

# ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## St. Alphonse Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

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### Business Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 8 am - 4 pm

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 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—3:00 to 3:30 pm  
Or by appointment

#### Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated the second and third Sunday of every month.

No Baptisms during Lent

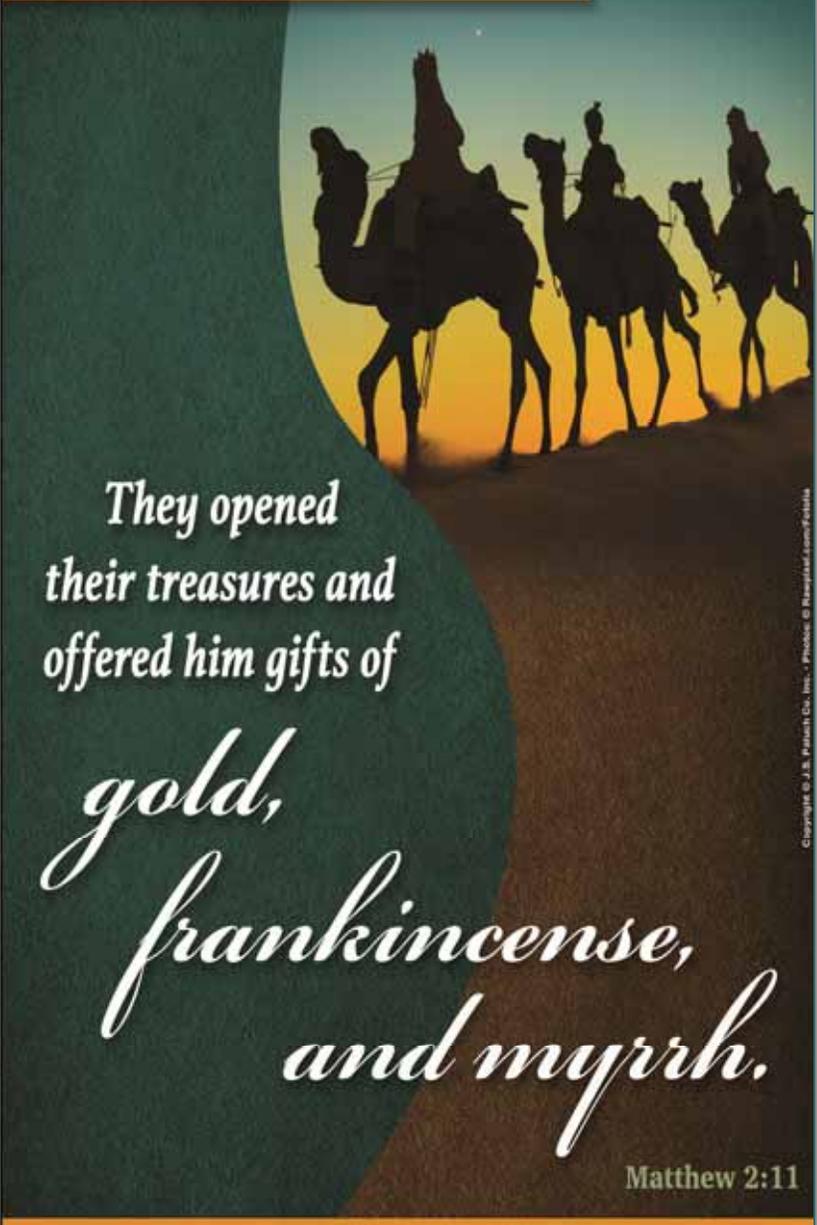
#### Marriage

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

January 8, 2017  
The Epiphany of the Lord



*They opened  
their treasures and  
offered him gifts of  
gold,  
frankincense,  
and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

**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](http://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

Deacon Bill Lubben

*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*

### *Beginning a New Year*

As we enter the early days of 2017, we always take the opportunity to reflect on the past year and the major events that shaped our world. Some of the major events in 2016 included: *the discovery of the Zika virus, Great Britain leaving the European Union, terrorist attacks around the world, Pope Francis meeting with Patriarch Kirill in Cuba (the first time that leaders of the Roman Catholic Church and Russian Orthodox Church have met in almost 1000 years)* and of course, *Donald Trump being elected the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.*

During the summer and fall seasons, we witnessed the "Pokemon Go" phenomenon, the Summer Olympics in Brazil, Hurricane Matthew destroying sections of Haiti, Cuba and the southeast coast of the U.S. and the Chicago Cubs winning their first World Series in over 108 years.

Finally, we lost a number of public figures/celebrities including: Muhammad Ali, David Bowie, Fidel Castro, Carrie Fisher, Sen. John Glenn, Arnold Palmer, Prince, Nancy Reagan and Gene Wilder.

Let us pray for those who may have encountered a difficult 2016 and hope that all of us can enjoy a wonderful 2017!

### *In our thoughts and prayers*

Please keep **Deacon Bill Lubben** and **Fr. Tom Hoffman** in your prayers. Deacon Bill's father, **William Lubben**, passed away on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. His funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Marian Village Chapel in Homer Glen.

As I mentioned last month, Fr. Tom's mother, **Kathryn Hoffman**, passed away on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. The memorial Mass was celebrated on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview. Another memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Church in Lemont at 10:00 a.m..

### *Gluten-Free Hosts*

We are aware that some of our participants at Mass are Gluten-intolerable. For the past number of years, we have offered the opportunity to receive the Eucharist in a Gluten-free form. If you have a medical condition and would prefer to receive the Gluten-free host, we would ask that you please approach the Eucharistic Minister on the right side (the Baptismal font side) of the Church. There is a ciborium with the Gluten-free Eucharist on a table that the Eucharistic Minister will offer to those who approach them.

*Fr. Brian Ardagh*

**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. In this way, 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

They were men in love with the lights of night—astrologers, star-gazers, meaning-makers tuned in to the signs in the heavens, as Matthew tells it. A strange star moving across the sky led them into Israel. Arriving in Jerusalem, they asked where the newborn king of the Jews was, so they could offer homage.

Herod was less than delighted, indeed "greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him," at hearing of a new king on the block (Matthew 2:3). But he assembled the chief priests and the scribes, who remembered that the prophet Micah had proclaimed that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

So they set out again, with Herod's duplicitous request whispered into their ears. The star reappeared and led them to the house where the child and his mother were. Falling down in worship, they offered gifts, and went back home. End of story—as we like to remember it.

Of course, that is not the end. Receiving no word, Herod is enraged and orders the death of all children under the age of two. Joseph, Mary, and the child flee to Egypt. Power does not welcome competition, even in the form of a child.

But God wills all people to know salvation. Jesus came to draw all into the reign of God and to empower them to live the God-life that is the Father's gift. The darkness of evil continues to threaten but it will not overcome as long as there are those who seek the light, follow it, and allow it to lead them to the child.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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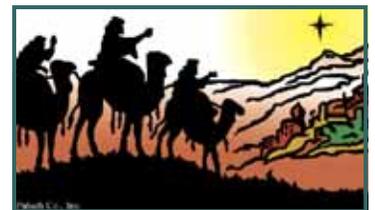
## Living God's Word

*We pray that the light of God's love, shown to us in Jesus Christ  
and placed within us with the gift of faith, may lead others to this same faith.  
We also pray that we may continue our own journey into the mystery of God  
and find Christ waiting for us at journey's end.*

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*They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

— Matthew 2:11b



## THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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# Religious Education Update

## SESSIONS RESUME

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> for **Track A**  
due to cancellation of the 12/11 session.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> for **8C**  
due to rescheduling the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> session.

All other grades on **Track C**  
will resume sessions on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.



## MEET A NEW CATECHIST

Lisa Sarno responded to Viv Brueckman's appeal for an aide with her 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class that includes her daughter, Alexis. Lisa enjoys being able to

help in teaching children the way of Jesus.

## IT HAS BEEN A LONG BREAK!



Children will forget much of what was taught weeks ago, so it would be a good idea to review what they have studied the first semester... especially, if they will be taking their mid-term assessment upon their return! It will help your child's catechist if they have to spend less time reviewing, and can move on to new things.

## LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?



How about one for your family? Whether you are the spiritual leader of your family or a son or daughter, do you think you and your family would benefit this year from committing to attending weekly Mass together, and maybe even find other ways to keep the Sabbath?

If you haven't been able to participate in the Mass on a regular basis up to this point, now is the perfect time to make a renewed effort! As parents, we not only look at how we can make personal changes, but also consider how we can better help our children. We easily prioritize our children's temporal needs: love, protection, food, shelter, good health care, education, extracurricular activity, socialization. Any one of these offers a myriad of opportunities that can direct and mold our child into the kind of adult they will become. The same applies to the spiritual formation of our children. In essence, we hold the key that unlocks the potential for success as both earthly and "saintly" adults. What better opportunity is there than to make weekly Mass a part of their lives? Studies show that children who attend Mass regularly as children will be more likely to attend Mass and practice their faith when they are adults.

Perhaps the most important part of children's spiritual formation is learning how to live out the faith. Catholics live out their faith by coming together as faith community to grow in relationship with God, and, thus, grow in self-awareness and happiness...living life to the full with Jesus!

May your new year be filled with growth and happiness for you and your family!



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## Masterpieces in the Making



Each year, Mrs. Parry guides the eighth grade students on a journey that culminates in a piece of artwork. Like the masterpieces that these student creations emulate, the paintings require several stages and take quite some time to reach their framed display state during Catholic Schools Week. As the students work on the art, they are also journaling in their language arts classes with Mrs. Bruno and applying math skills as they maintain the proportions of their painting on their canvas. Along the way they also employ technology to help with research and to communicate about their overall experience. This amazing learning experience teaches the students about art, about perseverance, about what it really takes to create a masterpiece on canvas that lives on long after the artist, and finally, about themselves and what they are capable of doing. These photos depict some of the early struggles of the student artists as they endeavor to get the colors and proportions just right.



Another part of the journey involves our young artists visiting The Art Institute of Chicago to see real artistic masterpieces and to learn more about the artistic process. There are also some photos of this traditional field trip included here.

The whole school eagerly awaits the finished masterpiece paintings that will be on display at the Art Fair during *Catholic Schools Week that begins with our open house on January 29!*

## Current & Prospective Families Open House

Sunday, January 29, 2017  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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.



Faith Formation  
Academic Achievement  
Moral Responsibility  
Leadership



### A "NOTE" FROM THE DIRECTOR



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the singers and instrumentalists who once again made St. Alphonsus come alive with beautiful music for our Christmas Masses.

It is always extra special for me when so many of our young adults come home from college or their new-found professional lives to still be a part of "Mr. Joe's Church Band" or find the place they have stood and sung since their days in the Children's Choir. It is this kind of love for Our Lord and this Parish that has made Music Ministry at St. Alphonsus so special for generations!

Mr. Joseph Martorano



### Eucharistic Adoration

Would you like to spend some time in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? St. Alphonsus Parish offers Eucharistic

Adoration every Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus Chapel. The chapel is located on the corner of Logan and Walnut. The entrance is off the St. Alphonsus Church parking lot. You can stay for as short or long a time as you desire. Give your soul the refreshment it needs by spending some quiet time with our Lord.

### Religious Freedom and Sanctity of Life

Join us every Wednesday at 3:00pm at St. Alphonsus Chapel to pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for both of the above. We are living in trying times so we must all try to do the most we can to protect our freedoms and support life from conception to natural death. What better way to do it than to pray and then let God.

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Department of Stewardship and Development  
835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611-2030  
tel 312.534.5353 archchicago.org

### A WILL IS A GIFT TO THOSE YOU LOVE

A properly prepared will is a gift because it makes the distribution of your estate very clear and eliminates difficult decision making. Join the Archdiocese of Chicago and St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Parish for Creating a Will Workshop.

**Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 7 p.m.**  
**St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Parish, 17500 South 84th Avenue in Tinley Park,**  
**in the large meeting room**

Hear from estate planning experts on how to establish your legacy. Whether you think you have enough money or assets to need a will or not, you actually do – regardless of your age or stage in life.

#### CREATING A WILL ALLOWS YOU TO

- Pass on your values
- Save yourself and your beneficiaries time and money
- Have peace of mind

This is a free event, but registration is required.

Please RSVP to Deacon Joe Stalcup at 708.342.2400 or e-mail [dcnjoe@ststephentinley.com](mailto:dcnjoe@ststephentinley.com) by January 15.

### MOTHER MARY'S MOMENTS



Please join us on the phone, a conference call, in prayer for our nation. The phone number is 605-475-4000 with an access code 449465#. (Be sure to press # sign after the access code.) We will be saying the rosary every week on Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm Central Time until January 18,

2017. Before each Hail Mary, we implore Jesus to cover each state with His Divine grace and protection. Every Our Father is preceded with a prayer intention for the branches of our government. Everyone on the phone is muted except the two ladies that lead the rosary.



## Lemont Pro Life Ministry

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION — FIVE MONTHS OLD

I am five months old and my mother often feels me move now. For her to feel me, I had to grow big and strong enough to kick the outside wall of my mother's womb hard enough — I weigh almost one pound so I'm getting bigger. I can hear my Mommy's heartbeat. The smooth, rhythmic sound comforts me. Loud sounds startle me. I have dreams. Each side of my brain now has a billion nerve cells. At my age, I can feel pain. I hope I won't have to though. Please keep praying for me. I really appreciate it.



### 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 **January we will collect "paper products —toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, napkins."** 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.



Bethany Lutheran Church—  
500 Lemont Street, Lemont

December 28, 2016

Dear St. Alphonsus Parishioners,

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

The monthly support received from the St. Alphonsus family enables us to assist those in need in our community throughout the year. Your generosity enables our clients to choose the items they need so they can provide for their families.

Thank you for remembering the families of the Open Pantry.

Bethany Open Pantry Committee



### JOYFUL AGAIN FOR WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope and joy again.

There will be a retreat/workshop January 21 & 22, 2017, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus.) Includes overnight and meals.

Joyful Again Widowed Ministry  
1-708-354-7211

You can also see our video on our website:  
www.joyfulagain.org or email us at  
joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

### Sisters of St. Francis

#### "Celebrating Mercy in our Everyday Lives" Women's Morning of Reflection Wednesday ~ January 11th ~ 10 am - 1:30 pm

- Morning of Reflection includes prayer, meditation and a time for sharing
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served \$20 Donation requested
- Event is hosted by Our Lady of Angels Ministries and takes place on the Mount Assisi Campus (13820 Main St., Lemont). Depending on the number of attendees, the Morning of Reflection will be held in the Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer or the Mount Assisi building

RSVP by January 9th to Carrie Peters  
carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net

## January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

As January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry and our Pastor Father Jacek Wrona invite you to a presentation on **Tuesday January 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm** with Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart, who will discuss his office’s work with Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation.

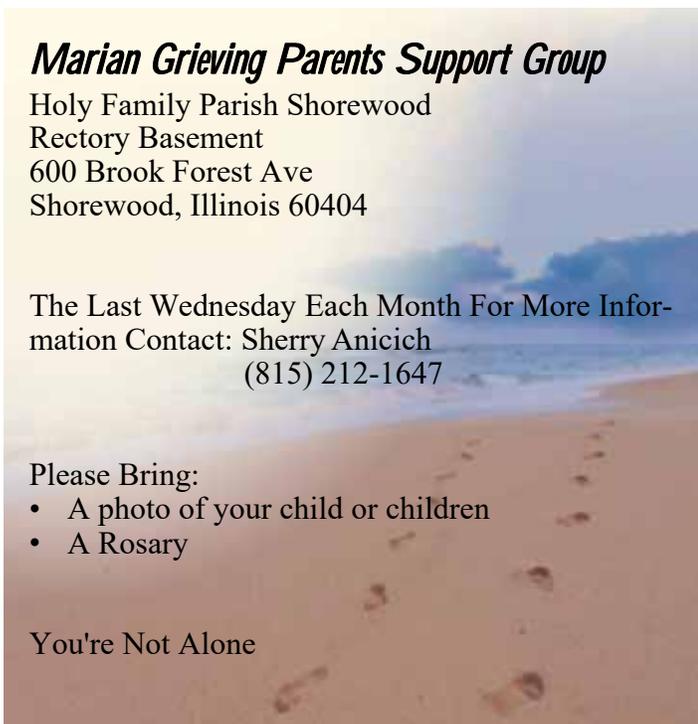
### Sheriff Thomas Dart

Sheriff Dart reformed the way Sheriff’s Police handle prostitution arrests– steering prostitutes toward rehabilitative services through the Sheriff’s Women’s Justice Program rather than jail. Sheriff Dart also launched a national campaign to target the “johns” who solicit sex and highlight their roles as catalysts for the sex trade. Since its first operation in 2011, the “National Day of Johns Arrests” has grown to include more than 80 law enforcement nationwide partners who have combined for 5,894 johns arrests. The Child Exploitation Unit, also founded under Dart, actively pursues child pornography and human trafficking cases; such work provided the foundation for his advocacy and awareness initiatives regarding websites such as Craigslist, which ultimately led to the removal of the “Adult Services” section previously listed on their website. Sheriff Dart continues to shine a light on the internet’s role in the facilitation of the sex trade while pushing for policy and legal strategies to protect the victims trafficked on the internet.

Father Charles Dahm, the Archdiocesan Director of Domestic Violence Outreach, will be our moderator.  
[https://www.familyministries.org/resources/index.asp?c\\_id=147&t\\_id=114](https://www.familyministries.org/resources/index.asp?c_id=147&t_id=114)

**This event will be held at:**  
**Sacred Heart Church, Moscow Center**  
**8245 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465**

**RSVP or any questions, please contact Elizabeth Droel at 708-974-3336, X250**  
**or droel@sacredheartpalos.org**



***Marian Grieving Parents Support Group***  
 Holy Family Parish Shorewood  
 Rectory Basement  
 600 Brook Forest Ave  
 Shorewood, Illinois 60404

The Last Wednesday Each Month For More Information Contact: Sherry Anicich  
 (815) 212-1647

Please Bring:

- A photo of your child or children
- A Rosary

You're Not Alone

<b>PREGNANT? NEED HELP?</b>	
Waterleaf Women’s Center	630-702-6270
National Birthright	1-800-848-LOVE
National Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-535-9947
National Adoption Hotline	1-202-463-7563
Rachael’s Vineyard	1-866-99-4-GIVE
Natural Family Planning	1-312-534-8351
DuPage Catholic Charities Children’s Services	630-495-6864
Southwest Region Chicago Catholic Charities Children Services	708-430-0428
The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-NO-ABORT 1-800-67-BABY-6
Woman’s Choice Services	630-261-9221
Project Gabriel	1-877-734-2444

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

**“A Time to be Born through Baptism”** — Kylie Rose daughter of Tom and Lucy Walsh

**“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
Ray DeNardis	Baby Scarlett	John Garrison	Ashley Smith Kitzer	Marilyn Ransford
Donna Murphy	O’Neill	Gladys Togliatti	Dan Herzing	David Nenn
Donald Boza	Michael Haller	Gertrude Smith	Mary Woods	Jim Kulikauskas
Shirley Cerniuk	Marie Wietrzycki	John Ruppert	Mary Ende	Steve Counter
Harrison Renz	Jerry Sofinowski	Brayden Edward	Michael S.	Victoria Annarino
	Amy Hoppes	Gene Malak		Edward & Megan Kolpecki

**“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
Alex Sullivan, USA, New York	Jacob Christine, US Navy	Kevin Parker, USA, Iraq
	Jake Hoffman, US Army	And all who serve our country.

**“A Time to Die”** --

Mary Kowalik and William E. Lubben, Deacon Bill Lubben’s father  
The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.

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

**Mid-Life Singles  
(mid– 30s to 50s)**

**Looking to start 2017 off with a renewed  
sense of purpose and belonging?**

Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on February 17-19. Take a chance and get involved . . . This is one New Year’s resolution you won’t regret! Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room.

For more information call 312-532-8286, email: [Reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:Reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com), or visit the website:

[www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) for details.

**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. Please call, 630-257-9235.

**Are You Registered?**

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment in all its dimensions. It also brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, or when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor.

Registering here is very simple. You can go to our web page, [www.st-als.org](http://www.st-als.org), look under “Parish Registration,” and fill out the needed information. You can come into the office and fill out a registration form. If your time is limited, you can take the form home and return it via the collection basket on Sundays or mail it to the office.

A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings. Church law advises that territories or boundaries no longer limit parish registration. We accept anyone who wants to share in the life of our parish regardless of where they live.

Remember that you need to be a registered parishioner to partake in all the services that St. Alphonsus offers. Why not sign up? You are surely welcome!

## Weekly Offering

December 24 & 25, 2016

Christmas	\$51,673.51
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 935.47
Surplus (Deficit)	\$39,739.98
Last Year's Collection	\$54,812.00

December 31 & January 1, 2017

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday Collection	\$10,625.50
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,258.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,177.00
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 191.50
Fiscal Year to Date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 6,361.47)
Last Year's weekly Collection	\$ 9,219.00

*Thank you for your support of our parish.*

## Income Tax Statements

Once again we will only send tax statements to those parishioners who request them, so if you need your statement for Income Tax purposes, please either fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket, mail it or bring it to the office, or you may also call the office. Thank you.

### St. Alphonsus Donation

Please send me a copy of my donations to St. Alphonsus for 2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_



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

Let's pack the place! Join us **Monday, January 9th** 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. It's an easy way to help out our beloved school and spend time with family and friends.

## 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 Attn. 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, 630-257-2414.

### Electronic Funds Transfer Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, January 7

4:00 pm — Phyllis Josephitis — *Paul & Bev Malak*  
 Hank Henry — *Gasperec Family*  
 Maria & Betty Zbela — *Anna Capijak*

## Sunday, January 8

7:30 am — Dolores Betley — *Don & Barb Betley*  
 James Koski — *Family*  
 Randy Nowak — *Jack & Mary Czech*  
 9:00 am — Lucille Perry — *Lichtenwalter/Kinnunen*  
 Bridie O’Riordan — *Liam & Pam Ardagh*  
 11:00 am — Robert & Jean Lindauer — *Rita Lindauer*  
 Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 (Mass at St. Patrick Church)

## Monday, January 9

7:30 am — Albert Ipema — *Bill & MaryAnne Doherty*

## Tuesday, January 10

7:30 am — Healing for Zita Kulekowskis — *Bill & MaryAnne Doherty*

## Wednesday, January 11

7:30 am — Carol Pakeltis — *Al Pakeltis*

## Thursday, January 12

7:30 am — Lorraine Clark — *Dan & Gisela Rittenhouse*  
 Randy Nowak — *Kathy Vavra*

## Friday, January 13

7:30 am — Therese Kepuramis — *Bill & MaryAnne Doherty*

## Saturday, January 14

4:00 pm — Jim Belline — *Piekosz Family*  
 Bernie Kucharski — *Wife*  
 Phyllis Josephitis — *Romano Family*

## Sunday, January 15

7:30 am — Isabelle Murphy — *Sandra & James O’Shaughnessy*  
 Barbara Maloney — *Pat & Jim Browne*  
 Gertrude M. Berent — *Jim & Donna Berent*  
 9:00 am — Rosalie Pankow — *Fr. Brian & Staff*  
 Robert Ploucek — *Maria Tam*  
 Mary Kowalik — *St. Alphonsus Parish*  
 11:00 am — Billy Lukas — *Litoborski Family*  
 Kathryn Hoffman — *Renee Payne*  
 Jim Koski — *Irene Koski*  
 5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 (Mass at St. Patrick Church)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**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
Jan. 14	4:00 pm	B. Waligorski	G. August A. Pascente D. Josephitis B. Israel	K. Hamilton W. Tarazi	Bell Choir
Jan. 15	7:30 am	B. Betley	D. Betley C. Kuhlman S. Kostas	Kostas Family	
	*9:00 am	Young People’s Mass	M. McGuire M. McGuire K. Lambrakis R. Haubner (C) E. Bruno (C)	I. McGuire J. Yabush	Parish Choir
	11:00 am	J. Chiaramonte	D. Chiaramonte D. Kornacker S. Turner D. Rittenhouse	A. Ward E. Todner	Keyboard & Cantor
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat’s				

\* Communion under both species

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## Gather Hymnal

### Glendalough Mass

Gloria #261  
 Gospel Acclamation #262  
 Holy, Holy #263  
 Memorial Acclamation #265(B)  
 Great Amen #267  
 Lamb of God #269