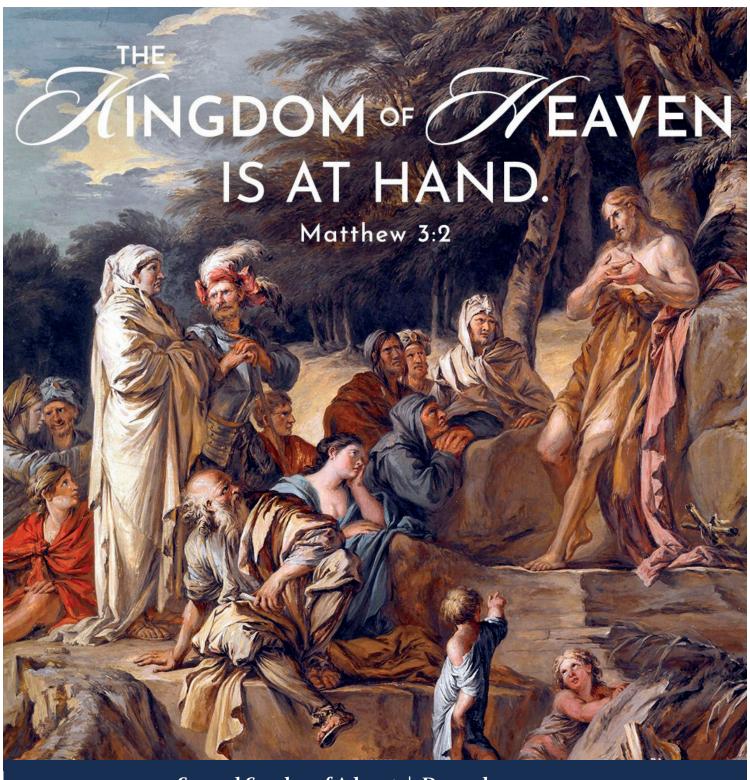
St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

Fortified by the Eucharist, we live and share the truth in charity and gratitude.



Second Sunday of Advent | December 7, 2025

Welcome

Join our Faith Community

Welcome to St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church! We invite you to join our faith community, both at Mass and in fellowship. Visit the parish office, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, or register online: ZionsvilleCatholic.com/Register.



Deacon Tim Perry

Clergy Corner Where Do You Find Your Peace?

One of the things that pleasantly surprised me on our pilgrimage to Italy this past October was to see our pilgrims gravitate toward the chapels with Eucharistic Adoration in these magnificent churches. It said to me "Being with Jesus is a real"

priority for these people." To travel basically an entire day over the ocean and then choose to seek out Jesus wherever He could be found was a sign of profound understanding of what truly matters. I'm not saying we never went

to the gift shop as well! But first things first.

There is a peace that I feel when I make Adoration a priority and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. I think we all are wired that way if we really understand what is happening, that we are in the presence of the Prince of Peace.

We need Him, especially during this time of year when there is so much commotion and noise around us and probably in our minds.

I will have the privilege to experience this peace with our young people, grades 5-12, this Sunday night. I didn't grow up with Adoration, and so I can only imagine what peace my young friends will

experience, and by extension, how my days at their age would have been more peaceful, more orderly around Jesus.

Please join me in praying for our young people and all who are involved in shaping their understanding of

peace, true peace, lasting peace, the undefeated Prince of Peace.





St. Juan Diego (1474-1548)

Feast Day: December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother too.

Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like An Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him.

To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-indiversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

—Peter Scagnelli



Remember in your Prayers

The Sick

Jim Rea, Darlene Wehr, Tina Nell, Tony Kaufmann, Shawn Martin, Shelby Summers, Laura Schafer, Trish Henninger, Janice Browning, William and Daniel Wysocki, Caroline Markham, Robert Steele, Elliott Kashman, Mary Ann Van Note, Chris Hasselburg, Chuck Elliott, and all the ill of our parish and community.

Our Deceased

Please pray for all the poor souls in purgatory.

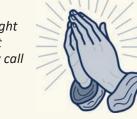
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Gibson, USMC; LT David Hamlin,
US Navy; Chaplain Janko, Indiana Air
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US Army; Captain Brent Lasher, USAF;
Lt. Col. Matthew Read, USAF; CPO
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Stillions, US Army; Sam Ferguson,
US Navy; Captain Paul Gahwiler,
US Army; Josh Moody, US National
Guard...and the families of all soldiers
who are deployed.

Names of the sick remain in the bulletin for eight weeks. At that time, you may call the office to resubmit a request.



317.873.2885 or email bulletin@zionsvillecatholic.com.



For the Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday Solemnity of the Blessed Sacrament of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS				
Sun.	12/7	8:00 AM	+ James T. Weller, Jr.	Heneghan
Sun.	12/7	10:30 AM (incense)	The People of St. Alphonsus	
Sun.	12/7	5:00 PM	+ Robert Fleming	Nelson
Mon.	12/8	7:00 AM	SP The Backes Family	Easler
Mon.	12/8	9:00 AM	The People of St. Alphonsus	
Mon.	12/8	7:00 PM	+ Corazon Galasan	Dolack
Tue.	12/9	9:00 AM	+ Deceased Members of the Kubicko Family	Terrell
Tue.	12/9	11:00 AM @ Zionsville Meadows	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory	Anonymous
Wed.	12/10	6:00 PM	+ Jeanne Hamernik	Canada
Thur.	12/11	9:00 AM	+ Ben Hall	Hall
Fri.	12/12	9:00 AM	+ Aaron Esparza	Anonymous
Sat.	12/13	9:00 AM	+ Dick Williams	O'Brien
Sat.	12/13	4:30 PM	+ Virlee Englert	Sheridan
Sun.	12/14	8:00 AM	+ Jim Weaver	Weaver
Sun.	12/14	10:30 AM (incense)	+ Terry Spartz	Lupinski
Sun.	12/14	5:00 PM	The People of St. Alphonsus	

SP: Special Intentions

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm Reg. Friday Hours: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

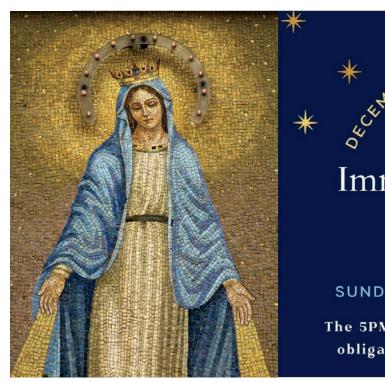
Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 10:30 am, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Saturday: 9:30 am & 3:15 pm By Appointment

Prayer & Worship



* Forst of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: 5PM | MONDAY: 7AM, 9AM, 7PM

The 5PM Sunday Mass may count as EITHER the obligation for Sunday OR the Holy Day vigil.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Pre-K—2nd Grade

December 14, during 10:30 am Mass

We welcome and encourage children to learn and participate with their families during Mass.

CLOW is geared towards children ages 4 through 2nd grade and meets regularly during 10:30 AM Mass from September through May. It offers an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word, and is led by adult volunteers.

If you can help—even just once in a while—by assisting with supervision, guiding little ones to participate, and keeping things running smoothly, please scan the QR code to sign up or visit bit.ly/3WCXLWj.



Your presence makes a difference!

Penance Service



Monday, December 15 7:00 PM

Priests will remain until all confessions are heard. Please arrive early.

During Advent...

We will pray the Memorare rather than the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the conclusion of Mass.



SAL Prayer Ministry Hope and Healing 1st Weekend of the Month

Our Prayer Ministry Team offers compassion and peace through prayer. This is not a sacrament or

Available on the first weekend of every month:

priestly blessing but a uniting of

Christians in prayer.

- Saturday after 4:30 pm Mass
- Sunday after 10:30 am Mass

Look for members wearing red lanyards by the baptismal font at the back of the nave. Prayers are confidential.

To join the Prayer Ministry, email Christina Steele at csteele@zionsvillecatholic.com or call 317.873.2885 x14205.

"By the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope." Romans 15:4

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Stewardship & Engagement



Stewardship Reflection

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

- Catholic Stewardship.com



November 23 Collection Report

Budget per Week - 2025 \$32,966.92
Offertory Collection \$30,709.96
Weekly Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$2,256.96)
Pew Count 2,031
2nd Collection: N/A

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Upcoming Events & Programs



DEADLINE TO PURCHASE Dec. 17, 2025 @ 5 PM

GET TICKETS



All parishioners are invited to participate in a special family night with the Indiana Pacers at Lucas Oil Stadium!

Tickets: Scan the QR above or visit bit.ly/SALPacers2026.

Contact Andrea Simpson: middleschool@zionsvillecatholic.com or

317.873.2885 x14222.

High School Retreat DECEMBER 14

12:30 PM-5PM

Advent Away for A Day is open to any and all high school students. Participants will enjoy the Festival of Nativities at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton and take time to reflect on how to model Mary's "Yes" that changed the world.

Cost: \$20

Register: scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/470f00b.



Contact:

Kristi Powers

<u>youthministry@zionsvillecatholic</u> <u>.com</u> or 317.873.2885 x14220.

Coffee and Donuts

Next Sunday! DEC. 14, 2025 | PARISH HALL



Join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship following the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. It's a simple way to connect with fellow parishioners and enjoy a sweet start to your Sunday!

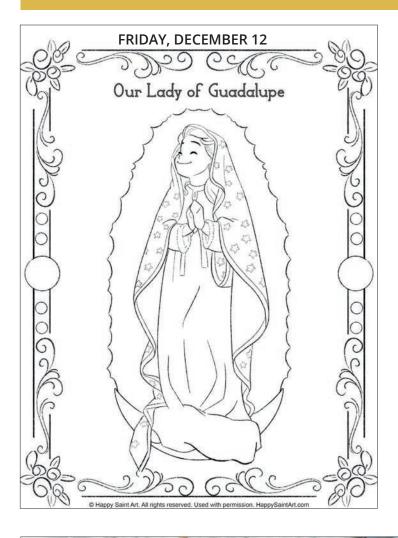
If you'd like to help host a Coffee and Donuts event, sign up by scanning the QR

code or visit: signupgenius.com/ go/SALDonuts.





Upcoming Events & Programs



Parish Calendar

December

- Becoming Catholic (OCIA) @8:30 am
- 7 Religious Education @9:30 am & 4 pm
- 7 Adult Confirmation @10:45 am
- 7 Children's Choir Rehearsal @1 pm
- 7 Confirmation Day of Reflection @1 pm
- 7 Cookies for a Cause Baking Day @2 pm
- 7 Middle and High Sch. Youth Ministry @6 pm
- 8 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Mass @7 & 9 am, 7pm
- 8 Religious Education @5 pm & 6 pm
- 8 Monday Evening Bible Study @6 pm
- 9 That Man is You! @6 am
- 9 Prayer Shawl Ministry @9:30 am
- 9 Baptism Class @7 pm
- 10 Dive Into Scripture @9 am
- 10 SANCTUS Young Adults Fellowship @6 pm
- 10 Adult Choir Practice @7 pm
- 10 Embrace Life Ministry @7 pm
- 11 K of C Council Meeting @6 pm
- 13 Journey to the Manger @5:30 pm
- 14 Coffee & Donuts after Morning Masses



Parish News & Announcements

HOPE | PEACE | JOY | LOVE



Advent Challenge

Begins Sunday, November 30, 2025

Advent is the time to slow down and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. **Slow down** this Advent Season and grow closer to Jesus through *prayer*, *reconciliation*, and adoration. **He is waiting for you!**

Read each passage slowly throughout the week.

Rest in it...reflect on it...savor it.

Week 1: Hope

Read Jeremiah 29: 11 - 14 and hear the words "I know the plans I have for you." Can you surrender your worries about the future and regrets from the past?

Week 2: Peace

Read Mark 10: 46 - 52 and hear Jesus say to the blind man: "What do you want me to do for you?" Now hear him say it to YOU. What is your heartfelt response?

Week 3: Joy

Read Psalm 33:20 - 22 and consider: What am I waiting for? How is my heart filled with gladness?

Week 4: Love

Read Psalm 139: 1-18. Note the talents God has given you...and your weaknesses. Remember God loves you as you are - not your sins but as His beloved child.

Youth Ministry News

The final meetings in 2025 for all youth ministry - Elementary, Middle, and High School - will be **December 14/15**. Religious Education, Rooted, Edge, and Life Teen will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2026.

Join the Snow Patrol

Our Snow Patrol works hard to keep our parish campus safe and welcoming all winter long. From shoveling snow to salting and clearing walkways, these volunteers make sure our community can navigate the campus safely.

Want to help?

Scan the QR code or sign up at <u>signupgenius.com/go/</u> snowpatrol.

Contact Tom Barbrick:

maintenance@zionsvillecatholic.com 317.873.2885 x14501.



Olive Wood Sales DECEMBER 13 & 14

We welcome Bethlehem Wood Carving to our parish next weekend. Their display in the narthex will feature a beautiful selection of olive-wood

items crafted by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on the support of parishes like ours to sustain them.

You'll find crucifixes, rosaries, ornaments, figurines, and other meaningful devotionals - thoughtful gifts for loved ones and treasured keepsakes for your own home.

Please come prepared to shop after Mass.

DOWNLOAD our Parish App

Scan the QR code or text APP to phone number 55321.



Other Catholic Offerings

Festival of Nativities

DEC. 13 & DEC. 14 ST. JOSEPH RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER



This family-friendly event offers a peaceful place for guests to reflect upon Christ's sacred birth as they usher in the Christmas season. More than 250 nativity sets will be on display throughout the building.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/4nPZUc8.





DECEMBER 13, 2025 ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

Join us in Social Hall after 9 a.m. Mass in the Nave for a light breakfast. Author of Of Love and Loss, Tim Florian, will speak about loss through the holiday season.



Scan the QR code for more information and to register by December 10.

Anchor of Hope Hospice

Volunteers Needed

Help provide compassionate care to patients in a variety of ways.

Anchor of Hope is looking for individuals who can play an instrument or sing to patients, read a book aloud, watch movies with patients, paint nails, do activities and crafts, provide animal therapy, help with grief support, help with office work/filing/administration, and more!

Volunteer work can also be tailored to your unique gifts and interests. Please reach out!

Contact: 317-360-8293 or <u>ashleyg@anchorofhopehospice.com</u>.

Must be 18+

Presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe

DEC 7 (SP.) @4:00 PM DEC 8 (ENG.) @7:00 PM OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

Joseph and Monique Gonzalez will present on the beautiful history of the native Mesoamerican people prior to Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearances in 1531.

Her apparitions and the image that she left on St. Juan Diego's tilma opened the hearts and minds of the native people to conversion in a way that the Franciscan friars would likely never have been able to do.

Find more details about Joseph and Monique's research at: guadalupeflowerworldprophecy. com/.

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Anointing of the Sick

Communal anointings are held in the spring and autumn. Individual anointings are available upon request.

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled upon attending class and submitting required paperwork. Registration in the parish is required OR a letter of permission from the parish in which you are registered.

zionsvillecatholic.com/baptism

Confirmation

The Sacrament is celebrated with 10th grade students. Our young people must participate in the preparation program according to diocesan and our parish guidelines.

zionsvillecatholic.com/confirmation

Becoming Catholic—OCIA

OCIA is a combination of hearing the truth about Jesus, learning about the Church, learning how to pray, and learning how to live a Christian life of virtue and service. Sessions culminate with the Sacraments of Initiation being celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

zionsvillecatholic.com/ocia

Marriage

Please make arrangements with Kate Shay at least six months before the marriage is to be celebrated. All engaged couples participate in a preparation program for their marriage following the diocesan and our parish's guidelines. zionsvillecatholic.com/marriage

Holy Orders Of Religious Life

Any woman desiring to become affiliated with a religious order and any man desiring to become a priest, permanent deacon, or brother is welcome to discuss her/his vocation with Fr. Travis Stephens. zionsvillecatholic.com/holy-orders

Sick Calls

If a parishioner is ill or hospitalized, please contact the parish office to make arrangements for a clergy visit: 317.873.2885.

Homebound

The Eucharist is taken to those unable to attend Mass each week. Anyone desiring a visit is asked to call the parish office: 317.873.2885.





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