

# ***St. Alphonsus Parish***

**Lemont, Illinois**

Established 1867

## ***Confirmation Class of 2010***

**Apolonia Hibbs  
Jack Hopkins  
Michael Kornacker**

**Frank Kuba  
Madelyn Kulis  
Grace Kunkel**

**Marissa Moleterno  
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Gabriel Munoz  
Katherine O'Connor  
Edward O'Malley  
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Samantha Re  
Zofia Remiasz  
Carli Serpe  
Ryan Seigers  
Brian Sullivan  
Kylie Szymanski  
Jake Terrazas  
David Tuscher  
Adam Wallace  
Maura Walsh  
Kimberly Walsh  
Danielle Wohead  
Kali Zeglen  
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Lauren DeCesare  
Daniel Dowiarz  
Caitlin Fabro  
Michael Formella  
Matthew Gagen  
Sarah Gottardo  
Steven Grendzinski  
Christina Grossi  
Ciara Hansel  
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**Mikhaila Lakatos  
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Jacob Lepczynski  
Sarah Lillwitz  
Kyleigh Maday  
Madeleine McPartland  
Michael Mlady**

## St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

### Parish Staff

*Pastor:* Rev. Brian Ardagh

*Weekend Celebrants:*

Fr. Robert Rohrich

*Diaconal Ministry:*

Deacon Terry McGuire

*DRE:* Mr. Kevin Cody

*School Principal:*

Ms. Renee Payne

*Pastoral Associate:*

Doreen Dabney

*Youth Minister*

Michael Lundberg

*Office Coordinator:*

Mrs. Roseann Lucas

*Accountant:* Ms. Carol Levas

*Records Coordinator:*

Mrs. Jody Sternat

*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

## AMAZING GRACE

After apartheid was abolished in South Africa, special hearings were held to allow victims a voice, and to establish justice and peace. One day an elderly black woman and a white police officer faced each other across a courtroom. The officer, a Mr. van der Broek, had just been found guilty of murdering the woman's son and her husband. He had come to her home a number of years earlier, shot her son, and burned the body while he and his cronies reveled in the act. Later, he returned and took her husband. For two years, she heard nothing about him. Then van der Broek came and led the woman to a river bank, where she saw her husband bound and beaten on a pile of wood. The last words she heard him say were, "Father, forgive them," as the officers poured gasoline over him and set him on fire. Justice caught up with Mr. van der Broek. He was found guilty, and it was now time for sentencing. The judge asked the woman, "What should be done to this man who so brutally destroyed your family?" She replied, "I want three things. First, I want to be taken to where my husband's body was burned so that I can gather up the dust and give him decent burial. My husband and son were my only family, so I want, second, for Mr. van der Broek to become my son. I would like him to come twice a month to the ghetto and spend a day with me so that I can pour on him whatever love I still have within me." "Third," she said, "I would like Mr. van der Broek to know that I forgive him because Jesus Christ died to forgive me." She walked across the courtroom and embraced him. The policeman fainted, overwhelmed by her response. Then quietly, friends, family, and neighbors — all victims of similar oppression and injustice — began to sing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound."

*Who in your life has injured you, angered you, or hurt you?*

*Don't wait for their change of heart.*

*Change yours, and run out to meet them on the road of forgiveness.*

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Join others just like you at:

**HOMECOMING:**  
Catholics Renewing Their Faith

During the Season of Lent 19 parishes around the Archdiocese will be hosting a series of presentations that will help you learn the answers to questions like: How does my faith make a difference in daily life? What is 'Catholic' prayer? Why does the Church put such emphasis on Sunday Mass?

**To find all the parish locations, dates and times call 312-534-5100 or go to the website at [www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org)**



## From Father Brian's Desk

I am happy to say that the St. Alphonsus community has enjoyed a number of wonderful events these past couple of weeks! First, our Annual St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School Winter Gala took place on **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of the Gala was "Denim & Diamonds" and the Gala Committee did a superb job of preparing a wonderful setting for the event. There were also a number of local businesses that donated some great items for the Silent and Live Auctions.

Through the support of parents and parishioners from both St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick parishes, our Catholic Elementary School will be able to create a science lab that will be enjoyed by the students. A huge "Thank You" goes to the Gala Committee members and their leaders: **Jen Pickering, Lisa Rimbo and Cindy Ross.**

On **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank **Bishop John Manz** for celebrating this glorious occasion with us. Our young men and women have done an excellent job preparing for Confirmation through study, choosing a Confirmation Sponsor and Confirmation name, attending the Confirmation Retreat, Spirit Day and completing over 20 hours of service work. Another big "Thank You" goes to our D.R.E., Kevin Cody and our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade catechists. On behalf of the parishioners of St. Alphonsus, I would like to congratulate all of our students for their patience, wisdom and faith!

*Fr. Brian Ardagh*

### THE HEART OF CONVERSION

Today's scriptures bring us to the heart of the meaning of the Christian journey of conversion. St. Paul sums it up beautifully: "Whosoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away" (2Corinthians 5:17). The Gospel passage, the parable of the prodigal son, shows us just what this new creation is like. It is all about reconciliation. Just as God removes the yoke of slavery from the shoulders of the Israelites—see today's first reading—so, too, does the father in the Gospel remove the yoke of guilt and shame from the shoulders of his wayward son. That son first needed to turn away from his sin and seek out and ask forgiveness of his father. That is precisely what we have been doing during this season of repentance. We can only begin to imagine the kind of reconciliation feast that awaits us when we are embraced by our forgiving God.

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### Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult confirmation will be held during the spring months throughout the Archdiocese. Preparation groups are forming now. We are hosting a group at St. Alphonsus. To register or for information please telephone the Office for Catechesis at (312)534-8047 or Doreen Dabney at (630)257-2414, or go to [www.catechesis-chicago.org](http://www.catechesis-chicago.org)

### Please Pray For

MJF

LJB

Samantha Rodriguez

Elvera Ogorek-Klatt

James Challenges

Susan Dominiak

Francis Urban

Kyle Holley

Mason Briese

Stephanie Leathers

Patt Pearl

Pat Deder

### Rest In Peace

Margo Hermanek

### 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, please call the Office Center, 257-2414 or you can register online at [www.st-als.org](http://www.st-als.org).

### Parish Pastoral Council Members

Mike Bruno

Paul Christin

Tom Culcasi

Barbara Laubhan

Bev Malak

Paul Malak

Renate Meyer

Jim Pickering

Keith Polk

James Zuccarelli



## Religious Education Update

# News and Happenings

## LITTLE TYKES FOR CHRIST EVENTS

For Lent... *Children's Way of the Cross* on **March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Preceded by a soup dinner starting at 6:00 PM

See the flyer in this bulletin for details (page 11)

For Easter... *LTC Easter Egg Hunt!*  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30**

Preschool & Kindergarten children will hunt for eggs (bring a basket/bag), hear a special Easter story, and play some fun Easter games.

## JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will come together for a retreat on Saturday, **March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to Noon** in the Church Hall. Topics will include chastity and an explanation of the Mass. Mr. Michael Lundberg, Director of the Lemont Teen Ministry, and Fr. Brian will be our guest speakers. The retreat will replace the RE sessions for the following week.

## CELTIC FOOTBALL POM REGISTRATION

St. Alphonsus, St. Patrick & St. Cyril are looking for girls for their Celtic Football Pom squads. We are looking for girls age 4 thru Grade 8. No experience necessary. Must attend school or religious education classes at parishes listed.

The girls will be coached by Shannon Labus again this year. She is a dance teacher with 16 years experience. Practices will be on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and a Pom Camp is being offered in August. Registration will take place on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus R.E. Building.

Please feel free to contact Sherri Rodriguez at 815-588-3546 with any questions or email at

[sherrod1025@comcast.net](mailto:sherrod1025@comcast.net).



## CONGRATULATIONS KENDRA ANIFER!

Kendra, who is a student in Mr. Brian Sullivan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade RE class, was recently awarded the *Family of God Medal* earned in her Scouting program.

Kendra says that she enjoyed the program and has a better understanding of God, His love and how others have not only learned about Him but how we share God in our daily activities and lives. We are proud of you, Kendra!

## PRESENTATION ON CATHOLIC SPORTS

The St. Al's/St. Pat's Celtics Football Team is hosting a presentation by

**Fr. Richard McGrath, OSA – President of Providence Catholic H.S.**  
**Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church.**

Recognizing the significant role that sports plays in the lives of our children, Fr. McGrath will speak to coaches and parents involved with Lemont Catholic schools and parish sports teams about how sports can be used to teach and model Gospel values. Call the RE Office if you would like babysitting during the presentation.

Kevin Cody, Director  
630-257-2371  
[kcody-stals@comcast.net](mailto:kcody-stals@comcast.net)

## St. Al's/St. Pat's Family School Association invites you and your family to a Pancake Breakfast with a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Sunday - March 21 - 8 am to 1pm  
St. Al's Church Hall

Adults	\$6.00
Seniors	\$4.00
Children 3 and older	\$4.00
Children under 2	free

\*\*\*Tickets Available at the door

Pictures with Easter Bunny will be available for \$2 each. In addition to a wonderful breakfast, which will include a "Sweet Stop" of whipped cream, fruit toppings and chocolate chips. There will also be a Bake sale. Purchase a delicious treat and share them with your family and friends.

# Around St. Al's



[www.stals-stpats.org](http://www.stals-stpats.org)

## Have You Looked Lately at All St. Al/St. Pat's School Has to Offer?

At our school's annual fundraiser, the Denim and Diamonds Gala held last weekend, we raised \$21,000 that will be used to modernize our Science Lab, creating a state-of-the-art facility for our students. Our modern Technology Lab is also a popular part of our curriculum. We believe that, along with our highly qualified faculty and progressive curriculum, these types of facilities have created a school where our students can reach their full potential. There's a reason our students score well above the national average on achievement tests AND that our 8<sup>th</sup> graders regularly score at the top of their high school placement tests and go on to honor roll status at their chosen high schools!

There are also a lot of other benefits to our school beyond just our strong academic credentials. Since we believe in engaging a child's entire mind, we have extensive extra-curricular programs. Yes, we have Academic teams, Student Council and National Junior Honor Society. But did you know, we also have basketball, volleyball and bowling teams? That we offer chorus and band? That we have chess, and ecology clubs, along with opportunities to work on the school newspaper and our annual yearbook? And we take very seriously our place in the community. Therefore, each of our students has the chance to participate in social and community service programs.

Catholic morals and values are a priority throughout the school community and our children are taught religion daily at all grade levels. They attend Mass regularly as well. Spanish is also a part of our curriculum and is taught to all students in grades 2-8. Finally, on campus at St. Al's/St. Pat's, there is an Accredited Early Childhood Program for pre-K and K students.

With all that St. Al's/St. Pat's Grade School offers, we are proud we prepare our students for their future by giving them the discipline, positive values and social skills necessary to be responsible members of the church and society. If you'd like to visit our school or learn more, call us at 630-783-2220 or visit [www.stals-stpats.org](http://www.stals-stpats.org).

Renee Payne  
Principal



## COME CHECK US OUT

St. Al-St. Pat's School will host an Open House for our preschool and kindergarten programs on Wednesday, March 24. You can see the kindergarten in action from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and both four year old preschool and kindergarten from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please feel free to come and observe during any of these times. Our early childhood program is accredited by the National Association of Education for Young Children. Watch next week's bulletin for more information.



Take a look at this thoughtful bunch! The Chess Club gathers after school under the tutelage of Mr. Theo Poulous. From beginner level to more advanced, the students learn new strategies and improve their thinking skills while having fun with friends and the game of Chess.

First Grade was pleased to welcome Mr. Simrayh to their classroom. He owns several beehives and makes sweet delicious honey with the help of his bees. Mr. Simrayh told the class all about the life cycle of the honeybee and demonstrated some of the equipment he uses in his work with the honey bees. His first grade audience was quite fascinated by the facts he shared!



**THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to support our "Denim and Diamonds Gala". It was a wonderful opportunity to socialize and at the same time support our school. We appreciate the many generous people who bid on items, as well as, those who donated items. A special thank you to Mrs. Jen Pickering, Mrs. Lisa Rimbo and Mrs. Cindy Ross, as well as, all the volunteers who helped to make this a successful event.

## Celtic Pride

Congratulations to the St. Al's/St. Pat's School Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball Team who solidified their title of the SSCC White Division Conference Champs on March 7<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations on an awesome season!!!

## 7th and 8th Grade Dance!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** St. Al's/St. Pat's School will be hosting a dance for all Lemont 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders!!! Bring your friends for a fun night! The dance is Friday, March 19, 2010 from 7:30-10pm in the St. Al's/St. Pat's School gym (20W145 Davey Rd.) The entrance fee is \$8 plus a food donation for the Lemont Food Pantry or \$9 without a donation. There will be pizza and pop for sale. Entrance is at the front door. If you'd like more information, please call Laura at 630-730-3365.

# Lent 2010 ~ Change us ...through prayer

## Sunday Liturgy

Saturday, 5:00 pm

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

5:00 pm (St. Patrick Church)

## Daily Liturgy will be in the church

Monday through Friday 7:30 am

## Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 4:00 pm

Tri-Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 31st at St. Cyril's,  
7:00 pm

## Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings, at 7:00 pm.

March 19th Soup & Stations (Soup at 6:00 p.m.)

Little Tykes for Christ Soup & Stations (Soup at  
6:00 p.m.)

March 26th — Living Stations

Good Friday, April 2nd at 3:00 pm

## Bible Study —“Shhhhhhh — Just Listen”

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the

Meeting Center

Dates: March 16th, March 23rd, and  
March 30th

# St. Alphonsus invites you to join us for...



**March 19th at 6:00 pm**  
**St. Alphonsus Church Hall**

Come experience a true Lenten meal of soup and bread.

Afterwards you can go upstairs and, with your fellow parishioners, pray the Stations of the Cross.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

It will be given to the Lemont Food Pantries.

Please call the office to let us know that you will be attending.  
so enough soup can be supplied—630-257-2414.

## WATER BUFFALO-\$250-AND WORTH EVERY PENNY!

It is written in the law of Moses, 'you shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.' Is God concerned about oxen, or is he not really speaking for our sake? It was written for our sake because the plowman should plow in hope. I Corinthians 9:9-10

"Without a draft animal as a constant companion, the farmer is crippled" is a Filipino saying. A buffalo-or a carabao, as it's called-makes plowing much faster and gets better results than doing the work by hand. But most farmers hardly dare dream of owning or even sharing one.

Dreams became reality for Junior and Fe Lucero, owners of a tiny hillside plot. They studied sustainable farming and received a male carabao from Heifer Draft Animal Loan Project. They began plowing an uncle's acres, agreeing to pay him one quarter of the profits. Their first harvest yielded \$800-in Junior's words, "The first time we ever had that much money."

They paid back part of the buffalo's cost and bought materials to fix up their house. With the second harvest, they bought a young horse to haul loads. The following year, they bartered the mature horse for a pregnant female carabao, paid off their Heifer loan, and sold the male buffalo to buy more land. With the sale of the calf, they put electricity into their house. Fe says, "The light from the incandescent bulb was heartwarming, giving us signs of a better tomorrow."

Quiz-

American bison have more ribs than river or water buffalo? True or False?

The small Philippines buffalo is a (a) caracal (b) caribou (c) carabao.

Buffalo cannot swim and will sink in water. True or False?

Heifer provides buffalo to these continents: (a) Asia; (b) Africa: (c) Australia.

Buffalo have two wide, flat \_\_\_\_\_ on each hoof, to enable them to easily walk in mud.

Nah Beh has two acres of land from which he used to get 5,000 kilograms of rice per year. With the help of his water buffalo, he can now harvest three times as much rice per acre. If he keeps half for his family to eat, how much extra will he have to sell?

Traditional Proverb-The last buffalo into the water hole get dirty water. (Viet Nam)

Please bring your contribution toward fish fingerlings to church next Sunday. Put it in a baggie or marked buffalo (keep the book mark) and put that in the collection plate. All the baggies will be reused for various purposes, including the food pantries in town.

**Everyone is invited . . .**

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH MISSION**  
**200 Illinois Street ~ Lemont**

**"AWAKENING OUR FAITH IN CHALLENGING TIMES"**

**Directed by: The Franciscans: Ministry of the Word**

**Fr. Dennis Koopman, OFM**

**Prayer and Presentation in church each evening during the Mission.**

Fr. Dennis will share his thoughts on the embrace of God's love, forgiveness, healing and witnessing the Good News. If you are seeking spiritual nourishment this Lent, this is your perfect opportunity.

**Sunday - March 14 - 7:00 .P.M.**

"Living in the Embrace of God's Love"~

Presentation and Benediction

Refreshments after Service

**Monday - March 15 - 7:00 P.M.**

"Forgiveness as a Path to Peace"~ Presentation &  
Opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesday - March 16 - 7:00 P.M.**

"Healing the Human Heart"~ Presentation &  
Opportunity for Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

**Wednesday - March 17 - 7:30 P.M.**

"Called to be Witnesses of the Good News In Our  
Times"~ Presentation & Candlelight Mass

## Lemont Teens

Friday, March 26, 2010  
 "The Living Stations of the Cross"  
 St. Alphonsus Church 7:00 p.m.

This moving production will be performed by the Lemont teens at St. Alphonsus Church with music by the St Alphonsus Choir.  
 Practice dates: Sunday, March 14th & March 21st, 6 to 8 p.m. in Church.

### House Bill 6205

This new house bill is a resurfacing of the FOCA bill that was defeated last year. This house bill seeks to use public funds for abortion and contraceptives. It also impacts local and state reproductive rights. Please take a look at this bill and/or contact your state representatives to express your opinion.

Jim Durkin 217.782.0494 (Lemont)  
 Renee Kosel 217.782.0424 (Homer Glen)

You can also find the fact sheet at [catholicconferenceofillinois.org](http://catholicconferenceofillinois.org).



## Lemont Respect Life Ministry

### 40 Days for Life Campaign

During Lent, you are invited to come and pray peacefully in front of our local abortion clinic for the spring vigil of prayer. Join together for these 40 days of fervent prayers and fasting to inspire hearts and minds to conversion and praying to make abortion clinics unnecessary in this country. The local location is: Access Health Clinic  
 1700 West 75th Street, Downers Grove  
 5AM - 5PM (currently thru March 28)

### Spring Clean-Up for Your Soul



Join other women on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for a good, old-fashioned Soul Cleansing. St. Al's Women's Club is hosting an afternoon of inspiring talks, quiet prayer, Mass and Reconciliation, secrets to happiness and nourishment for your body and soul. Bring other women with you for this relaxing journey of self-reflection and cleansing. Our journey will begin at 11:30am in the St. Al's Church Hall (605 State St.). Lunch will be provided and our day will be complete at around 4pm. Ticket cost is \$20 (if purchased before April 4<sup>th</sup>) or \$25 (if purchased after April 4<sup>th</sup>). For more information, please call KC at 630.257.0612.



## SPRED NEWS

The SPRED groups from St. Alphonsus and St. Pat's would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their very generous monetary gift. They raised the money in their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. So thanks to all who participated or contributed. This gift will enable the groups to continue their important work of serving our parishioners with developmental disabilities.

The Knights also threw us a pizza party which all enjoyed. Thank you again for your support.

St. Al's and St. Pat's SPRED Groups

### Children's Liturgy Of The Word

*What is it?* ...It refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly just before the *Liturgy of the Word* and gathering elsewhere to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding.



*When & Where?* ...It will take place March 21st and April 18th. Children will be called forward following the Opening Prayer to process out of the worship space to the Church Hall in the lower level of the church. They will return just prior to the Presentation of the Gifts.

*Why?* ... To help make the Mass more meaningful for children; to gradually lead them to full, conscious and active participation in the Sunday liturgical assembly.

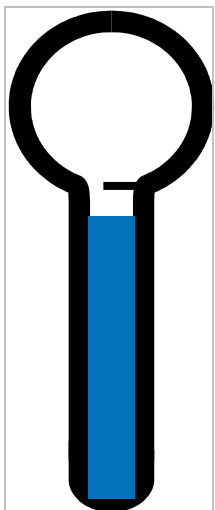
*Who?* ... Children in grades K-4. Children younger than this are generally unable to participate consciously and actively in liturgical celebrations. It is not a child-minding event.

### 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. Lunch is catered by Ali Tucker for a very reasonable fee of \$6.00.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 23rd, at 11:30 am in the Parish Center. Please call Nancy Pierce at 630-257-2016 by Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> if you are planning on attending this meeting

*Please remember those who are in need.  
 Donate to the food pantry.  
 You can also drop off your monetary  
 Donation in the basket in front  
 Of the altar*



**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.

100,000 We have collected \$77,345.71 of the total cost.

75,000 We will continue to keep you informed of the amount collected. Once again, thank you.

50,000

25,000

15,000

**Additional Envelopes**

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

**Income Tax Statements**

Once again we will only send tax statements to those parishioner 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 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Weekly Offering**

March 6th & 7th, 2010

Week's Need	\$12,232.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 9,067.04
Electronic Fund (EFT)	\$ 4,445.09
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,280.13
Fiscal Year-to-date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$12,116.44)
Last Year	\$ 9822

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

**Thank you for your support of our parish.**

**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
- Christopher King, USA, Iraq
- Chris Hearne, USN, Virginia
- 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
- Eric Altman, USA, Ft. Knox
- Tim Jaeger, USA, Iraq
- Kevin Doyle, USA

And all those who serve our country



February 28, 2010

To the Pastor and Parishioners of St. Alphonsus,

Thank you very much for your prayers. I served four years in the United States Air Force, traveling throughout the United States, Asia, and the Middle East. It was so nice to know that someone cared, and all the troops are grateful for your prayers. I just completed my time in the Air Force so I am no longer in the military. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Jim Adamiec

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**  
**March 13 & 14**

Great needs remain in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Some parishes still need a proper place to celebrate Mass; some dioceses cannot maintain necessary social and charitable works; most cannot support basic pastoral work. Today, we ask you to donate generously to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Give faith to the future.

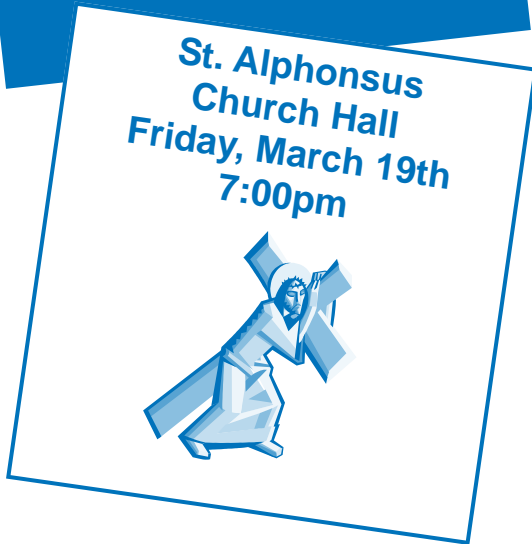
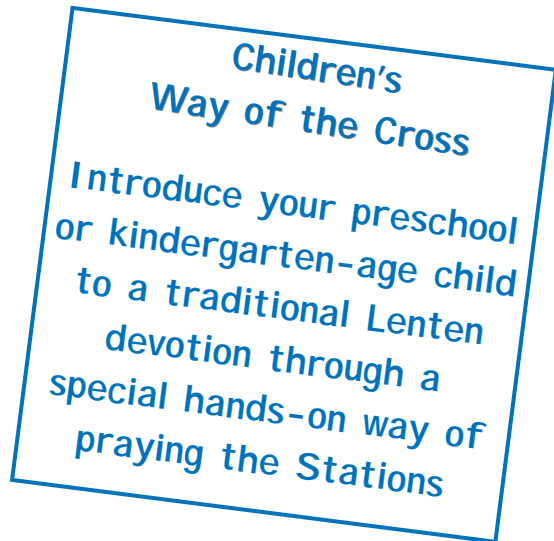
There will be a second collection at all the Masses this weekend.

**WATER BUFFALO - \$250 EACH**

Answers to the quiz:

1. True-bison have 14 pairs of ribs, buffalo have 13
2. carabao
3. False
4. Asia and Africa
5. toes
6. 7,500 kilos

LTC REGISTRATION FORM



Cost per family: \$5 - Please submit registration form and cash or check made payable to *St. Alphonsus* to Parish Office 210 E. Logan Street no later than Tuesday, March 16, 2010

For more info, contact Candy Hamilton (630)243-7704 or candyham777@gmail.com or the RE Office (630)257-2371

**YES, we want to attend the Little Tykes for Christ Stations of the Cross!**

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

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)/Age(s) of Child(ren) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that the undersigned, or our authorized physician cannot be reached and in the judgment of the Director of Religious Education, or other staff member, there is necessity for immediate examination and/or medical treatment of our child, we hereby request and authorize any of the aforesaid personnel to obtain for our child such medical services as are deemed necessary. I agree to assume the financial responsibility for any diagnosis/treatment and for any medication deemed necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm — Margaret Rimbo —  
*Diane & Larry Wilson*  
 Peter Josephitis —  
*David & Phyllis Josephitis*

## Sunday, March 14

7:00 am — Joseph & Augusta Serio — *Jody Sternat*  
 8:30 am — Margaret Rimbo — *Richard Slomczynski*  
 Santina Buggemi — *Family*  
 10:00 am — Jennie Hadley — *Anne Lichtenwalter*  
 Anne Rolando — *Anne Lichtenwalter*  
 11:30 am — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 Helen Galasinski — *Family*

## Monday, March 15

7:30 am — Henry Graf

## Tuesday, March 16

7:30 am — Karen Mooney — *Judy & Mike Mooney*  
 Raymond McGury — *Florence McGury*

## Wednesday, March 17

7:30 am — Patrick Ardagh — *Sunshine Club*  
 Patricia Goode — *Bob & Rita Kaufman*

## Thursday, March 18

7:30 am — John Graf  
 Janice Lambert — *Family*

## Friday, March 19

7:30 am — Bob Michalek — *Family*  
 Mass of Thanksgiving —  
*Joan Graf Pejsa*

## Saturday, March 20

5:00 pm — Joseph & Joey Banas — *Twomey Family*  
 Helen Olivo — *Diane & Larry Wilson*

## Sunday, March 21

7:00 am — Fred Drafke — *Josie Herman*  
 8:30 am — Jerry Panzer — *Pat & Ed Perkey*  
 Stephen Otto — *Family*  
 10:00 am — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
 Orville & Mildred Tessem —  
*Linn Eldred*  
 11:30 am — Eugene Budzinski — *Helen Marusarz*  
 Helen Szmagalski — *Maryellen Long*

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Date	Time	Presider	Lector	Ministers & Sacristan	Servers	Ushers	Music
March 20	5:00 pm	Fr. Brian Ardagh	B. Kaufman	K. Perkey R. Kalchbrenner R. Haubner (S)	Heatherington Family V. Kuper	J. August G. August J. Nemeth S. Wall	Cantor and Keyboard
March 21	7:00 am	Fr. Bob Rohrich	L. Gyls	M. Main P. Malak (S) B. Malak	M. Donnelly	G. Bozych B. Erickson J. Counter J. Bannon	None
	*8:30 am	Fr. Bob Rohrich	K. Wollenberg	S. Kostas D. Czaja C. Levas C. Cacciato (S) (C) C. Kuhlman (C)	Burke Family H. Michniak	M. Bruno M. Mars M. Kardas C. Miklos	Children or Bell Choir
	10:00 am	Fr. Bob Rohrich	M. Doherty	A. Padalik (S) G. Padalik B. Litoborski	C. Cadalik Lyewski Family	B. Litoborski T. Dalton M. Soljacich R. Parry	Parish Choir
	11:30 am	Fr. Brian Ardagh (RCIA Scrutiny)	T. Griffin-Groebe	K. Gory (S) P. Loisi N. Rauch	Tuscher Family N. Hubbell A. Gory	H. Rejlik J. Loisi J. Latz	Cantor and Keyboard

\* Communion under both species

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