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**St. Alphonsus
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From Father Brian's Desk

As we enter the celebration of Christmas this weekend, let us pause to reflect on the Birth of Jesus Christ as the beginning of our Christian faith. I found a beautiful prayer from **St. John XXIII** that speaks of what the Messiah's birth should mean to us:

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*O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.*

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*Put into the hearts of men and women this peace
for which they sometimes seek so desperately
and which you alone can give to them.*

*Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.*

*Awaken in their hearts
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.*

Saint John XXIII

On behalf of the entire
St. Alphonsus Pastoral Staff,
we would like
to wish everyone
a very blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

*Fr. Brian Ardagh, Don Betley, Kevin Cody,
Fr. Tom Hoffman, Carol Levas, Anne Lichtenwalter, Deacon
Bill Lubben, Roseann Lucas, Joe Martorano,
Deacon Terry McGuire, Linda O'Connor, Renee Payne,
Deacon Dan Rittenhouse, Fr. Bob Rohrich,
Melanie Terrazas, and Fr. Lou Zake*

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“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

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Living God's Word

*We live in between the coming of the Messiah and the final fulfillment of salvation.
 What are we to do in this between-time?
 How can we embrace the past, present, and future of God's passionate love for us?
 How can we both sing and bring joy to the world?*

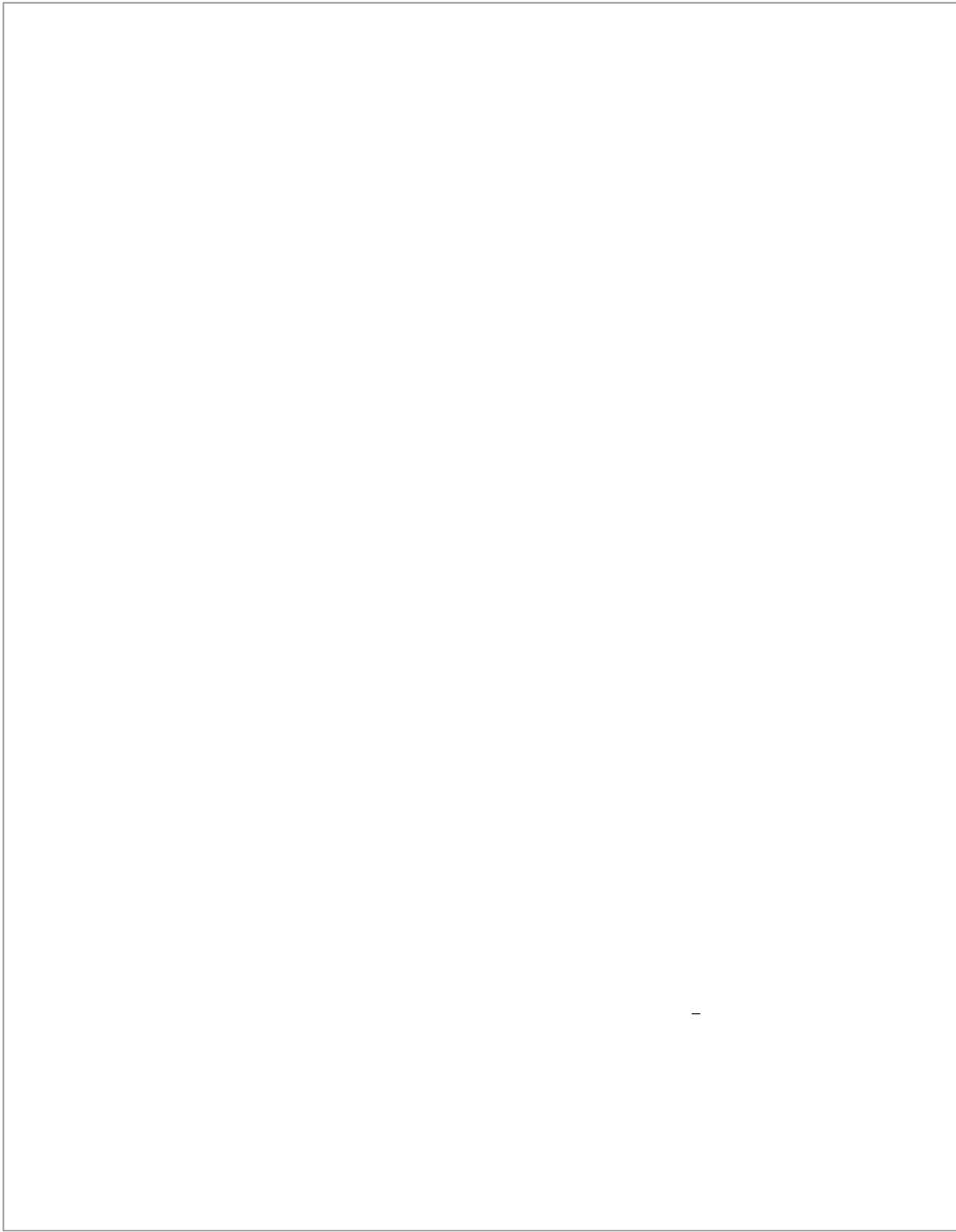
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*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
 — John 1:5*

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Women’s Morning of Reflection
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- Jan. 17, 2017 SS. Cyril & Methodius, Lemont (Vicariate V), 7:30 p.m. Sivore Hall (School Basement)
- Jan. 24, 2017 St. Thomas the Apostle, Chicago (Vicariate VI), 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall
- Feb. 26, 2017 St. Philip the Apostle, Northfield (Vicariate II), After 11:45 a.m. Mass St. John Paul II Rm.
- Mar. 2, 2017 Vicar for Deacons Office, Forest Park, 7:30 p.m. St. Bernadine 816 Marengo Ave.
- Mar. 21, 2017 St. John the Evangelist, Streamwood (Vicariate I), 7:30 p.m. Parish Center
- Mar. 30, 2017 St. Aloysius, Chgo (Vicariate III), 7:30 p.m. Gonzaga Hall 1510 N. Claremont Ave.
- Apr. 6, 2017 University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein (Vicariate I), 7:30 p.m. Prist Center (Building 201P)
- Apr. 21, 2017 University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein (Vicariate I), 7:30 p.m. Prist Center (Building 201P)

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Application Deadline for 2017 - 2018 Aspirancy Path is May 1, 2017.

SOUP
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DECEMBER 30TH
6pm-8pm

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"A Time to be Born through Baptism" — -RKQ 0LFKHO VRQ RI -RQ 0LFKHO 5H

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*The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family.
Strength of character may be acquired at work,
but beauty of character is learned at home.*

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Thank you for your support of our parish.

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Celebrate New Years Eve at the Slovenian Cultural Center!!

14246 Main St. Lemont, IL 60439 630-243-0670

*Cocktails at 7pm Dinner at 8pm
 Entertainment by: Ansambel Veseljaki*

Ticket Prices: \$50 for Adults; \$20 students (ages 14-18)
 Children under 14 free

On the menu...
 Chicken consume
 Leafy green salad
 Roast Beef and gravy
 Fried Chicken
 Potatoes , Green Beans
 Dessert

Midnight Balloon Drop!
 Midnight Snacks!

*Complimentary baby sitting available with:
 Special Balloon Drop for the Children at 9:30pm
 Sparkling Apple Juice to toast the New Year!
 Make your own Party Hat Station!*

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*Let those who never loved before, love now:
 Let those who always loved, love the more.*

Counseling By Fr. Rohrich

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Break out of the Winter Blues & Get to know your fellow parishioners Saturday, January 7th at 6:00 pm

**St. Al's
 Winter Social
 Buffet Dinner
 Drinks
 Live Entertainment***

**Vegas vocal Impressionist whose artistic range includes Rat Pack, Classic Rock, Oldies & Country*

**Hosted by St. Alphonsus Women's Club
 in church hall**

**All parishioners and their guests
 21 and older invited**

\$25 per ticket or 2 for \$40

**Doors open at 6 pm, dinner 6:30 pm.
 Entertainment 7:30 to 10:30 pm.**

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