



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: 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

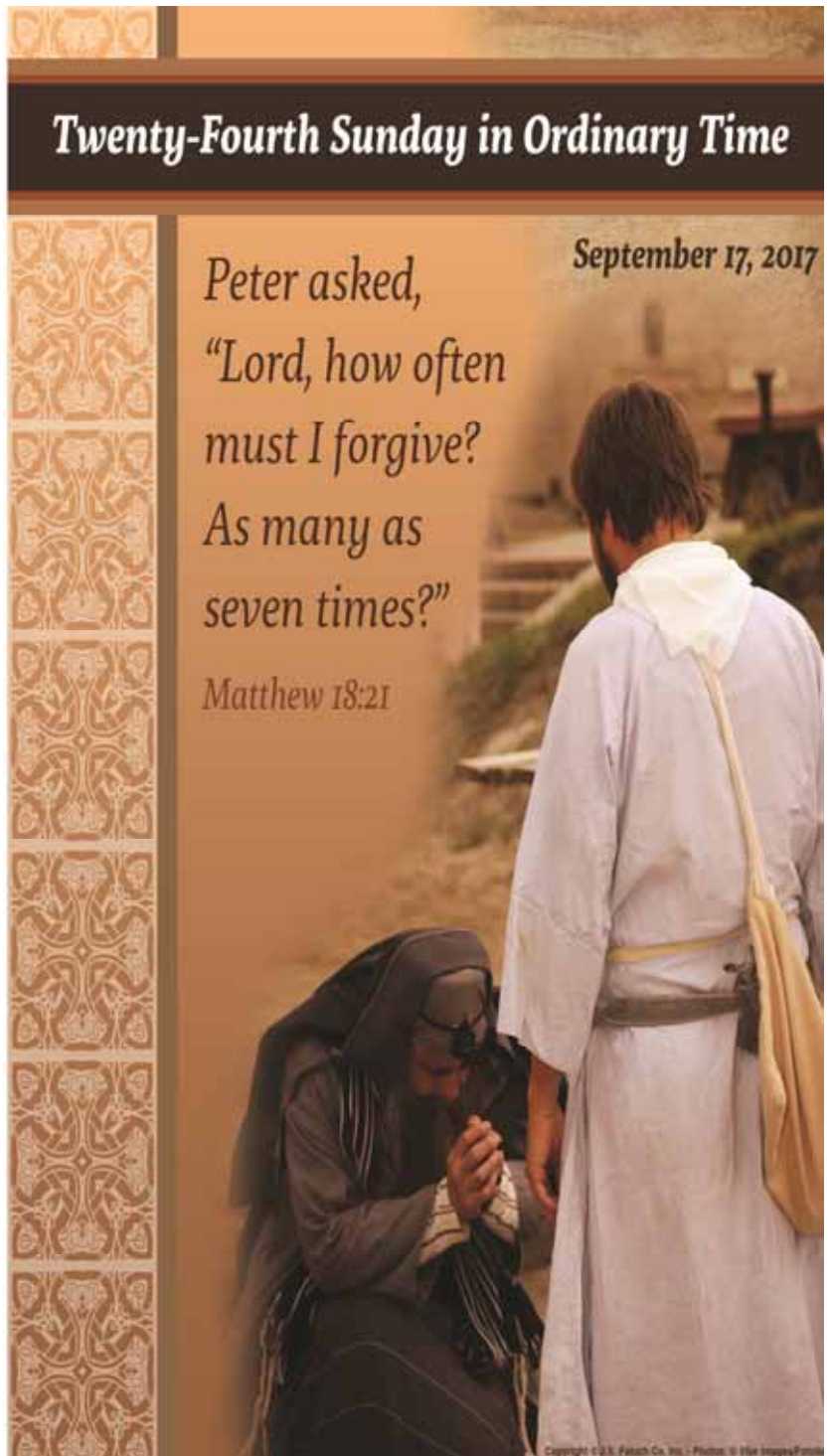
Contact the office, 257-2414 to receive a visit from a Minister of Care

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

Peter asked,
“Lord, how often
must I forgive?
As many as
seven times?”

Matthew 18:21



**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

Part-time 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:

Robert Priest

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

Hurricane Relief Support

Last weekend we had taken a second collection for Catholic Charities USA in support the victims of the various hurricanes this year. I had mentioned that we would also like to help any local support groups as well. One program that assists survivors of natural disasters try to cope with rebuilding their homes is "*Hope's On the Way*" by the Office of the Chicago Diaconate. It is a faith-based volunteer group of 2nd Responders who bring hope to people in need.

If you would like to support this ministry, please send your donations to:

Office of the Chicago Diaconate

Hurricane Response 2017

816 Marengo Ave. Forrest Park, IL 60130

Catechetical Sunday

This weekend we focus on those people who do a wonderful job in sharing the Good News with our community in the form of our Catechists. This weekend the Archdiocese of Chicago celebrates **Catechetical Sunday** and we thank those who dedicate their time, patience and energy in our different parish programs.

Please offer a prayer of thanks for our teachers in our St. Alphonsus/ St. Patrick School and those catechists in our **Religious Education** program, our **SPRED** (*Special Religious Development*) program, our **R.C.I.A.** (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) and **R.C.I.C.** (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Children*) programs.

Each of these programs offers a wonderful ministry to the parishioners of St. Alphonsus Church and to people in our surrounding areas. If you have ever had a desire to be a catechist in any of these areas, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office or the Religious Education Office.

This is a beautiful prayer from the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* for our catechists this weekend as we celebrate their ministry of sharing the Catholic faith with others!

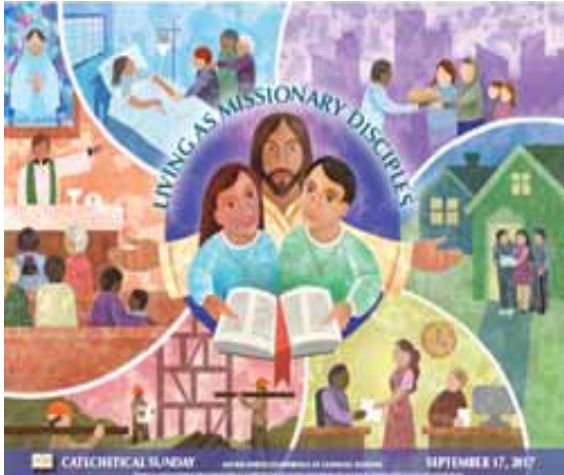
*Lord God,
source of all wisdom and knowledge,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us
and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations.
In your goodness, bless our brothers and sisters
who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church.
Strengthen them with your gifts
that they may teach by word and by example
the truth that comes from you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.*

R.C.I.A.

On **Tuesday, September 19th**, the parishes of St. Alphonsus, St. Patrick and SS. Cyril and Methodius will begin the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a wonderful program that prepares adults for the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist through presentations, discussions and prayer. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings here at St. Alphonsus Church at 7:00 p.m. until May.

If you know of someone has never received the sacraments of Baptism or Holy Communion and they would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, please encourage them to join us! If you have any questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, **Linda O'Connor**, at (630) 257-2414.

Fr. Brian Ardagh



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

RCIA Classes Begin Soon

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized Catholic but never formed in the faith? Have you never been baptized? Were you baptized in another Christian denomination but interested in the Catholic faith?

If you, or someone you know, can answer "yes" to one of the above questions, RCIA may be what you are looking for. RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a program for adults who were never baptized, baptized and formed in another faith tradition, or baptized Catholics but didn't receive the other sacraments of initiation, and now would like to explore the possibility of fully entering the Catholic Church. Sessions meet on Tuesday evenings and begin in September.

For more information, call Linda at 630-257-2414 or email at loconnor@st-als.org.



SPRED NEEDS

There are many ways we can grow in our faith. The SPRED (special religious development) program is one way. It is a faith development program for people with developmental and intellectual challenges.

The St. Alphonsus SPRED group is in need of catechists. This group works with adults (22 and older) who have special needs - mental disabilities, down syndrome, autism and its spectrum, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and learning problems no matter their abilities. We build a small community of faith by sharing our life experiences. We are also working to begin the SPRED program once again at St. Patrick's for the 17 – 21 age group. We have two friends waiting to become involved again. However, we need adult volunteers. To find out more about this ministry please come to a SPRED informational meeting on Monday, September 18th, 7 pm, at St. Pat's religious ed building, room 8. We would also like to know the families of children, teens, young adults, and adults with special needs. Please open your hearts and discover SPRED by attending the meeting. Attending the meeting is not a commitment. Listen, ask questions and make your own decision. If you have any questions, please call Carol at 630-257-2414.

33 Days to Morning Glory – A Modern-Day Marian Consecration

Join us on November 2nd as we begin a 33-day journey toward Marian Consecration called "33 Days to Morning Glory". For six weeks, we will reflect on the lives and writings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II.

From the comfort of your home, you'll read a couple of pages each day to learn from these saints how to grow closer to Jesus through Mary. Throughout the day you will have a few words of wisdom from the featured saint to keep in mind and reflect upon.

Once a week, beginning on November 2nd, we'll meet on Thursday evenings to discuss our weekly readings and watch a thirty-minute video by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. To join, please contact Linda O'Connor at the parish office or at loconnor@st-als.org. Participants will receive a retreat book and retreat guide, rosary, prayer cards, miraculous medal and consecration certificate. Cost is \$15.



Religious Education Update

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18

If returning families can't locate your application form, just contact the RE Office for a replacement. Families who have an open tuition balance, and have not worked out 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 on a journey with Christ within a supportive faith community. Visit our website, www.st-als.org, for information on our programs.

SESSIONS START NEXT WEEK



CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE

School-aged children who have not been baptized, or in 3rd grade or above 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.

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS

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

Sunday Track: Tuesday, Sept. 19th
 Wednesday Track: Wednesday, Sept. 20th

YOU CAN DO IT!

We have good faith-filled people who have an inclination to help out as a catechist, but hesitate. See the following obstacles in following through to answer God's call to this ministry...

"...I don't know if I have the time." Being a catechist is definitely a time commitment. Most of our catechists are have busy lives, but because they see the importance of this ministry for our children, they make time. Maybe right now you'd like to serve as a catechist's aide to get a feel for what this is like.

"...I don't know if I can handle a group of kids. I don't know if kids will like me." Everyone is nervous about the prospect of going into a classroom to teach. The good news is that the children already know how to behave in a classroom from being at school. They know what acceptable behavior is and what it is not. If you are friendly, fair, and firm with your students, classroom discipline becomes easy.

"...I don't know if I'll be able to answer kids' questions." Our textbooks are very easy to use and the answers to most questions you will be asked will come from the text. However, sometimes, kids come up with really excellent questions that are not all that easy to answer. There is absolutely nothing wrong with saying, "I don't know, but I'll find out and tell you next time we meet." Then, after class, you can just walk down to the Religious Ed Office and Mr. Cody will help you with the answer.

We are in need of good people to make some time for our children as catechists for the following classes...

Sunday Track (8:45-10:15am): 4th, 5th Wednesday Track (6:00 – 7:30pm): 3rd, 4th

If you feel called to join us on our 2017-18 journey, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

CATECHIST MEETING

Our catechist team will have an orientation meeting on Monday, Sept. 18th at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.



All those who teach the Catholic faith and share the Church's teachings are catechists. Parents are their children's first catechists. Individuals who teach others about Jesus by the way they live are catechizing, too. Catechetical Sunday is this weekend. It is an opportunity to thank catechists for the work that they do. It is also an opportunity for catechists and parents to reflect on their call to share and live out their faith. Teach your child about the role of a catechist. Identify the catechists present in your family's life and discuss the role of these people in your community. If you come across a catechist today, please make a point to personally express your gratitude to her/him.

We thank God for all those who have taught us about God's Word and the Catholic Church. May God bless them in a special way today. We ask God to help us to share with others the Good News of His Word and our Catholic faith too.

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Patrick School**
Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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Our St. Al/St. Pat's School annual Magazine Drive began this week and runs through Thursday, September 28. Students can win prizes, and school families earn credits toward their fundraising obligation by selling subscriptions. Magazines, both paper and/or digital editions, range from such topics as family, news, sports, and pets to home & garden, health & fitness, beauty, lifestyle, kids and teens. Don't need a magazine for yourself? You can still support us by supporting the Humane Society, USO, World Vision or Save the Children as the "magazine title" on your order form. Contact any of our school children for an order form and catalog, or the school office at 630-783-2220.

As part of their Leadership Mass, the eighth grade class of 2018 pledged to live the Celtic Mission by example of faith, love, peace, humility and charity. They prepared for this commitment by reading and listening to speeches by prominent Americans and leaders of our Church; they examined the characteristics of



effective leaders. Although they know that they are still learning, they pledged to do their best to be leaders for the school and for their younger classmates. Throughout the year our eighth grade leaders will help us understand the gifts we have been given by God and how He expects us to use them to live our theme, *We Are One Body*. They will help us work together to make our school community and our world a better place.

Second Graders are wrapping up a few science experiments this week. We proved that roots send water up to the rest of the plant. We put food coloring and water in a cup with celery. Look at those red and blue leaves! We also showed how important it is to wash our hands. The bread that everyone touched began to grow mold, while the untouched specimen remains clean.



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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 nineteenth year at St. Alphonsus. I truly feel blest. A "harsh" reality of this, however, is the loneliness I feel when many of our wonderful young adult musicians head back to college or beyond. Many of them have been serving Our Lord with me 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 choirs and instrument ensembles could use your talents and time. I know there are wonderful voices sitting in the pews because I can hear you! If you enjoy singing as part of your worship, please allow me to find a way for you to share your gift with our parish community. The Instrument Ensemble also needs additional string instruments, flutes, clarinets, and low 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 if we are to continue this tradition.

Fr. Brian, the Worship Commission, and I have spoken at length regarding this need. We have initiated a few changes that we hope will make participating in music ministry possible for new members. This year, we will have a small choral ensemble at the 11:00 Mass the first two Sundays of each month. Both singers and instrumentalists are welcome. The music selected for Liturgy will be a mixture of contemporary with traditional. I am hoping this ensemble will encourage those who prefer attending that Mass to increase their prayerful participation with us. Rehearsals for this choir will coincide with the Parish Choir on Thursday evenings at 7:30. The Children's Choir will sing at the 11:00AM Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Rehearsals for this Mass will begin at 10:10AM just prior to the Mass in the choir loft. Later this fall I will announce a time for (3) one-hour rehearsals for children wishing to sing at the 3:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. The Hand Bell Choir will play at the 4:00 pm Mass on the second Saturdays of the month and the 11:00AM MASS on the fourth Sundays of each month. Rehearsal times are 6:00-7:15 on Thursdays and 30 minutes prior to an assigned Mass. We welcome children and adults to consider this ministry as well. The Parish Choir will continue to sing at the 9:00 Mass all Sundays of the month with some members also assisting at the 11:00AM MASS-ES. We are in need of additional volunteer cantors for non-choir Masses. Training will be one-on-one or in small groups. All else will remain the same.

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

Yours Musically In Christ

Joseph Martorano, Director of Music Ministry



Have you been affected by cancer?



Faith-Based Cancer Support Group Coming

Monday, September 25th at 6:30 pm
St. Alphonsus Church — in the Parish Center
(Corner of Logan & Walnut, Walnut Entrance)

Through this program sponsored by St. Alphonsus Parish and supported by community members from various church denominations, those touched by cancer are accompanied on their journey with the hope of getting their needs met with various forms of assistance, including spiritual counsel that is specific to a cancer patient, caregiver, or loved one. We are partnering with the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, the Wellness House in Hinsdale, and Hope & Friendship Foundation's Team Compassion.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a faith-based cancer support group, it is our mission to offer hope to patients, survivors, families, and all those affected by cancer through fellowship, prayer, information, and resources.

GOAL STATEMENT

To provide a safe and loving place for participants to express their feelings, share their stories, and have an opportunity to seek God's grace.

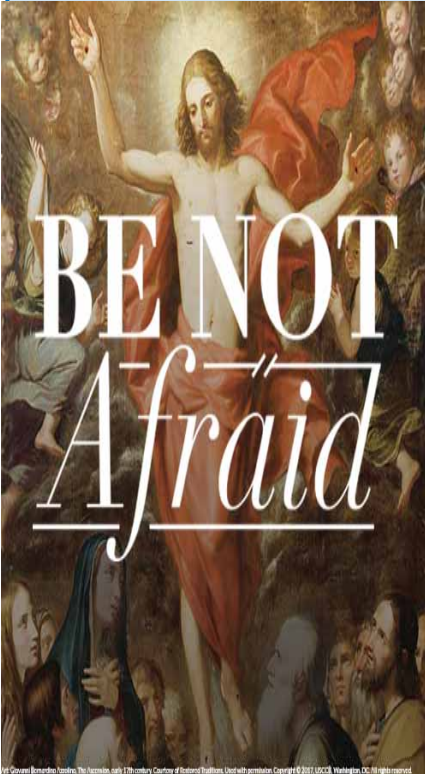
QUESTIONS?

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630-335-3225

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Kevin Cody  
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## October 2017—Respect Life Month “BE NOT AFRAID”

### Spare Change Can Help – Baby Bottle Project Weekend of October 1st –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 Chicagoland, which benefits mothers and babies.

Please take a baby bottle home with you the weekend of September 30th & October 1st, 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 on the above weekend.

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.

### PRO-LIFE PROCESSION

Sunday, October 1st, 3:00 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 past 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 3:00 to pray the rosary. In the event of bad weather, a prayer service will be held at St. Alphonsus Church at 3:00 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 27th til November 5th, Christians pray, fast and come together in peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion. Join us on October 7th 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.**



The teens will be meeting on **Sunday, Sept. 24th, from 6 to 8 pm St. Pat's.**

They will be working on a service project.



## 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 **September we will collect: "breakfast items such as cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, etc."** 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.



## LEARNING ABOUT OUR IMMIGRANTS AND MIGRANT NEIGHBORS

*Vicariate V Ministry Commission*

### Sponsors

### **PART I – LEARNING ABOUT OUR IMMIGRANTS AND MIGRANT NEIGHBORS**

**FULLY WELCOMING... FULLY CATHOLIC:**

**A FOUR-PART SERIES ON BEING THE CHURCH IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

**Saint Xavier University — 3700 W. 103rd Street in Chicago, IL 60655**

Sunday, September 17, 2017

5:30 pm – Reception in the Butler Room

6 pm – Speaker / Presentation in the Butler Room

8 pm – Mass in the McDonough Chapel

This workshop will be facilitated by Rev. Gary Graf

This four-part series seeks to identify those who might not feel fully welcome in the Catholic Church today: the immigrant/migrant population, 'modern' families, women, and the LGBTQ community. We gather, not to solve any problems, but as people of faith – to listen, to bear witness to Christ, and to perhaps walk away with a deeper understanding of our neighbors.

Rev. Gary Graf is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He now serves as pastor of St. Procopius Parish. Prior to St. Procopius, he was pastor of St. Gall Parish in Chicago, and at Holy Family Parish in Waukegan. Fr. Gary loves working with Spanish-speaking communities, young adults, and those who are in greatest need. As a young priest, Fr. Gary worked in small villages in Mexico.



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

**“A Time to be Born through Baptism” —** Emerson Teresa daughter of Earl & Stephanie Berry  
Regan Marie daughter of Brandon & Mary Feeley

**“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony” — Congratulations to:** Kyle Adams & Erica Aguinaga

**“A Time to Heal” —**

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|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Joetta Karlos   | Baby Kenneth     | Dorothy Goushas  | Melanie Williams    | Patricia Dedek            |
| Mary Tadda      | Greg Hoger       | Robert Trock     | Karl Knasiak        | Carson Lee Umentum        |
| Ray DeNardis    | Michael Haller   | Ken Convalle     | Ashley Smith Kitzer | David Nenn                |
| Donna Murphy    | Marie Wietrzycki | John Garrison    | Dan Herzing         | Jim Kulikauskas           |
| Donald Boza     | Jerry Sofinowski | Gladys Togliatti | Mary Woods          | Charlene Counter          |
| Shirley Cerniuk | Amy Hoppes       | Gertrude Smith   | Mary Ende           | Victoria Annarino         |
| Harrison Renz   | Gene Malak       | John Ruppert     | Michael Bromberek   | Edward & Megan<br>Kolpeck |
| John Rossi      | Lisa Ring        | Brayden Edward   | Bob Jordan          | Donald Rittenhouse        |
| Susan Lucheon   | George Repchak   | Fran Urban       | Dan Nimtzt          | Cecilia Augustyn          |
|                 | Lorraine Repchak | Anne Van Meter   | Fran Berst          | Anita Bromberek           |
|                 | Trevor Pavey     | Shannahon        | Tony Goode          |                           |

**“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             |
| Jake Hoffman, US Army               | Jacob Christine, US Navy        | And all who serve our country. |

**“Time to Die” —**

Eileen Deasy  
The military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.  
**Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —  
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

**Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry  
invite you to our  
Silent Witness Exhibit,  
Sunday September 24, 2017 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.**

The silhouettes represent local victims whose lives were taken by domestic violence. The objective of the exhibit is to bring awareness and provide information to our community about domestic violence. For the past twenty years, the Exhibits have been the most powerful way to honor those whose lives were lost in acts of domestic violence and to begin the healing process through awareness, education and treatment programs in hundreds of communities across America and several other countries, worldwide.

The Exhibit is a visual representation consisting of life-sized, red laminated silhouettes of the women, men and children murdered in acts of domestic violence during a specific period within each state, county or city. The goal of each Exhibit is to create an engaging display that will rally community support to grieve the losses of human life, create awareness and education materials and programs by collaborating with concerned and passionate members of your local community.

**Remember My Story. Remember My Name.**

In 1990, the Silent Witness Initiative began promoting and education to support an end to domestic violence through community based exhibits. It started with a small group of volunteers in one state and grew into an international presence, with projects in all 50 states and 23 countries.

Silent Witness International is the leading voice that honors the lives of domestic violence homicide victims through family support, community connections, and advocacy for change. Many men and women die each year in acts of domestic violence in the United States. Each one has a story. Join our efforts to end this tragedy. <http://www.silentwitness.net/> Because we need to remember their stories. We need to remember their names.



Family members will speak for our silhouettes.  
Survivors of Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault will share their stories.  
Senator Bill Cunningham will speak on legislation.  
There will be community outreach resources providing information.  
We will hold a candlelight vigil at the close of our exhibit to honor the victims of domestic violence.

This event will be held at: **Sacred Heart Church, Moscow Center, 8245 W. 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465**  
Any questions, please contact Elizabeth Droel at 708-974-3336 ext. 250 or [droel@sacredheartpalos.org](mailto:droel@sacredheartpalos.org).

## Weekly Offering

September 9 & 10, 2017

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Week's Need                   | \$ 12,869.00  |
| Sunday Collection             | \$ 8,551.07   |
| Electronic Fund (EFT)         | \$ 7,003.23   |
| Surplus (Deficit)             | \$ 2,685.30   |
| Fiscal Year to Date           |               |
| Surplus (Deficit)             | (\$ 2,329.44) |
| Last Year's Weekly Collection | \$ 9,002.00   |

*Thank you for your support of our parish.*

### Join us for Back to School Movie Night, featuring... SING!



Friday, September 22  
Doors @ 6PM, show time 7PM  
St. Alphonsus / St. Patrick School  
20W145 Davey Road, Lemont

All parish families welcome...  
bring a friend!

PJ's encouraged! Bring your own chairs,  
blankets and peanut free snacks.

### Women's Centers Pro-life Challenge Event to Save Babies!



Looking for fun? Up for a challenge? Come, join The Women's Center on Saturday, September 23rd for our Pro-Life Challenge! Family-friendly activities include a SK Walk/Fun

Run, Bike Route and an actual Wiffle Ball Tournament! A \$35 minimum pledge includes a commemorative T-shirt, snacks, picnic lunch, prizes and more.

The event will be held this year in one location: Caldwell Woods, 6200 Devon Ave., (Devon and Milwaukee) in Chicago. Check-in begins at 7:00am; Rosary begins at 8:00am, Walk/Bike begins at 8:30am; Wiffle Ball Tournament at 10:30am followed by a picnic lunch.

For information and registration, visit our website at [www.GoTWC.org](http://www.GoTWC.org). Follow the links to register, download a copy of the flyer, or create your own webpage and collect pledges through social media. You can also phone us at 773-794-1313.

Can't join us in person? Register as a 11Virtual participant 11 ! Every dollar raised helps save another baby from abortion and allows The Women's Centers to offer counseling and support to those moms who critically need assistance.



### SENIOR KINDRED SPIRITS

If you are 55 and older and like to have some fun and laughs, come enjoy good food at the next Senior Kindred Spirits meeting. Lunch is catered by Ali Tucker for a reasonable fee of \$7.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26 at 11:30 am in the St. Alphonsus Parish Center. Please call Kelly Margalus at 630-257-5356 by Thursday, September 21 if you are planning on attending this meeting.



### Soup Kitchen Friday, September 29th

Food donations are needed to prepare dinner for the residents at Daybreak Soup Kitchen, Joliet.

Contact Jackie Papiernik (630)243-9358 if you are able to donate any of the items listed below.

Thank you.

- 20 lbs. Ground Beef
- 10 pkgs. Lipton Spanish Rice
- 15 pkgs. Flour Tortillas (12 per bag)
- 4 (24oz.) Cans Refried Beans
- 15 pkgs. Taco Seasoning
- 2 (64 oz.) Medium Salsa
- 3 cans Sliced Jalapeno Peppers
- 3(2lb.) bags Cheddar Cheese
- 4 boxes Chicken Taquitas
- 6 pints Sour Cream
- 3 Heads Lettuce
- 1 bag Onions
- 40 Plum Tomatoes
- 2 lrg. Bags Tortilla Chips
- 2 containers Pre-sweetened Lemonade or Kool-Aid
- Assorted Fresh Fruit for fruit salad, (grapes, pineapple, melon, berries, watermelon)
- Fresh home baked desserts

### FORGIVE OTHERS

*There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.*

—St. Augustine

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, September 16

4:00 pm — Jim & Shirley Schultz — *Anne Lichtenwalter*  
 Phyllis Josephitis — *Joe Nemeth*  
 Pat Urban — *Urban Family*  
 Louis Skowronski — *Joe & Judie*

## Sunday, September 17

7:30 am — Tadyshak Family — *Jack & Char Counter & Rose Nelson*  
 Jessie Palzer — *Haynes Family*  
 9:00 am — Bill Schafer — *Ed & Pat Schafer*  
 Orville & Mildred Tessum — *Linn Eldred*  
 Rosaline Reed — *Linn Eldred*  
 11:00 am — Dan Gallagher — *Ann Bellair*  
 Maria DeSensi — *Fidanzo Family*  
 Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

## Monday, September 18

7:30 am — Bill Bromberek — *Paul & Bev Malak*  
 Irene Jakusz — *St. Alphonsus Parish*

## Tuesday, September 19

7:30 am — Jason Wallace — *St. Alphonsus Parish*

## Wednesday September 20

7:30 am — Healing for Fran Berst — *Jack & Mary Czech*

## Thursday, September 21

7:30 am — Anna Mary Tietz — *Bill & MaryAnne Doherty*

## Friday, September 22

7:30 am — Jerry Johnson — *Mary Lou Emerson*

## Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm — Bernie Kucharski — *Family*  
 Phyllis Josephitis — *Bob & Rita Kaufman*  
 Dominic DiSanto — *Friends*  
 Antoinette Oyle r — *Betty Israel*

## Sunday, September 24

7:30 am — Elsbeth Betley — *Anne Lichtenwalter*  
 Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 9:00 am — Mary L. Stanton — *John P. Stanton*  
 Anne Cieplinski — *McGuire Family*  
 Dominic DiSanto — *Nick & Kathy Lambrakis*  
 Jack Olson — *Syneta*  
 11:00 am — Kyle Holley — *Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer*  
 Dominic DiSanto — *Al & Mary Ellingsen & Family*  
 Joseph Fitzgerald — *Roberta Lynch*  
 5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15  
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**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                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sept. 23 | 4:00 pm                                      | B. Waligorski    | T. McGuire<br>R. Haubner<br>T. Mathias | Popper Family                | Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard |
| Sept. 24 | 7:30 am                                      | D. Ende          | R. Meyer<br>B. Lubben<br>D. Berent     | Bozue Family                 |                            |
|          | 9:00 am                                      | A. Lichtenwalter | C. Cacciato<br>J. Cacciato<br>M. Bruno | Calhoun Family               | Parish Choir               |
|          | 11:00 am                                     | J. Chiaramonte   | D. Chiaramonte<br>T. Turner<br>K. Gory | Ascolani Family<br>A. Carter | Bell Choir                 |
|          | 5:00 pm                                      |                  |                                        |                              |                            |
|          | Lemont<br>Tri-Parish<br>Mass at<br>St. Pat's |                  |                                        |                              |                            |

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## Gather Hymnal Mass Of Peace and Joy

Gloria #207  
 Gospel Accl. #208  
 Holy, Holy #211  
 Memorial Acclamation #213B  
 Great Amen #215  
 Lamb of God #216