

St. Alphonsus Parish

Lemont, Illinois

Established 1867

St. Alphonsus Catholic Community Our Mission

*Saint Alphonsus Parish is a
Catholic Faith-family
rooted in history and growing with
the community.*

*We strive to spread the Good News of the
Kingdom of God*

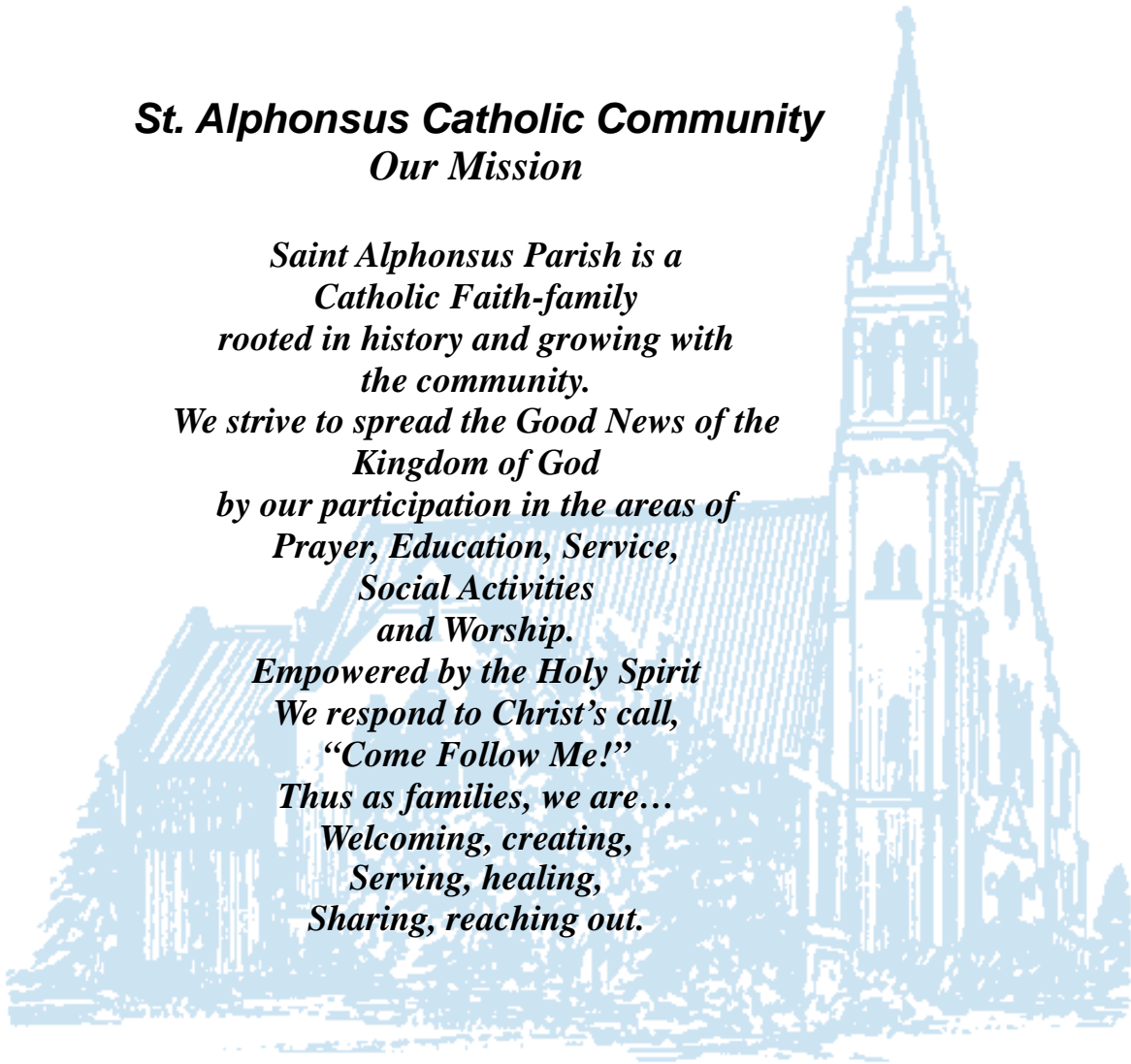
*by our participation in the areas of
Prayer, Education, Service,
Social Activities
and Worship.*

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

*We respond to Christ's call,
"Come Follow Me!"*

Thus as families, we are...

*Welcoming, creating,
Serving, healing,
Sharing, reaching out.*



**Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 4, 2009**

*Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these*

Mark 10:14

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont
Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Brian Ardagh

Weekend Celebrants:

Fr. Robert Rohrich

Fr. Ron Scarlata

Diaconal Ministry:

Deacon Terry McGuire

DRE: Mr. Kevin Cody

School Principal:

Ms. Renee Payne

Pastoral Associate:

Doreen Dabney

Office Coordinator:

Mrs. Dorothy Lafin

Accountant: Ms. Carol Levas

Records Coordinator:

Mrs. Jody Stemat

Music Director:

Mr. Joseph Martorano

Music Staff

Ms. Christina Grinius

Ms. Anne Madden

Ms. Diane Marelli

SPRED: Ms. Carol Levas

Business Hours

Monday-Friday—9:00 am-4:00 pm

Phone Numbers

Office Center—630-257-2414

Fax—630-257-2476

RE Office—630-257-2371

School Office—630-783-2220

Mass Schedules

Weekends—Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am

5:00 pm at St. Pat's

Sunday Summer Mass Schedule

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

Monday- Friday 7:30 am in the chapel

Holy Days—to be announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday—8:00 am—8:00 pm, chapel

Parish Web Site

www.st-als.org



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Trusting Child

Specialists in the psychological development of children tell us that an infant or child can go immediately from crying to laughing and back to crying again because the child has complete trust in the person who is holding him or her. The child has no inhibitions about expressing the swing of emotions because the child knows that the embrace will continue despite the expression of emotion.

Placing Our Trust in God

In today's Gospel story, the Lord Jesus embraces and blesses the children whom the apostles tried to prevent from coming to him. He simply states that "whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" (Mark 10:15). Perhaps we can make a connection between what psychologists say about the trust level of the developing child and the words of Jesus. Part of our Christian journey involves learning how to place our trust in God. Sometimes this is a challenge, especially when bad things happen to us or to those whom we love. Just as the small child who fully trusts the loving parent moves through very different expressions of emotion, so, too, when we fully trust God, we should be comfortable moving from expressions of joy to cries of lament. This is an honest way of living the Christian life. Those in whom we have placed our trust are usually those with whom we feel we can share our feelings of deep joy and sharp disappointment. This is the kind of relationship that we are called to cultivate with our God.

To accept the kingdom of God like a child may mean a change in the way we approach God. We are assured that when we are honest about who we are, honest with God about our deepest longings, joys, and sorrows, God's loving embrace will remain always.

From Father Brian's Desk

I want to just remind people of a couple of events this next week:

For those reading this on Saturday, don't forget that our St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School **Las Vegas Night** will take place at the Lithuanian World Center (14911 E. 127th Street) on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.. If you are free, please support our school by joining us for a fun-filled night!

A big "Thank You" should go to the **St. Alphonsus Men's Club & St. Alphonsus Women's Club** board members who sponsored last Sunday's Donut Sunday. Also, a great amount of thanks goes to **Melissa McGuire** for supplying the Flu Shots for our parish.

Don't forget that the Men's Club and Women's Club begin their monthly meetings in the Church Hall this week. The Men's Club will have their first meeting on **Monday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m.** and the Women's Club will have their first meeting on **Tuesday, October 6th at 8:00 p.m.** Both clubs are promoting the theme of prayer, social and service in regards to the framework of their programs, so please join us if you are interested.

This Sunday, **October 4th from 8:00 am to Noon** there will be a **Marrow Registry Drive** at the Lemont Fire Protection District, 15900 New Avenue, Lemont. This drive is taking place to help a little girl, Macy Bella Ganz who is fighting two forms of cancer. Even if you are not a match for Macy, you could be helping other patients with a life-saving marrow or blood stem cell transplant. For information please call 630-257-0191.

FR. BRIAN ARDAGH

Welcome Little Ones To St. Alphonsus

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, *Welcome Little Ones to St. Alphonsus* is a one hour discussion that will help you better understand the sacrament of Baptism. This class can be taken while awaiting the birth of your child or shortly after the baby is born.

The discussion meets the first Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center located on Walnut Street. If you have not attended a baptismal preparation class at St. Alphonsus in the last three years you must participate in a *Welcome Little Ones to St. Alphonsus* session.

Please take time now to consider which of the sessions fits into your plans to celebrate your baby's first step on his or her Christian journey. Call the Parish Office at 630-257-2414 to schedule the baptismal preparation session along with your baptismal date. Next date November 3.

Please Pray For

Marilyn Missaggia
Carlos Reyna
Kyle Holley
Sam Candela
Jayne Norton
Fred Drafke
Antoinette Lacaza
Charles DiNovo
MJF
LJB

Rest In Peace

Shawn Spain

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30 pm
Or by Appointment

Baptisms

Baptisms are usually celebrated the second and third Sundays of every month. No Baptisms during Lent.

Marriage

Prospective bride and groom must be registered parishioners at least 6 months.

Sick and Homebound

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

Parish Registration

Everyone 18 years and older should register for the parish. To register for the parish, please call the Office Center, 257-2414

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Mike Bruno
Paul Christin
Jack Counter
Tom Culcasi
Barbara Laubhan
Bev Malak
Paul Malak
Renate Meyer
Jim Pickering
Keith Polk
James Zuccarelli



Religious Education Update

**No Session Next Week
October 11TH, 12TH, 14TH**

Young People's Mass



To help our children understand and participate in the Mass, each month one of the grades (3rd – 8th) will host a Mass. The children will have special roles: Greeters, lectors, ushers, gift bearers, and altar dressers. Children will have an opportunity to sign up for roles via forms that will be sent home. We will announce when the sign-ups will take place. Thank you to Sharon Kostas, Rosalie Haubner, and Melissa McGuire for coordinating these Masses.

Oct. 18th - 7th Gr.

Nov. 15th - 5th Gr.

Dec. 13th – 6th Gr.

Jan. 10th - 4th Gr.

Feb. 7th – 3rd Gr.

March 6th - 8th Gr. (5:00 Mass)

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. Our *Children's Initiation Process* introduces young people

News and Happenings

to the person of Jesus and leads them into full membership in his Church. Sessions start Monday, Oct. 5th. For more information, contact the RE Office.

Need Help Answering Your Child's Questions?

The ultimate resource for answering questions related to the Catholic faith is the *Catechism Of The Catholic Church*, and it is available on-line at www.usccb.org/catechism/text. We also have the book available for purchase in the RE Office. A more concise form of the Catechism, the *Compendium*, which is presented in a question/answer format is also available on-line at www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium_ccc_en.html Both of these books are also available to borrow from our Resource Library.

Kevin Cody, Director

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Handicap Parking

St. Al's has five handicap parking spaces for those who need these spots. We have parishioners who have trouble walking and need the handicap spaces. You could be ticketed if you park illegally.

Bereavement Services

Joliet Area Community Bereavement Services are open to anyone in the community that has suffered a loss through death. All services are free of charge and can include individual or family counseling, support groups and specialty grief workshops.

Specific resources are available to parents about discussing and understanding illness and loss with children. For more information please visit www.joliethospice.org or call 815-740-4104.

Have You Ever Considered Counseling?

Have you ever considered counseling, but you couldn't find the time? The Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities can help. Whether it is personal, relational or career-related, the center offers professional assistance that is confidential, convenient and affordable. Our therapist at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish is Mr. Bill Chatzivasiliadis, LCPC.

For further information or to make an appointment, please call 312-655-7725.

Communion To The Sick And Homebound

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound, or you yourself are unable to get around, please call the Office Center, 630-257-2414, to have a Minister of Care bring Holy Communion.

Around St. Al's



(This column was written before this Sunday's bulletin was published.)

On Friday, October 2nd, Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese will be praying for peace with children around the world. We will gather as a school community to pray before Jesus Christ present to us in the Eucharist. And to appreciate the power of our relationship to Jesus and to pray for world peace.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as he is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the blessed Sacrament, genuflects toward the tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed to adoration.

Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament

The devotion begins with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A priest or deacon removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it on the altar for adoration. The purpose of adoration is to highlight the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a solemn exposition. Adoration ceremonies traditionally include Scripture readings, hymns, prayers and a time for silent adoration.

Students will be spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the school chapel on Friday, October 2nd.

Renee Payne
Principal

The first graders had a chance to get acquainted with their seventh grade buddies this week. The younger students truly look up to their older and wiser partners, and the seventh graders take their responsibility very seriously.



After school Chess Club in action! Nineteen students are honing their thinking skills and having fun at the same time by participating in this club.

Correction

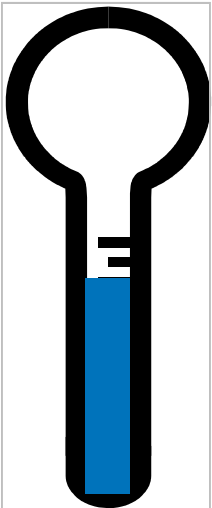
There is a correction to last week's listing of our newly baptized infants. Congratulations to Joseph & Christine Rodriguez on the baptism of their son Andrew Joseph.

Weekly Offering

September 26 & 27, 2009

Weekly Needed	\$12,232.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,809.82
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,422.18)
Fiscal Year-to-date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$33,849.45)
Last Year	\$ 8,114

This figure is supplied as a comparison to last year's comparable fiscal week.



145,000 Stained Glass Window Collection

125,000 Thank you for your kind and generous response to the appeal for St. Al's stained glass windows collection. We have collected \$65,348.00 of the total cost.

100,000 We will continue to keep you informed of the amount collected. Once again, thank you.

Additional Envelopes

If you need extra envelopes for the stained glass window fund, they are in the back of the church

Evening Of Renewal For Liturgical Ministers

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 7:00 PM

SS. Cyril & Methodius Church
608 Sobieski St., Lemont

We welcome Fr. Jack Farry, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is the retired pastor of St. Andrew's parish in Chicago. Fr. Farry will help us to reflect and pray upon the ministry that has been entrusted to us. In different ways we have been called to serve at the table of the Lord. Fr. Farry will help us to see the blessings of our ministry, and deepen our spirituality.

Please make every effort to attend this important gathering. For all liturgical ministers of St. Cyril's, St. Alphonsus, and St. Patrick's.

For more information, please call (630) 257- 2776.



Celtics Homecoming Game

The Celtics have only two regular season games left! Please join us next Saturday, October 10th at Lemont High School for the Celtics Homecoming game against St. Alexander.

Junior Varsity (with a record of 3-2) will start at 6pm and Varsity (with a record of 0-5) will immediately follow. Please join us for the homecoming festivities and come cheer on our Celtics boys and girls! Go Celtics!!! www.lemontcelticfootball.org

Senior Kindred Spirits

If you are 55 and older and like to have some fun and laughs, come and enjoy some good food and good company at the next Senior Kindred Spirits meeting. The fee for lunch, catered by Ali Tucker is \$6.00.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th, at 11:30 am in the Parish Center. Please call Nancy Pierce at 630-257-2016 by Thursday, October 22nd if you are planning on attending this meeting. Don't forget to bring in your old treasures.

Cards and Games

Join us for an afternoon of games and cards. Please feel free to bring your favorite games from home. Our next card party will be Friday, October 9th at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center.

I&M Canal Y.A.C.H.T. Club

Young Adult Catholics Hanging Together
For people in their 20's & 30's
We raised our anchor and sailed to a new location:

Stonehouse Pub
103 Stephen Street
Lemont, IL

Join us on the second Tuesday of every month at the Stonehouse Pub between September and May. Cost is \$5 admission plus whatever you order off the menu. We meet from 7pm-9:30pm with the speaker beginning at 7:30pm.

Tuesday, October 13

Dr. Jennifer Norbits, D.C. practices chiropractics in her clinic Norbits Chiropractic in Orland Park. Earning her Bachelor in Biology from Millikin University, and her Doctor of Chiropractic from Logan College of Chiropractic, Dr. Norbits is now a member of the Illinois Chiropractic Society, International Chiropractic Association, and a Maximized Living Principled Chiropractor. Her mission "is to bring chiropractics to the world and that every human being is living an Abundant life which God intended for them." Dr. Norbits will be discussing "Body by God." For more information on Dr. Norbits, visit her website: www.norbitschiropractic.com

www.yamchicago.org
www.stonehousepub.org

Lemont Youth Program

Coach Dunne

Marist Football Coach To Speak To Youth Of Lemont

October 11, 2009

6:00 p.m.

St Patrick's Church

All Are Welcome

Don't miss Coach Dunne as he encourages us to live Christ centered lives. He will share his story and show us how we can become linebackers for Christ.



St. Alphonsus Men's and Woman's Club



**Come To Pray - Stay To Play
after Mass on Saturday,
October 17, 2009**

Oompah Fun!!!

Music, Singing
Dancing, Toasting
Food and Drink
Games and Fun

Tickets \$10.00 per person

Tickets on sale after masses October 10 & 11
and at the door.

For Those Who Wait

For Those Who Wait is a spiritual support group for parents of our military stationed overseas serving in all branches of the service.

Orientation meetings will be held at two separate locations: October 7th at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and October 21st at St. Christophers' Church, 147th Avenue and Keeler Avenue in Midlothian at 7:00 pm. There is no fee. Please call 630-268-9000 to register.

Counseling By Fr. Rohrich

Counseling services are available by Fr. Bob Rohrich at the DePaul Center, 212 Custer. Appointment times on weekdays are: 10:00 and 11:00 am and 5:00, 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 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 \$10.00 donation for each session. Please call, 630-257-9235.

Pope Benedict has declared this year to be
The Year For Priests.

A Prayer For Our Priests

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Remember In Your Prayers...



Ryan Meder, USMC, Iraq
Russell Neal, USA, Fort Campbell
Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait
Robert McKinney, USAF, Afghanistan
Mark Giancarol, USA, Iraq
Jim Adamiec, USAF, Utah
Christopher King, USA, Iraq
Chris Hearne, USN, Virginia
Tabitha Filicicchia, USAF
David Borkowski, USN, Mississippi
David DiSanto, USN, San Diego
Thomas Walsh, USMC
Jacob Christine, USN, San Diego
Jason Fricka, USAF, Afghanistan
Kristen Pickering Vondruska USA, Iraq
Tommy Holt, USA, Iraq
And all those who serve our country



Prayer Shawl and Knitting/ Crocheting Ministry

Do you know how to knit and/or crochet? Would you like to learn? If you are interested in starting a knitting/crocheting ministry in our parish please call Doreen at 630.257.2414 or 573.680.3226. We could form our own group or we could partner with another church or two and knit not only for our own people but for chemotherapy units, neonatal nurseries, children's shelters and the like. Think about it and if you are interested, give Doreen a call.

Volunteer Tutors Needed

The Congregation of St. Joseph of La Grange Park is greatly in need of volunteers for its adult literacy program, School on Wheels. Tutors are needed to teach one hour or so per week from 9 am to 2 p.m. or evenings from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Cicero, Hodgkins, Woodridge, Westmont, Lombard, or Summit. A two-day training will be provided on Saturday, October 10, 2009 and on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 9:00 am-3:00pm. Volunteers must attend both training days. No prior second language skills are needed. For more information, call (708) 482-5060.

October 2009 - Respect Life Month

"Every Child... Brings Us God's Smile"



Every child, at every age of development, *brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is His gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment.*—Pope Benedict XVI

If human dignity depends on anything other than simple membership in the human race—be it intelligence, athletic ability, social status, race, age, or health—we immediately find ourselves having to distinguish between persons who count and those who don't.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Guest Speaker in Lemont - October 26th

Linda Couri

Former Planned Parenthood Employee Shares Her Story

Monday, October 26th at 7:30pm— at St. Patrick's Parish, Lemont

Linda Couri, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, shares the story of her moral conversion from pro-choice to pro-life and its impact on her spirituality. Because of her unique set of experiences she puts a human face on the pro-choice advocate. The credibility of Linda's story is enhanced by the fact that she is a former educator and counselor for Planned Parenthood. Linda has a heart for people who have experienced and been impacted by abortion and a real concern for post-abortive women. Please join us for a wonderful evening. All are welcome!

For additional information please call Vicki Anzalone at 630-257-2543.

HOPE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER ABORTION—888-456-HOPE

Chastity Education Benefit Dinner

Sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Arch. of Chicago

Keynote address... His Eminence
Francis Cardinal Arinze
Sunday, November 22th

Reception 4:30 pm, Dinner 5:30pm

Drury Lane—100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

Adult Tickets are \$75 each

Teen Tickets are \$50 each (12-18)

For more information call 312-534-5355

March for Life Pilgrimage, Washington D.C. January 20th –24th

Buses leave Chicago on January 20th and return on January 24th. **Cost** is \$275 per person (quad occupancy). Most meals are not included. Cost includes: Round-trip transportation to Washington, D.C. via comfortable motor coaches; 2 nights at the Hyatt Regency—Crystal City; Participation in all activities, including March for Life, Tours of Museums and Monuments, Youth Rally, and more.

For more information call the Respect Life Office:

312-534-5355 or visit www.respectlifechicago.org

Lemont Parishes Respect Life Ministry

Respect Life Coordinators: St. Cyril and Methodius - Candy Carmen 630-243-0539, Vicki Anzalone 630-257-2543; St. James - Diane Wall 630-243-0313; St. Patrick - Roseanne Garavan-Oskielunas 630-257-7254; St. Alphonsus - Kathy McKendry 708-819-0911.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3

5:00 pm—Joseph Piekosz—*Piekosz Family*
Edward McGury—*Florence McGury*

Sunday, October 4

7:00 am—Joseph & Augusta Serio—*Jody Sternat*
Dale Koetz—*Robert & Irene Donofrio*

8:30 am—Chester Klos—*Carol & John Cacciato*
Rita Zolecki—*Mary Ann Sniegowski & Theresa Splitt*

10:00 am—John & Virginia Seitzzahl—*Joanne & Dave Urban*

Jane Hobbs—*Ralph & Bonnie Shroyer*

11:30 am—Casey Galasinski—*Family*

Monday, October 5

7:30 am—Henry Graf

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 am—Patricia Goode—*Husband*

Wednesday, October 7

7:30 am—Augusta Serio—*Jody Sternat*

Thursday, October 8

7:30 am—Rick Pociask—*Joan & Frank Heeg*

Friday, October 9

7:30 am—Patrick Hennebry—*Pat Stein*

Saturday, October 10

5:00 pm—Janice Dombroviak—*Children & Grandchildren*
Genevieve Candela—*Anne Lichtenwalter*

Sunday, October 11

7:00 am—Audrey Kennan—*Family*
Health of Carlos Reyna—*Reyna & Sommese Families*

8:30 am—48th Anniversary, Carol & John Cacciato
9th Anniversary, Kim & Jerry Lewis

10:00 am—Mildred & Orville Tessem—*Linn Eldred*
Ed Curtin—*Dalton Family*

11:30 am—Szmagalski & Jedelsky Families—*Mary Ellen Long*

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Presider	Lector	Ministers & Sacristan	Servers	Ushers	Music
Oct 10	5:00 pm	Fr. Brian Ardagh	B. Kaufman	G. August (S) A. Padalik K. Perkey	Padalik Family	J. August G. August J. Nemeth S. Wall	Cantor and Keyboard
Oct 11	7:00 am	Fr. Bob Rohrich	B. Malak	P. Malak (S) D. Lafin M. Main	C. Schaal	G. Bozych B. Erickson J. Counter J. Bannon	None
	8:30 am	Fr. Bob Rohrich	B. Waligorski	M. Roenitz C. Kuhlman P. Perkey (S)	A. Roenitz S. Burke	C. Miklos M. Bruno T. Armijo J. Cacciato	Children or Bell Choir
*	10:00 am	Fr. Tom White	M. Doherty	B. Litoborski S. Reaves (S) J. Brennan	S. Reaves B. Legan	R. Burke M. Mars J. Latz M. Kardas	Parish Choir
	11:30 am	Fr. Lou Zake	T. Griffin-Groebe	F. Urban P. Urban (S) H. Rejlik M. Malewski (C) K. Gory (C)	M. Groebe A. Gory		Cantor and Keyboard

* Communion under both species