

# ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Est. 1867

## St. Alphonsus Catholic Church

210 E. Logan, Lemont

Parish Office Center 630-257-2414  
Fax 630-257-2476  
Religious Ed. Office 630-257-2371  
School Office 630-783-2220  
20W145 Davey Road

Website: [www.st-als.org](http://www.st-als.org)

E-mail: [stals-lemont@comcast.net](mailto:stals-lemont@comcast.net)

### Business Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 8 am-4 pm

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 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—4:00 to 4:30 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



*If today  
you hear God's voice,  
harden not  
your hearts*

© Copyright Jupiter Images Corp.

**January 29, 2012**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Welcome Guests and Visitors . . . .** We're so glad that you're here and invite you to join us in thanksgiving for God's action in our lives. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. In this way, we believe that the Church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world.

## Whose Authority?

A man stands on your front doorstep, holding a Bible. "Good afternoon. May I share a few words of Christian truth with you?" "Sure. Where do you get this truth?" "From the Bible, of course." "That's your authority? The Bible?" "Yes, it's the only authority for Christians." "Can you prove that from the Bible?" "What do you mean?" "I mean I don't believe the Bible claims to be the sole rule of faith. Please show me where the Bible claims such a status for itself." Sometimes the conversation goes more like this: "Good afternoon. May I share a few words of Christian truth with you?" "No, I'm a Catholic." The door closes.



Many door-to-door proselytizers have good intentions. They want to convert you to the "truth"— as they see it. From their perspective, the Bible is the sole authority for the Christian faith. Some are taught that Catholics are prohibited from reading the Bible or know nothing about the scriptures. However, not only do we have full access to the Bible, but we hear segments of it proclaimed every time we celebrate Mass. In today's first reading God gives Moses the right to speak with divine authority to the people of Israel. In today's readings Jesus and Moses are recognized as speaking and acting with the authority of God. Both Jesus and Moses acted as a bridge between the people and God. For us the scriptures are a bridge for God's truth, but so are the sacraments and the lived experience of the Church — what we call Tradition. It is part of our responsibility as disciples of Jesus to learn from the scriptures, to listen attentively at Mass, to read more about the Bible for ourselves, and to learn more about the Bible through reading, studying, and learning with others.

Copyright © World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

*Join a scripture study group in your parish to listen more responsibly.  
Your parish doesn't have a group? Start one.  
You need not be a scholar or an expert to begin.*

— Copyright © 2011, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

---

## 2012 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS

### *“Be Imitators of Christ”*

Thank you to all who have responded to the mailing from Cardinal George. We are still two weeks away from the in-pew request. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please take advantage of this time to do so.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: “Be Imitators of Christ”. We are all challenged to try to live our lives using the life of Christ as an example. Christ gave us the path to eternal life. His love for each of us cannot be taken lightly.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$35,892.00 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

## From Father Brian's Desk

*"Let the Spirit Guide You"*

This is a time of the year where a number of our young parishioners have experienced different moments of "spirit". First of all, some of the students of our St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick Catholic School and our St. Alphonsus Religious Education Program experienced the Holy Spirit through different ceremonies. On Saturday morning and afternoon, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a wonderful opportunity for them and their families to receive God's Spirit of forgiveness and make a change in their lives for the better.

On Saturday evening and Sunday morning, our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students participated in the *Presentation of the Nicene Creed* service during a couple of our weekend Masses. It was a wonderful symbol of our faith and what we profess we believe in. Through the support of their Confirmation Sponsors and the St. Alphonsus Parish Community, our Candidates promised that they will continue on their journey of receiving the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

"School Spirit" is another term that is used in our society. This week our St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School will be beaming with "School Spirit" because it is *Catholic Schools Week*. I know that our school faculty and staff have a number of great events planned for our students for the next seven days.

This Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, is the annual **St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick Open House** from **9:00 a.m. to Noon**. There will be guided tours of the facility, an Art Fair, Book Fair, and the Invention Convention. If you have never had an opportunity to visit our school, please take a few minutes to visit the community that we are very proud of. Please come and join us!

*FR. BRIAN ARDAGH*

### Something you should know . . . .

#### Interesting Facts about Catholic Schools

The Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic School System is the largest diocesan school system in the nation with 256 elementary and high schools.

There are 7,094 Catholic schools in the United States. 5,889 of those sites are elementary/middle schools and 1,205 are secondary schools.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, Catholic schools save taxpayers an estimated \$1 billion annually.

Our St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School serves 254 students representing 166 families from Lemont and the surrounding areas.

National high school graduation rates: Catholic = 99.1%. Public schools = 73.2%.

Catholic Schools provide a full academic and technological program as well as extra-curricular activities.



### A REFLECTION ON GRATITUDE

*To be grateful is to recognize  
the Love of God  
in everything  
He has given us — and He has  
given us everything.  
Every breath we draw  
is a gift of His love,  
every moment of existence  
is a grace,  
for it brings with it  
immense graces from Him.*

*Gratitude therefore takes  
nothing for granted,  
is never unresponsive,  
is constantly awakening  
to new wonder and  
to praise of the goodness of God.  
For the grateful person  
knows that God is good,  
not by hearsay  
but by experience.  
And that is what makes  
all the difference.*

— Thomas Merton



*Come, let us bow down  
in worship;  
let us kneel before  
the Lord who made us.*

— Psalm 95:6



# Religious Education Update

**NO SESSIONS THIS WEEK**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ... 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE?



Fourth Grade is the year when our young people are required to own and bring their bibles to class. They have been learning about the structure of the Bible and how to navigate it. They are reminded that Sacred Scripture is God's Word to us... through the Hebrews of the Old Testament and the person of

Jesus in the New Testament. They've learned how the 7 Sacraments are special ways for us to share in Jesus' life and work.

You may have found the bookmarks with the revised Apostle's Creed in the Gathering books in the pews to be useful. These were created by our 4<sup>th</sup> Graders as their service project this year. Thank you to Rosalie Haubner, the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Catechist who helped to coordinate the project and other efforts. Thank you to our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade catechist team: Sherri Rodriguez, Joanne Santangelo, Stephanie Brackett, Amy Harlovic, and Brianne Cody.



## MEET A NEW CATECHIST



Katie Maday loves working with her 1<sup>st</sup> Grade children on Track B. After spending the day with children in special education as a school psychologist, she finds her RE kids a good change of pace. She also appreciates how being a catechist has helped her to deepen her own faith.



## "PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL"



The *Gloria* begins with the words of the angels announcing the birth of Jesus Christ: "Glory to God in the highest and *peace to people of good will.*" In the previous translation of the Gloria, we sang "peace to his (God's) people on earth." Now our new/old translation not only reflects more literally the original Latin, but it is scripturally more accurate. The Scriptures are an important source of our liturgical texts. This translation emphasizes the fact that *all* people on earth will have God's peace, if they are willing to be people of peace, no matter the creed they profess. Upon reflection, is this not the reality of the world in which we live?

# St. Alphonse-St. Patrick School News

Check out our website: [www.stals-stpats.org](http://www.stals-stpats.org)



Dear Parishioner:

We invite you to attend our Saint Alphonse-St. Patrick School Open House this Sunday, January 29, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We have so much to be proud of at our school! Our faith-based daily religious instruction, shared communal prayer and weekly Mass attendance contribute to shaping the lives of our students. Children are also encouraged to maximize their God-given talents by participating in extra-curricular activities, from athletics to student council. In addition to these opportunities, our students volunteer their time in local community service projects.

We have high expectations of our students at Saint Alphonse-St. Patrick School. We challenge them academically and we strive to instill in them the Gospel values. Saint Alphonse-St. Patrick School provides a loving and nurturing environment in which children grow intellectually, spiritually, physically and emotionally.

If this is the kind of school that you would like for your child, we look forward to welcoming you to our Open House on January 29.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Renee Payne  
Principal

Registration packets for the 2012-2013 school year will be available on January 29.



## Annual Gala fundraiser “Crazy For You” 80s themed Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 11.

I am so sure, like who had the best hair? A poll not be missed!  
Get into the mix and go vote on the gala website:

<http://crazyforyougala.com/>

Come out for a great time!

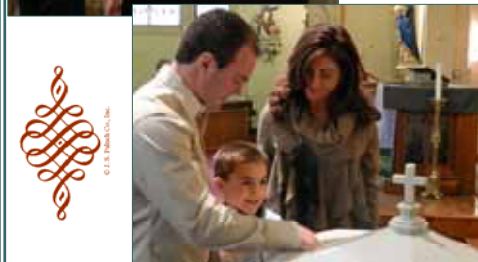




### FIRST RECONCILIATION

We tried something new this year... Having parents introduce/present their child to the priest for their first confession. It seemed to go very well and parents appreciated the opportunity and gesture. Thank you to our catechists/teachers for preparing the children: Maryanne Siorek, Lisa Szymanski, Rachel Filip-

pini, as well as their aides Kylie Szymanski, Annie Danta, and Tigi Tasso. Thank you to members of our Worship Commission who coordinated the service, Sharon Kostas and Paul Malak.



### Vicariate V Ministry Commission Offerings . . . .

**HOSPICE TRAINING —VITAS HOSPICE**  
**Saturday ~ February 4th ~ 9am to 4pm**  
**St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Parish**  
**17500 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park**  
**708-342-2400**

Vitas and the Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund are dedicated to assisting those who cope either personally or professionally with terminal illness, death and the process of grief. Join them as they share their strategies for supporting the journey of dying patients and their loved ones.

**ASKING LIFE QUESTIONS**  
**Tuesday & Thursday ~ February 7 & 16**  
**7 to 9 pm**  
**Most Holy Redeemer Parish**  
**Convent, 2nd floor**  
**9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park**  
**708-425-5354**

For those who are looking to add a creative way to pray with small groups, please join us as we gather individuals into small group experiences in which they engage in contemplative dialogue. Both sessions will be experiential and will explain a little about the art and practice of contemplative prayer. The goal of contemplative prayer is to increase each individual's awareness that life is a spiritual journey and contemplative living is a way of responding to our everyday experiences.

Presenters: Kim Madonia has been involved in Youth Ministry for over 15 years and is the Director of Youth Ministry at St. John Fisher & Most Holy Redeemer Parishes. She enjoys working with teenagers and young adults. Kim has her Youth Ministry certificate from CMD, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Design from Eastern Illinois University.

Doreen Dabney is Pastoral Associate at St. Alphonsus in Lemont. She received her Master of Divinity from Loyola and has worked at St. Al's, the Ministry Commission and the Archdiocesan Lay Program for the last several years.

### Pre-Lenten

**Evening of Reflection**  
**Monday, February 6th, 7PM**  
**SS. Cyril & Methodius**



### “What do we thirst for this Lent?”

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish Pre-Lenten Evening of Reflection will be a prayer service with a reflection given by Franciscan Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, who will speak on the theme, *“What do we thirst for this Lent?”*

Friar Johnpaul will reflect on how we can enrich and nourish our spiritual life during the Lenten season. He will guide us as we ask ourselves, “What must I do to become closer to God? What is missing in my spiritual life? What do I thirst for this Lent?”

Friar Johnpaul was born and raised in the New York Metro area and is a former police officer who has worked as a counselor and chaplain at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago. Friar has lectured and preached internationally.

In addition to his preaching ministry, Friar Johnpaul is a pastoral associate and preacher at Holy Family Parish in Inverness and also serves as chaplain for the Illinois State Police in Chicago.

**Pre-Cana Marathon . . . .** Fr. Bob Rohrich, C.M. invites all engaged couples to a “Pre-Cana Marathon” held in the Ministry Center Gym at Sacred Heart, 8245 W. 111th Street, Palos Hills, on Monday, February 6th from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm. No pre-registration is necessary. However, we ask that you come early (6:45 pm) so that you may sign in. Please Note: If one of you is from St. Alphonsus, this will count for the Pre-Cana requirement. If neither is from St. Alphonsus, then you must get approval from the officiating priest. A certificate will be given at the conclusion. A \$15 donation is requested from each couple.

## St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick Elementary Education Survey — for parents of children in preschool through 8th grade

We would like to understand how parents in our area make elementary school decisions for their children, and we would greatly appreciate your input through a brief survey. We recognize that many factors go into these important decisions, and we respect all of the different choices you have made. Understanding your views will help us improve our local Catholic school program and will also enable us to understand the perspectives and needs of those who have not chosen Catholic school. We would greatly appreciate your help with our survey whether your children attend Catholic school or not. While the survey is offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the responses will be specific to each school so that we can better understand parents' views in our specific community. To access the survey, please go to the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SchoolSurveyEnglish>

For Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SchoolSurveySpanish>.

The survey will be available online until Monday, February 6.



### SPRED

I would like to share with you a quote from a SPRED catechist.

"I thoroughly enjoy the time I spend with our friends. We spend time learning about our faith and then we share in each others company by talking, laughing and singing. They humble me and make me realize what is important in life. Looking at the face of a friend is looking at the face of God."

If you feel a call to join a small faith community of friends with developmental disabilities, please come to a SPRED informational meeting. No experience necessary, we will provide all the training you need.

St. Cyril & Methodius is hosting an informational meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm in the teachers lounge in the school building.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist or have a family member with a developmental disability, please attend. The meeting will give you the information needed to help you make the decision if SPRED is the ministry for you. If you have any questions, call Carol Levas at 630-257-2414.



### 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 **February we will be collecting "paper products" which include toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, etc..**

Any item you are able to give is gratefully accepted. The staples you provide are also necessary. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



### Church as Community

Another aspect of our Lenten Bible Study will be opening up an awareness to Church as Community. As Catholics, our faith is most fully expressed in community. The

topics that will be explored during the Lenten study will help in understanding what this looks and feels like.

Everyone is in community somewhere. The majority of people are in community with their family and friends. That is what society and the culture dictates. The Bible expands that to many who are not normally considered a part of your community. "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. *For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?* So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5: 44-47-8)

Those verses are familiar but what would it look like if the faith community of St. Alphonsus did that? What would Lemont look like, what would the larger local area look like and how far could that expand? Let's explore that together.

Doreen



Bethany Lutheran Church ~ 500 Lemont Street

Dear St. Alphonsus Parishioners,

Thank you for the \$310.00 and the large donation of food given to the Open Pantry at Bethany Lutheran Church.

As you know, we assist over 100 families each month and our numbers continue to grow. Due to your generosity, each pantry client will be able to provide nutritious meals for their families. Thank you for remembering the families of the Open Pantry.

In Christ,  
Bethany Open Pantry Committee

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

**“A Time to be Born through Baptism” —**

**“A Time to Heal” —**

Samantha Rodriguez	Pat Dedek	Kevin McGuire	Marie Kacer	Carmen Wallace
Mason Briese	Liam Kelly	Carol Nenn	Tina Ruiz	Sandra Blaauw
Matt Parker	Carlos Reyna	Robert Etzcorn	Carmen Hernandez	Bonnie Posey
Marilyn Missaggia	Rich Schneider	Ann Wagner	Harry Olson	Allie Greenberg
Megan Mundo	Donald Schields	Gladys Togliatti	Steve Wohead	Baby Patrick Connelly

**“A Time of War” —**

Ryan Meder, USMC, Iraq	Mark Giancarol, USA, Iraq	Thomas Walsh, USMC, Afghanistan
Russell Neal, USA Ft. Campbell	Christopher King, USA, Iraq	Jacob Christine, USN, San Diego
Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait	David Borkowski, USN, Mississippi	Jason Fricka, USAF, Afghanistan
Robert McKinney, USAF, Afghanistan	David DiSanto, USN, San Diego	And all who serve or country.
	Kevin Parker, USA	
	Joseph R. Pociask, USMC, San Diego	

**“A Time to Die” —**

All the military and innocent civilians who have died in the war.

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

**S.A.L.T. Meeting  
Seniors And Law  
Enforcement Together**

**Where:** Lemont Township, 1115 Warner Ave.

**When:** February 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

S.A.L.T. is a cooperative effort of the Lemont Police Department, Village of Lemont, Lemont Park District, Lemont Township, Cook County Sheriff and others in the community, along with the **55+ age group** of Lemont.

**Speaker:** Pam Carter from Lemont Park District will speak about the upcoming Senior Games, what the Core has to offer, and other programs that are available. She will also give a presentation on CPR, using an AED, and explain the warning signs of a stroke.

We encourage all seniors (**55+ age group**), from the surrounding areas to become informed and involved!

Please call Lemont S.A.L.T. for further information at **630-257-2522 x 24** or Email: [lemont.salt@gmail.com](mailto:lemont.salt@gmail.com)



**Seniors And Law Enforcement Together**

**Lemont S.A.L.T. Senior Games  
Is looking for Participants, Volunteers and Cheer-  
leaders**

**If you were born prior to 3/18/57 and like to Walk,  
Run, Swim, Play Basketball including Shoot Free  
Throws, Toss Bean Bags, Dance, Ride a Stationary  
Bike or Play Contract Bridge this event is for you.  
This Community Event takes place on**

**Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the:  
Lemont Park District CORE Complex  
16050 127<sup>th</sup> St.  
From 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Seniors may register to participate in one or a variety of events. For a full list of events or to register visit [www.LemontParkDistrict.org](http://www.LemontParkDistrict.org) or stop by the Lemont Park District.

Registration fee is \$3.

### Knit and Crochet Group Meeting



Remember that the Knit and Crochet Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at Nancy Zucarelli's house at 1350 Overton Drive in Lemont. If you have not joined us before-no problem-come just the same. If you have joined us before or are a regular-we look forward to seeing you on February 1st at 7:00 PM.

Saint Alphonsus Parish February, 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.</p>			<b>1</b> 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Children's Choir (C) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Finance Com. (OC) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Knit & Crochet Grp (Off Site)	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM SPRED Prep (PC/BC) 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir (RE-2) 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM Parish Choir (RE-2)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Blue Envelope
<b>5</b> Blue Envelope 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM R.E. (All Rooms) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy/Word (C/CH) 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM Re Deaf Program (RE Bldg)	<b>6</b> 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM R.E. (All Rooms) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tri-Parish Evening of Reflection (St. Cyril)	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Women's Club - Adoration Chpl (Chp) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM 1st Communion Pt Mtg (CH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Women's Club Mtg (PC)	<b>8</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Children's Choir (C) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM R.E. (All Rooms)	<b>9</b> 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM SPRED (PC/ABC) 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir (RE-2) 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM Parish Choir (RE-2)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM Winter Gala (Seven Bridge)  
<b>12</b> 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Confirm Penitential Rite-Tr A & School (C) 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM R.E. (All Rooms) 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Confirm Penitential Rite-Tr B & C (C) 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Baptism (C) 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM Re Deaf Program (RE Bldg)	<b>13</b> 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM R.E. (All Rooms) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA (PC-A)	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lemont Respect Life (PC-B) 	<b>15</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Children's Choir (C) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM R.E. (All Rooms)	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM SPRED Prep (PC/BC) 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir (RE-2) 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM Parish Choir (RE-2) 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Men's Club (CH)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Rite of Election (C) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Liturgy/Word (C/CH) 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Baptism (C)	<b>20</b> President's Day & Ofc Closed 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA (PC-A) 	<b>21</b> 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Palm Burning (C)	<b>22</b> Ash Wednesday Lent Bible Study- 6:00 - 6:45pm (CH)  Ashes will be distributed in the Church at: 7:30 am Mass 12 Noon Prayer Serv. 4:30 pm Prayer Serv. 7:00 pm Mass	<b>23</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 AM Young People's Mass Practice Gr 4 (C) 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Children's Choir (CH) 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM SPRED (PC/ABC) 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bell Choir (RE-2) 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM Parish Choir (RE-2)	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Stations (C) 	<b>25</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Young People's Mass Gr 4 (C)
<b>26</b> Donut Sunday 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM R.E. (All Rooms) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Confirmation Rite (C) 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Confirmation Spirit Day (C-CH) 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM Re Deaf Program (RE Bldg)	<b>27</b> 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM R.E. (All Rooms) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM RCIA (PC-A)	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM SKS (PC/ABC) 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Villa St. Benedict Ch Tour (C)	<b>29</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Children's Choir (C) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM R.E. (All Rooms) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Lent BibleStudy (CH)			

**St. Alphonsus  
Catholic Church**  
*Parish Registration*

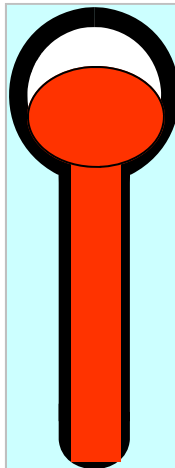
Everyone 18 years and older should register for the parish.  
To register, please call the Office Center, 257-2414 or you can register online at [www.st-als.org](http://www.st-als.org).

*Parish Staff*

- Pastor:* Rev. Brian Ardagh  
*Weekend Celebrants:*  
Fr. Robert Rohrich  
*Diaconal Ministry:*  
Deacon Terry McGuire  
Deacon Dan Rittenhouse  
*DRE:* Mr. Kevin Cody  
*School Principal:*  
Renee Payne  
*Pastoral Associate:*  
Doreen Dabney  
*Youth Minister:*  
Michael Lundberg  
*Office Coordinator:*  
Roseann Lucas  
*Accountant:* Carol Levas  
*Music Director:*  
Joseph Martorano  
*Music Staff*  
Christina Grinius  
Anne Madden  
Diane Marelli  
*SPRED:* Carol Levas

**Parish Pastoral Council Members**

- Mike Bruno  
Paul Christin  
Diane Kaye  
Deborah Kornacker  
Barbara Laubhan  
Bev Malak  
Paul Malak  
Renate Meyer  
Jim Pickering  
James Zuccarelli



145,000  
125,000  
100,000  
75,000  
50,000  
25,000  
15,000

**Stained Glass Window Collection**

Thanks to those who are following up on their pledges, and thanks to those who are giving (much) more than their pledge.

We have collected **\$134,265.98** of the total cost.

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

**Additional Envelopes**

Envelopes for the stained glass window fund are in the back of the church.

**Weekly Offering**

January 21st & January 22nd, 2012

Week's Need	\$12,869.00
Sunday's Collection	\$ 8,424.00
EFT	\$ 965.30
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,479.70)
Fiscal Year-to-date	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$23,094.37)
Last Year's week	
Collection	\$ 9,689.00

*Thank you for your support of our parish.*



**Income Tax Statements**

Once again we will only send tax statements to those parishioners who request them, so if you need your statement for Income Tax purposes, please either fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket, mail it, 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 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, January 28

5:00 pm — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
Marie McGury — *Florence McGury*

## Sunday, January 29

7:30 am — Marlin May — *Swann Family*  
James & Clara Pavilionis — *Daughter*

9:00 am — Art O'Connor — *Fr. Brian*  
Joseph Kolada — *Pam & Roger Nogal*

11:00 am — Casey Glasinski — *Family*  
John McGrath — *Loisi Family*

## Monday, January 30

7:30 am — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus

## Tuesday, January 31

7:30 am — Stanley Banis — *Bernaski Family*

## Wednesday, February 1

7:30 am — Jeffrey Giazzon — *Family*  
Andrew Zolecki — *Esther Jungles*

## Thursday, February 2

7:30 am — Anna Banis — *Bernaski Family*

## Friday, February 3

7:30 am — Henry Graf

## Saturday, February 4

5:00 pm — Thanksgiving intentions of Joan — *Joan Graf Pejsa*  
Thomas Lambert — *Sharon Ahlberg*

## Sunday, February 5

7:30 am — Patty Michalek — *Jim & Helen Douglas*

9:00 am — Bernadette Cacciato — *John & Carol Cacciato*  
Pat Urban — *John & Carol Cacciato*

11:00 am — Parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
Pascual Sifuentes — *Litoborski Family*

**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	Ushers	Music
February 4	5:00 pm	T. Griffin-Groebe	B. Israel R. Meyer B. Rogers	J. Anastasi Heatherington Family	August, J. & G. J. Nemeth C. Reyna S. Wall	Cantor & Keyboard
February 5	7:30 am	R. Kaiser	J. Zolla G. Umentum G. Kaiser	A. Mierczyki	G. Bozych J. Counter J. Bannon M. Doherty	
	*9:00 am	P. Browne	D. Czaja C. Levas D. Dabney J. Pickering (C) P. Perkey (C)	J. Hopkins M. Pickering	M. Bruno M. Kardas M. Mars	Parish Choir & Instrument Ensemble
	11:00 am	K. Cody	P. Loisi P. Christin K. Gory	Loisi Family B. Kunkel	J. Loisi R. Tauer P. Christin	Cantor Ensemble & Keyboard
	5:00 pm Lemont Tri-Parish Mass at St. Pat's					

\* Communion under both species

St. Alphonsus Bulletin is a weekly publication of St. Alphonsus Catholic Community of Lemont, Illinois. All rights reserved. Printing by J. S. Paluch Co., Inc., Schiller Park, Illinois.