



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.

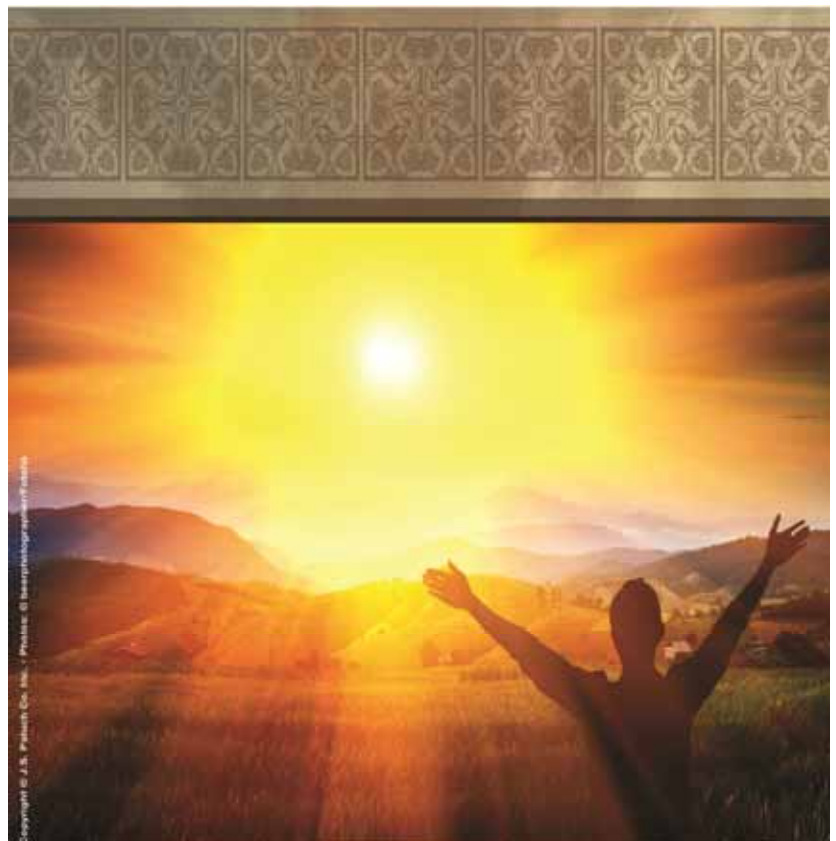
No Baptisms during Lent

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



ONE OF THE LEPERS,
REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

October 9, 2016 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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

Rest In Peace

We received some sad news last week that **Deacon Norb Lesnieski** from Ss. Cyril and Methodius passed away. Deacon Norb served as deacon for over 40 years and was a leader of the Lemont community. On behalf of the parishioners of St. Alphonsus, I would like to offer my condolences to the Lesnieski family and the parishioners of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish as they mourn their loss.

St. Francis Pet Blessing

On Saturday, October 1st, I had the honor of blessing some of our parishioners' pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Even though it was raining a great deal, we were able to accommodate our parishioners and their pets with "Drive - Thru" blessings as they remained in their cars. Now I know how it feels to work at McDonald's...

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 had to revert 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 on *Saturday, 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 while there is still adequate daylight.

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 annual "**Baby Bottle Collection**". All we are asked is to donate our spare change, putting it into the baby bottles that are provided and return each bottle on the weekend of October 29th-30th. The collection is used to help the Women's Centers of the Greater Chicagoland area.

Peace,

FR. BRIAN ARDAGH



PLEASE NOTE: Parish offices will be closed Monday, October 10th, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Offices will reopen on Tuesday, October 11th.



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 prayers. Our *To Teach Who Christ Is* Team continues to invite more and more families to participate each week. If you receive a call from a campaign member, we ask that you please respond with a return call as soon as possible. Please accept their invitation and prayerfully consider how you might help. Your gift will ensure a vibrant future for our parish,

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

When Jan's son and his buddies were given two weeks' notice to move out of their house, Jan proposed that they throw a cleaning/moving party. She provided the food, drinks, and cleaning supplies. They provided the music and the muscle. The party was a great success. The house got cleaned, the move was completed in one afternoon, and everyone went home happy. Later that week a thank-you card arrived from one of her son's housemates. "Thanks for the party, Jan. We couldn't have done it without you. You're the greatest. Adam."

Do we take the time to reflect back on each day or do we just keep moving on? Do we recognize the healing in our lives or focus only on the suffering? Do we realize that "we couldn't have done it without" God or do we attribute our successes to good luck or our own hard work? Do we, like Naaman and the Samaritan leper, make it a habit to express our thanks to God in public praise and in lives of service?

—Virginia Stillwell

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Living God's Word

The Eucharist is our habitual, public praise and thanks to God.

We give thanks for the gifts of creation and the covenant.

*We give thanks for the gift of redemption that is ours through Jesus Christ
and for the gifts that the Holy Spirit pours out on us.*



Religious Education Update

NO SESSIONS THIS WEEK... Enjoy the long weekend

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

We have a program for you!

Our *Children's Initiation Process* is for children of school age who have not been baptized, or children 3rd Grade and up who have not had any formal religious education to catch them up and prepare them for the

CONFIRMATION RITE OF WELCOMING & COMMITMENT



October 16th at the 9:00 Mass (Tracks B & C) and 11:00 Mass (Track A & School). Candidates will declare their intention to the Church, and the Church accepts them as persons seeking to become fully initiated members through the sacrament of Confirma-



JUNIOR HIGH EVANGELIZATION EVENT

UIC Pavilion

October 14, 2016 and again on October 15, 2016

9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pope Francis challenges the Church to try new pastoral methods that connect young Catholics to their faith and consequently make their positive mark on the future of our world. Research tells us that the junior high school years are crucial for making this lifelong commitment to Christ and the Church. For this reason, the Archdiocese of Chicago is working in conjunction with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) to offer a communal experience of powerful prayer, sacraments, and catechesis for young people.

Holy Fire is a first of its kind in the United States. It is open to all who are in grades 6-9. Archbishop Blase Cupich and our Auxiliary Bishops will be present at both days. The Holy Fire event features the same level of catechesis, prayer, and quality production that have become hallmarks of the NFCYM's National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) and complements parish faith formation programs and our Catholic school curriculum. The day includes Eucharistic adoration and the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation as well as powerful music. Scholarship funds are available. For more information please visit www.formedcatholic.com/holyfire



WHY NOT CREATE A PRAYER SPACE IN YOUR HOME?

When Catholics pray, we are often surrounded by reminders of who we are. At Mass, we can easily identify the current liturgical season or feast from how the sanctuary is decorated, the color of the priest's vestments, the hymns we sing, and sometimes from the aroma of incense. We are accompanied in our liturgical prayers by statues of the saints, Scripture stories in stained glass, and the Stations of the Cross. These sights, sounds, and smells stimulate the senses—they are the “smells and bells” that are part of our Catholic DNA. Why not have some of these stimuli for prayer in the home... the “domestic church”? A prayer space can help communicate to our children that these moments are sacred moments, help them get into the mindset for prayer, and help to reinforce their identity as Catholics.

You can start with a small table or counter that is decorated with a piece of fabric. You can use fabric that matches the liturgical color of the current season or feast. While the fabric doesn't always have to be plain, keep prints subtle and related to the season of the calendar year (for example, a print with leaves would be appropriate during fall; one with snowflakes would be appropriate during winter). Embellish the space by adding relevant decorations.



Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Prospective Families

Fall Open House

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
8:30 am - 10:30 am

St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School students excel in and outside of the classroom from our solid faith formation and rigorous academic program. Students that are learners today are the leaders of tomorrow.

Small School, Big Results



Faith Formation
Academic Achievement
Moral Responsibility
Leadership




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JUBILEE OF MERCY
BIND

The mercy of God binds us to God, and God to us. Our experience of forgiveness and returning to the Lord because of his mercy binds us to the only one who can truly heal us and make us whole.
"Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up." (Hosea 6:1)



ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Tri-Parish Lemont Youth Group

What a great first meeting! Thanks to all who came! Hopefully more will

be able to follow as we continue to develop our Youth Group!

Here are the upcoming dates and locations for this semester;

- October 16th at St. Patrick's Hall
- November 13 open gym at Mount Assisi
- November 27th at St. Patrick's Hall
- December 3rd Mission Day (details to come)
- December 18th Christmas Party (details to come)

We will meet from 6 to 7:30 pm for all meetings except Mission Day, time to be determined.

SAINT ALPHONSUS



BAPTISM SEMINAR

*Journey of Faith:
 Birth, Baptism, Belonging*

If you are expecting a baby, family and friends have showered you with gifts and you have no doubt furnished and decorated a nursery. In the same way your Catholic community, through the sacrament of Baptism, welcomes and offers spiritual strength and encouragement as your child begins a life-long journey of faith.

Our Baptismal Preparation program, *Journey of Faith: Birth, Baptism, Belonging*, is a seminar that will help you better understand the sacrament of Baptism. The seminar can be taken while awaiting the birth of your child or shortly after the baby is born. The seminar will meet on a **Saturday of alternate months** from 9:00 am to Noon in the Religious Education Building. **The last Seminar date for 2016 is: November 12th.** If you have not attended a baptismal preparation class at St. Alphonsus in the last three years you must participate in a Baptism seminar.

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 13, 20, and 27. We will pray the rosary and a devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Let's pray the rosary together during October, the month of the rosary.

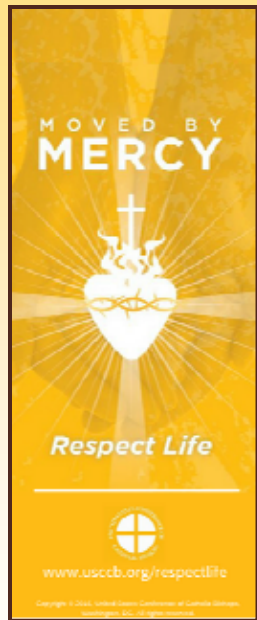
CHILDREN'S CHOIR REMINDER



The Children's Choir will be singing at the 5:00 pm Mass next Saturday, October 15th. Rehearsal will take place at 3:30 pm in the RE building prior to the Mass.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Martorano at 708-828-5095 .

October 2016—Respect Life Month "MOVED BY MERCY" Baby Bottle Project



Thank You for your spare change

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 Chicagoland area, which benefits mothers and babies.

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

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

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

Why white crosses on the lawns of Lemont churches?

The white crosses on the church lawns represent the lives lost through abortion. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, over 57 million children have lost their lives, and the lives of their parents and family members have been forever changed. These crosses also remind us of the message that Christ died for all sins and His forgiveness is for everyone. Thank you to all those from St. Alphonsus, SS. Cyril & Methodius, St. James and St. Patrick parishes who took part in our Pro-Life procession last Sunday. It was a beautiful witness to the value of all life.



St. James



St. Alphonsus



SS. Cyril & Methodius

Photos courtesy of Fran Urban



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



Lemont Pro Life Ministry

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION — TWO MONTHS OLD

Thank you for your prayers. I am now two months old. You wouldn't even recognize me from a month ago. Though still very small (a little over an inch long and weighing no more than one whole peanut), my skeleton is formed. I even have tooth buds in my gums. My brain coordinates the movements of my muscles and organs, which are all formed. I move around on my own — 12 weeks before my mother notices! Sometimes I yawn, stretch, suck, even hiccup. I swim around in my mother's womb with a natural swimmer's stroke. Since I breathe without oxygen there's no need for me to hold my breath under water. Maybe someday I'll be an Olympic swimmer!



PET BLESSING — OCTOBER 1, 2016



FOR ALL YOUR CREATURES THAT BREATHE AND MOVE AND HAVE LIFE.....

WE THANK YOU LORD.

FOR ALL ANIMALS THAT PROVIDE SERVICE, PROTECTION, AND COMPANIONSHIP ..

WE THANK YOU LORD.

THAT EACH PET BE TREASURED AND CARED FOR

WE THANK YOU LORD.

Photos courtesy of Fran Urban

**“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: Jennifer Schikora & Salvatore Cirrincione

“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’Neill	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
			Colleen Kinnunen	Victoria Annarino

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 of War” --

“A Time to Die” --

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

Let’s Fill the Shelves.

Food Pantry Update



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 **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.

ACCOUNTABLE

*It is not only what we do but also
What we do not do,
For which we are held accountable.*

—Molière



Bethany Lutheran Church
500 Lemont Street, Lemont
September 2016

Dear Fr. Brian and St. Alphonsus Parishioners,
Thank you for the additional donation of \$40.00 for our School Supply Drive at Bethany Lutheran Church.
Your generosity helps us get the children of the Open Pantry off to a great start for the new school year. The list of supplies can be daunting for families who struggle to make ends meet. Your gift relieves some of the burden.

Thank you also for the donation of food and fresh produce to the Open Pantry. Your gifts allow us to keep the pantry well stocked so that our clients can select the items they need from the shelves. Your generosity enables those struggling with food insecurity to be able to prepare meals for their families.

Thank you for remembering the families of the Open Pantry.

Bethany Open Pantry Committee

Weekly Offering

October 1 & 2, 2016

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$10,553.48
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 2,315.52)
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$27,277.39)
Last Year's weekly Collection	\$10,302.00

Thank you for your support of our parish.



PACK THE PLACE FOR ST. AL'S/ST.PAT'S SCHOOL

Let's pack the place! Join us **Monday, October 10th** for an evening of food, fun and fundraising at Gelsosomo's Pizzeria. Bring your family and friends to eat **any time between 5:00-9:00p.m.** to raise money for St. Als-St. Pats School. The more that come, the more we raise! Plus, the kids love hanging out with their peers. This month's event will be hosted by our lovely 6th graders. This is the only fundraiser we do besides the traditional breakfast with Santa. It's an easy way to help out our be-

**Monday, October 10, 2016
7 to 8 pm**

**St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Parish
17500 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60487
708-342-2400**

**Presenter
SWIFT**

The mission of SWIFT is to promote dialogue among the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religious communities and to work together on common community projects. The hope is that the efforts of SWIFT will promote mutual respect and will build understanding among these religious communities. Membership of SWIFT is made up of Christian churches, Jewish synagogues and Muslim mosques. SWIFT is made up of groups centered around

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FLU SHOT? GET ONE TODAY!



Walgreens pharmacy is hosting a flu shot clinic at St. Alphonsus **after every mass this Sunday, October 9** 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. Any



Lemont Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale Sunday ~ October 16

The Lemont Knights of Columbus will be outside of church after all the Masses on Sunday, October 16th with Tootsie Rolls available for purchase.

All proceeds collected will be added to their annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive collection and will be equally donated to the 3 SPRED Ministries (St. Alphonsus, SS. Cyril & Methodius & St. Patrick) in Lemont and to Northern Will County Special Recreation Association. Both of these charities provide activities to people in Lemont with special needs.

A second benefit is Tootsie Rolls make great Halloween candy for trick or treaters. Boxes of 50 will be available for a minimum donation of \$6.00.

Thank you in advance from the Lemont Knights of Columbus for your generosity in helping those most in need.

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 8

5:00 pm Josephine Piekosz — *Piekosz Family*
 Robert Koppers — *Gasperec Family*
 Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

Sunday, October 9

7:30 am — James Mraz — *Family*
 James Benzies — *Colleen & Brittany Kinnunen*
 Jim Koski — *Tony Goode*

9:00 am — Robert Byerwalter — *Family*
 Harriet Bromberek — *Wayne Bromberek*
 Margaret Mars — *Mars Family*

11:00 am Maria Z. Mudd — *Husband Charles*
 Johnny Maka — *Family*
 Lois Jablonski — *Joyce Giannola*

5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus (Mass at St. Patrick Church)

Monday, October 10

7:30 am — Janice Voltarel-Dombroviak — *Family*

Tuesday, October 11

7:30am — Harry Zolecki — *Family*
 Mary Panzer — *Paul & Bev Malak*

Wednesday, October 12

7:30 am — Mary Rita Siefert — *Sister*
 Trudy Hunter — *Sister*

Thursday, October 13

7:30 am — James & Annabelle Santucci — *Gnatek Family*
 Bill O'Donnell — *Paul & Bev Malak*

Friday, October 14

7:30 am — Ernest Dalpos — *Sherry Moller*

Saturday, October 15

5:00 pm — Pat Urban — *Fran Urban*
 Bernie Kucharski — *Mr. & Mrs. R. Baley*
 James Macfarlane — *Florence McGury*
 Elizabeth Bancroft — *Marla Zlatos*

Sunday, October 16

7:30 am — Frank Lesniewski — *Florence McGury*
 Wanda Hillesheim — *Swann Family*

9:00 am — Joseph Boyle — *Your Family*
 Jennie Hadley — *Family*
 Pat Urban — *Fran Urban*

In Thanksgiving 55th Wedding Anniv. John & Carol Cacciato
 In Thanksgiving 16th Wedding Anniv. Jerry & Kim Lewis — *Family*

11:00 am — Bonnie Posey — *Tony Goode*
 Harry Bumber — *Nancy Golden*

Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

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: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

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 Mass Of Peace & Joy Gloria #207 Gospel Accl. #208 Holy, Holy #211 Memorial Acclamation #213B Great Amen #215 Lamb of God #216
Oct. 15	5:00 pm	L. Jankowski	G. August A. Pascente D. Josephitis	A. Fidanzo W. Tarazi	Children's Choir	
Oct. 16	7:30 am	P. Malak	M. Doherty G. Umentum D. Betley	Pontrelli Family		
	9:00 am*	P. Browne	C. Cacciato J. Cacciato M. Bruno L. Kerfin (C) M. Roenitz (C)	S. Kerfin L. Laga	Parish Choir	
	11:00 am	K. Cody	D. Rittenhouse G. Rittenhouse E. Bruno D. Cerniuk	Ascolani Family	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard	
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat's					

* Communion under both species

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