circumstances. For instance, at the tomb of Lazarus he prayed (Jn. 11:41-42). Accepting a little boy's generous gift of five loaves and two fishes he looked to the heavens and said a blessing (Mt. 14:19) before he multiplied the food and fed the people. Scripture illustrates that Jesus also prayed in the synagogue, alone on a rooftop at meals with friends, at the Supper, within earshot of his apostles in the Garden of his agony, and from the cross. He prayed formally and informally; vocally and mentally; in solitude and in common. He prayed long and short. He prayed aloud and in silence. In all prayer Jesus united his mind and heart with God. Prayer is merely conversation with the One who

The Tri-Parish Lemont Youth Group is back!!!

All High School youth from the surrounding areas are welcome to join us this Sunday, October 2nd at St. Patrick's in Lemont for the 5 pm mass and activities will begin after mass in the hall.

Marian Prayer Group

Would you like to spend some time with fellow parishioners in prayer to our Blessed Mother? Come join us on Thursday evenings during the month of October. We will meet in the chapel at 6 pm on October 6, 13, 20, and 27. We will pray the rosary and a devotion to Our Mother Perpetual Help. Let's pray the rosary together during October, the month of the rosary.

INITIAL TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST OCTOBER 6TH & 13TH 10:30 AM — 1:30 PM FRANCISCAN VILLAGE MAIN HALL 1270 Village Drive, Lemont 630-243-3438

We would like to invite interested individuals to consider this community as one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Because we wish to provide our ministers with proper background and training, we are extending an invitation to participate in a 2 day training course for Ministers and Current Ministers who wish to engage in continuing education.

The course is sponsored by the Vicariate 5 Ministry Commission of the Archdiocese of Chicago and will be led by Marge Garbacz, Director of Pastoral Care at Franciscan Village. In session one there will be an overview of the history and theology of the Eucharist. The role of the lay faithful in the liturgical life of the Church will also be explored. Session two will address the call to ministry and what it means to be a Minister of the Eucharist in today's world.

Marge Garbacz is the Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care of Franciscan Village Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lemont. She is a certified Director of Basic Education and as a Pastoral Associate in the Archdiocese of Chicago has over 40 years of experience as an educator and as a parish pastoral minister. She has given presentations on liturgy and sacramental life throughout the Archdiocese.

October 2016—Respect Life Month
"MOVED BY MERCY"

Spare Change Can Help – Baby Bottle Project

October 1st & 2nd—Distribution Days

October is Respect Life month. In support of the pro-life movement, our parish will participate in the Baby Bottle Project of the Women's Centers of the Greater Chicago area, which benefits mothers and babies.

Please take a baby bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change over the next few weeks, and return it by the end of October. Bottles may be returned at the main exits as you leave Mass today.

This is a simple, but crucial, fundraiser for the Women's Centers. Thank you for your role in defending life. Please keep pro-life efforts in your prayers, especially during this Respect Life month.

PRO-LIFE PROCESSION

Sunday, October 2nd, 3:30 pm—Begins at St. Cyril's Grotto

You are invited to join us as we honor the sanctity of life. Led by the Knights of Columbus, we will process from the St. Cyril's Grotto to St. Patrick Church praying the rosary.

From there we walk up to St. Alphonsus Church for a prayer service.

Those who find it difficult to make the journey are invited

to gather at St. Alphonsus Church at 3:30 to pray the rosary.

In the event of bad weather, the prayer service will be held at St. Alphonsus Church at 3:30 pm.

THERE IS HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER ABORTION. CALL 888-456-HOPE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

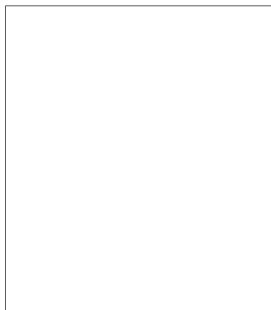
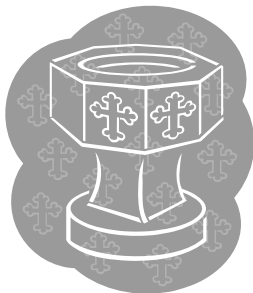
"40 Days for Life" is a worldwide campaign which unites Catholics and other Christian denominations in the common goal of supporting life. From September 28th til November 6th, Christians pray, fast and come together in peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion. Join us on October 8th from 8am—10am at the Access Health Center on 75th St. in Downers Grove to pray and give public witness to the value of life. For more information, call Linda at 630-257-2414.

TO JOIN IN THE WORK OF THE LEMONT RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY, CALL 630-257-2414.

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

“A Time to be Born through Baptism” —

We welcome into the Mystical Body of Christ and into our St. Alphonsus Family:



Ivan Victor
Son of
Ryan & Krisy Hitztaler
September 11, 2016

“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony” — Congratulations to: Christina Blindauer & Victor Stamen III

“A Time to Heal” —

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| 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 |
| Donald Boza | Marie Wietrzycki | John Ruppert | Mary Woods | Steve Counter |
| Shirley Cerniuk | Jerry Sofinowski | | Colleen Kinnunen | Victoria Annarino |

“A Time of War” --

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| 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, Iraq |
| Alex Sullivan, USA, New York | | And all who serve our country. |

“A Time to Die” -- Deacon Norbert Lesnieski of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church
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, 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 October we will collect apple sauce or pasta sauce. 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.

4:30PM 6:00PM

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30 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Pro-Life Baby Bottle Returns (C)	31 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM White Crosses Removed (Ch-Grnds) 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM CEC Mtg (Parish Ctr)		C Church Chp Chapel OC Office Center PC/ABC Parish Ctr, Rm A,B,C	CH Church Hall RE Religious Ed Bldg. PC Parish Center	

Weekly Offering

September 10 & 11, 2016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$ 9,001.87
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 7,637.15
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 3,770.02
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$18,517.36)
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 9,616.00

September 17 & 18, 016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$ 7,972.09
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,896.91)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$23,414.27)
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 8,352.00

September 24 & 25, 2016

Week s Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday s Collection	\$10,357.60
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 963.80
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 1,547.60)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$24,961.87)
Last Year s weekly	
Collection	\$ 7,477.00

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FLU SHOT?



Walgreens pharmacy will be hosting a flu shot clinic at St. Alphonsus every mass next Sunday, October 9th in the school building next to the church.

We are able to bill various insurances including Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois PPO. We will also have vouchers for patients with no insurance. Please bring your insurance card with you.

In The Hospital?



Due to the implemented government regulations in all hospitals, parishes will NOT be informed of any parishioner s hospitalization NOR will that information be available to any visiting clergy and/or parish visitor. It is strictly your responsibility to let us know of your hospitalization. A hospital can notify us only if you specifically request this at the time of admission. We certainly want to continue praying for and supporting those who are ill. Please don t feel it is a bother to inform us.

You are important to us.

ST. ALPHONSUS WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 4TH
7:00 PM —CHURCH HALL

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the first meeting of the new season. Come see what we are all about. Meet some new people; make some new friends.

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.

Father 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.

LOOPS OF LOVE MEETING .



Remember that the Knit and Crochet Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at Nancy Zuccarelli s house at 1350 Overton Drive in Lemont. If you have not joined us before, no problem, come just the same.

If you have joined us before or are a regular, we look forward to seeing you on October 5th at 7:00 PM.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

Preach always; if necessary, use words.

Mass Intentions

<p>Saturday, October 1</p> <p>5:00 pm Ernest Dale <i>Family</i> Margaret Joseph <i>Dave & Phyllis</i> Victoria Bukala <i>Family</i></p> <p>Sunday, October 2</p> <p>7:30 am Susan Vitor <i>St. Alphonsus Parish</i> Parishioners of St. Alphonsus</p> <p>9:00 am Mildred & Orville Tessum <i>Linn Eldred</i> Rosalind Reed <i>Linn Eldred</i> Dorothy Francis Harris <i>James & Nancy Harris</i></p> <p>11:00 am Casey Galasinski <i>Family</i> Jane Hobbs <i>Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer</i> Ann Widlak <i>Victoria Harezlak</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)</p> <p>Monday, October 3</p> <p>7:30 am Edward McGury <i>Florence McGury</i> Ernest Wieder <i>Dan & Gisela Rittenhouse</i> Jean Rizzo <i>Kathy & Nick Lambrakis</i></p> <p>Tuesday, October 4</p> <p>7:30am Patricia Goode <i>Tony Goode</i> Fran Bozych <i>Family</i></p> <p>Wednesday, October 5</p> <p>7:30 am Carol Funk <i>Bill & MaryAnne Doherty</i></p> <p>Thursday, October 6</p> <p>7:30 am Keith Latz <i>Bill & MaryAnne Doherty</i></p> <p>Friday, October 7</p> <p>7:30 am Brent Ludwig <i>Family</i></p>	<p>Saturday, October 8</p> <p>5:00 pm Josephine Piekosz <i>Piekosz Family</i> Robert Koppers <i>Gasperec Family</i></p> <p>Sunday, October 9</p> <p>7:30 am James Mraz <i>Family</i> James Benzies <i>Colleen & Brittany Kinnunen</i> Jim Koski <i>Tony Goode</i></p> <p>9:00 am Robert Byerwalter <i>Family</i> Harriet Bromberek <i>Wayne Bromberek</i> Parishioners of St. Alphonsus</p> <p>11:00 am Maria Z. Mued <i>Husband Charles</i> Johnny Maka <i>Family</i> Lois Jablonski <i>Joyce Giannola</i></p> <p>5:00 pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)</p>
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PLEASE NOTE : The 2017 Mass book is now open

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;

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, 630-257-2449. Blessings and/or renewal of vows, will take place after the Mass.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Music	Gather Hymnal
Oct. 7	5:00 pm	A. Lichtenwalter	B. Israel J. August R. Haubner	A. Fidanzo W. Tarazi	Bell Choir	<p>Mass Of Peace & Joy</p> <p>Gloria #207</p> <p>Gospel Accl. #208</p> <p>Holy, Holy #211</p> <p>Memorial Acclamation #213B</p> <p>Great Amen #215</p> <p>Lamb of God #216</p>
Oct. 8	7:30 am	B. Betley	D. Betley R. Meyer S. Kostas C. Kuhlman (C) P. Malak (C)	Kostas Family		
	9:00 am	M. Doherty	E. Bruno K. Lambrakis A. Padalik C. Levas	A. Carter J. Yabush	Parish Choir	
	11:00 am	McGuire	M. McGuire M. McGuire K. Gory	I. McGuire D. Scumaci	Parish Choir	
	5:00 pm					
	Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat s					

* Communion under both species

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