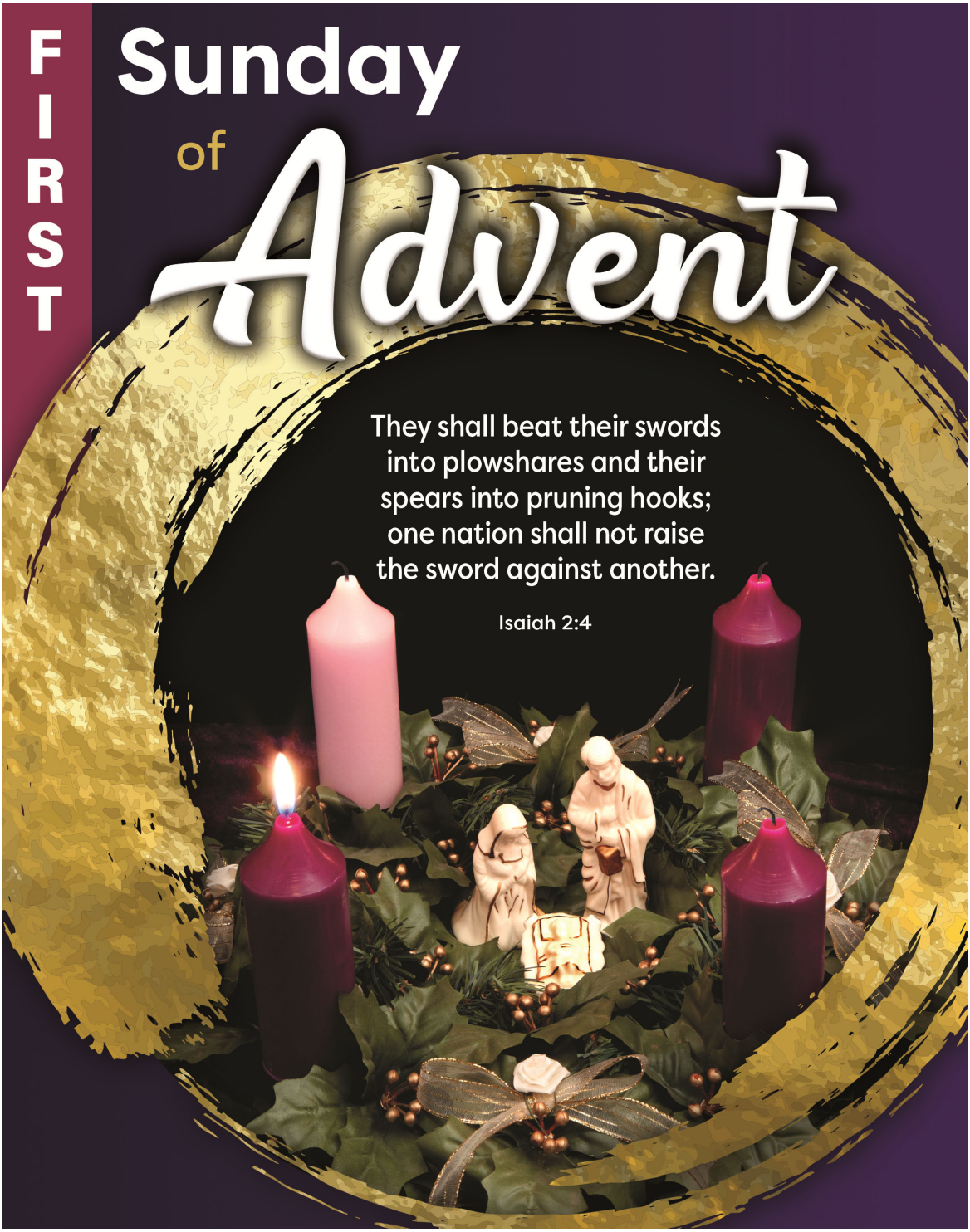
St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

Sunday, December 1, 2019 ♦ First Sunday of Advent



Parish Mission Statement

Loved and called by God, we, St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, come together as an involved, welcoming and caring Catholic community. Following Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to prayer, service and living our faith. Enriched by Word and Sacrament, we minister to the spiritual, educational and human needs of our families, parishioners and neighbors.

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Parish Office Hours
M-F 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

School Office Hours
M-F 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Masses

Sunday .....8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Weekdays .....8:15 am *(Unless otherwise specified on pg. 4)*
Saturday .....8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Anticipated Liturgy)
Holy Days……..8:15 am & 7:00 pm *(Unless otherwise specified on pg. 4)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm or by appointment.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452 x 105.

Baptisms

1st and 3rd Sundays - Please call Parish Office for information and arrangements.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

For those contemplating becoming Catholic or those wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please call the Parish Office 847-255-7452.

HEARING AID AMPLIFIERS AVAILABLE - PLEASE ASK AN USHER

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am	†Michael Whelan	†John C. Kuhn
	†Lawrence Schuetz	†Joe Zirko
	†Francis Brady	†Julie Harrington
11:00 am	†Rick Rice	†Shelia Smith
	†Joe Chorazy	†June Wolf
5:00 pm	†Richard Martin	†Andrew Clarke

Monday, December 2

8:15 am	†Ken Marcotte	†Richard Sullivan
	†Howard W. Johnson	*Special Intention

Tuesday, December 3

8:15 am	†Richard Sullivan

Wednesday, December 4

8:15 am	†Deceased Members of St. Alphonsus Parish

Thursday, December 5

8:15 am	†Felipe Rodriguez	†Rosaly Morales
	†Paula Maldonado	†Guadalupe Santiago
	†Marcial Morales	†Werba-Dale Family
	†Rodriguez-Morales Family	

Friday, December 6

8:15 am	†John Quynh Hoang

Saturday, December 7

8:15 am	†Joseph Chorazy	
5:00 pm	†Michael Pavlo	†Jim Anderson
	†John "Jack" Summers	†Joanne Twomey
	†George Fine	†Patrick J. Berrigan
	†Joseph Chorazy	

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am	†Michael Whelan	†Joe Zirko
	†Joseph Lobraco	†Domenico Cirone
	†Cynthia Marie Santiago	†William Mahrenholz
	†Virginia Laskowski	
11:00 am	†John Hie	†Eleanor Breitfuss
	†Jacqueline Craine	
5:00 pm	†Deceased Members of St. Alphonsus Parish	

Early Deadlines: Christmas Mass Intentions DUE December 12.

Altar Bread and Wine

For the Week of December 1

In Memory Of:
Deceased Members of the Lee Family

Offered by:
Joan and Bob Lee

Deacon Steve . . . . . .

This is now the first Sunday of the new liturgical year, Advent. All of the Gospel readings will now focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

The world is waiting for peace and good tidings, and we hear in the Gospel that they will beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks. This is from the first reading of Advent, the second chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In 1946 the world decided that an international organization could be just the thing, the United Nations. But after several world conflicts people found out that the United Nations has not been very successful.

This is most likely due to the fact that we have fallen into the misconception that our world is capable of finding lasting peace on its own. That is not possible. The time of peace, justice and love cannot take place without the King of Justice, peace and love, Jesus Christ. The angels proclaimed that this kingdom was started with Jesus first coming in Bethlehem, "Glory to God on the highest and peace to his people on earth." But it will not be complete until His second coming at the end of time.

This is where we need to help out. We need to be prepared for the second coming of the Lord. "Wake from your sleep" Paul tells the Romans. "Stay awake" all you people Jesus tells Matthew. We must be prepared for the Day of the Lord.

We must be those people who are concerned about ourselves being ready to greet our Lord with open Hearts and minds. Our Love for Him is what He is looking for. Not our unconcerned attitudes.

So please don't get caught napping. Hopefully he will find us.

-Deacon Steve

This Week at St. Alphonsus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
No Religious Education Classes
Kingdom Kids– Mtg. Room B - 11:00am Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2
No Religious Education Classes
Advent Reflection Group - Mtg. Rooms B/C - 1:00pm
WICI Dance Practice - Dining Hall - 7:00pm
Advent Reflection Group - Mtg. Rooms B/C - 6:15pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
Birthday Celebrations - Mtg. Rooms A/B - After 8:15am Mass
Mark: Faith Not Fear Bible Study - Mtg. Room C - 1:00pm
Holy Hour Prayer / Adoration / Benediction - Church - 6:30—7:30pm
"Friends of Bill W." - Burke Hall - 7:30pm
Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rectory Conf. Room - 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
SPRED (Catechists) Meeting - Mtg. Room A - 6:30pm
Mark: Faith Not Fear Bible Study - Mtg. Room C - 7:00pm
Legion of Mary Prayer Group - Rectory Conf. Room - 7:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
American Heritage Girls Meeting - Mtg. Rooms A/B/C - 4:00pm
WICI Dance - Dining Hall / Mtg. Rooms A/B/C - 6:15pm—9:15pm
RCIA - Rectory Conference Room - 6:30pm
"Chorus of Faith" Choir Rehearsal - Church - 7:00pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
Pray the Holy Rosary - Church - 7:45am
PADS - Dining Hall/Kitchen/Mtg. Rooms/Gym—6:00pm—6:00am
TCIA Jewelry Sales - Narthex - After 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
K-8 Religious Education Classes - Classrooms - 9:35am—10:50am
Kingdom Kids– Mtg. Room B - 11:00am Mass
TCIA Jewelry Sales - Narthex - After all Masses
Knights of Columbus Meeting - Mtg. Rooms B/C - 6:00pm
Men's Club Meeting - Mtg. Rooms B/C - 6:45pm

~ Readings for the Week ~

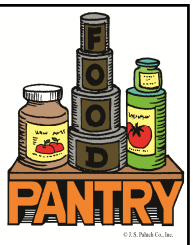
Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Ministry Schedules for December 7 & 8, 2019

Mass Time	Presider & Music Style	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Greeters
5:00 pm	Fr. Joseph Le Contemporary Ensemble	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
8:30 am	Fr. Joseph Le "Gathered Voices" Morning Ensemble	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
11:00 am	Fr. Joseph Le "Chorus of Faith" Choir	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
5:00 pm	TBD Sunday Night Ensemble	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

The Ministry of Care

FOOD PANTRY NEWS...



Thanks to your donations, 105 families were provided with bags of food at the November 16th Food Pantry distribution.

Please help the Food Pantry by donating the following items:

Boxes of cereal
Cans of Spaghetti O's
Cans of fruit
Cans or jars of pasta sauce
Boxes of macaroni & cheese
Peanut butter and/or jelly
Toilet paper

Thank you for your donations and generosity!

Ministers of Care

Ministers of Care carry on Christ's mission by ministering to the spiritual needs of people with prayers and comfort in times of sickness. We personally visit your home or hospital room. If you or a member of your family would like a visit from a Minister of Care, and have the Sacrament of Eucharist brought to you, please contact:
Andrea Ricard 847-255-7452 x 170

Remembrance Table Photos:

If you were unable to take your photos home from the Remembrance Table, you may pick them up at the Parish Office.
Questions? Call 847-255-7452.

If you would like to receive COMMUNION with **Low Gluten Hosts** (.ooo2%), please contact the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.

If you have strict dietary requirements, please consult your doctor.

Saint Alphonsus Prayer Circle

Ministers offer spiritual and moral support to those experiencing serious concerns in their lives. They want to pray with you for special intentions, such as a serious illness or emergency situation. When called upon, these ministers pass your prayer request to all members. Prayers are kept within the Prayer Circle and are not announced at Mass unless you wish.
If you are in need of this prayer support, please call:
Diane Kachigian
847-215-2548

Stewardship, Returning Our First Fruits . . .

Thank You for Your Regular Ongoing Giving:
Creative Ways to Help Your Parish:

The good work done every day by the clergy, ministries, and organizations of St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish only happens because of the regular and faithful generosity of you, our parishioners through cash, check, and online giving.

Per IRS, donors 70 ½ can transfer up to $100,000, from their IRA's directly to St. Alphonsus and not have to pay tax on the withdrawal. The transfer must be from the financial institution to St. Alphonsus.

The IRA donor can:
1. Transfer part of the IRA/MRD to St Alphonsus and keep part.
2. Transfer all of the IRA/MRD to St. Alphonsus,
3. Keep all of the IRA/MRD and likely pay more in taxes and maybe even reach a higher tax bracket.

The IRA/MRD donation may be in addition to any other charitable giving you have planned. One may also take out additional IRA distributions for personal use, but this is taxable.

By donating IRA/MRD money to St. Alphonsus, you can reduce your tax bill while supporting your parish, WOW!

For help or questions, please contact Margaret Turansky, Stewardship Council, 847-797-0877 and / or your attorney, tax advisor.

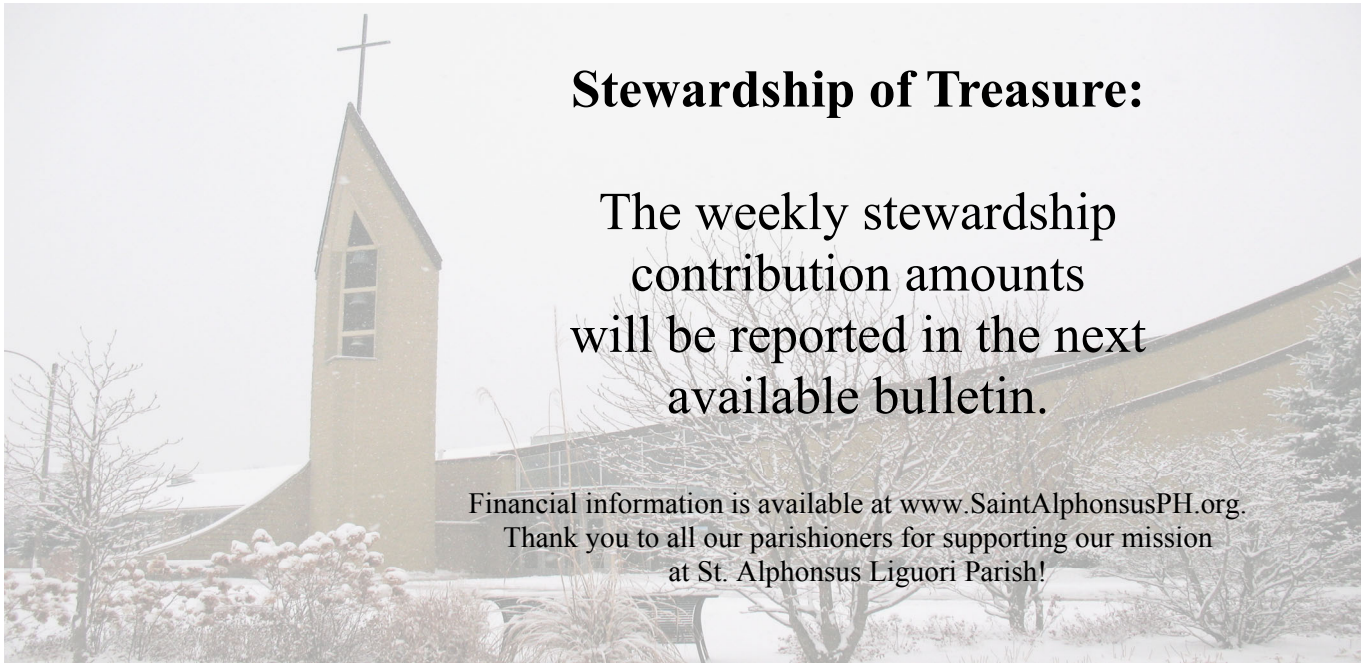
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Americans now hold nearly $110 billion in Donor Advised Funds. These funds allow people to place cash or stock into such a fund and receive an immediate charitable tax deduction. Gifts to charities can then be distributed over time (n.b., those distributions would not qualify for an additional deduction).

Some Individuals create Donor Advised Funds in order to "bunch" future charitable gifts into one year, thus enabling them to exceed the standard deduction and itemize on their tax return. In 2019, the standard deduction for individuals under 65 is $12,200, over 65 $13,600: and for couples under 65, it is $24,400; over 65 it is $26,600.

If you already established a Donor Advised Fund, don't forget that you can recommend St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish to receive distributions. Your gift of any amount will help us to meet the needs of our parish and those we serve every day. We would be happy to work with you to put your gift to use in an area that is close to your heart, thus providing you with the utmost satisfaction.

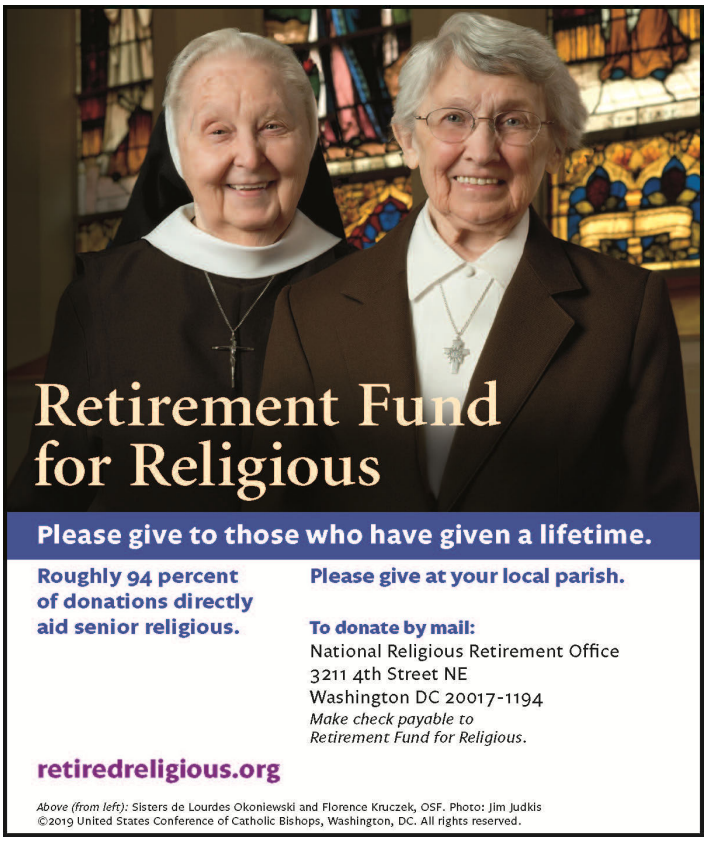
For more information, please call Margaret Turansky, Stewardship council, 847-797-0877. Also, please consult your attorney or CPA for further advice.



Stewardship of Treasure:

The weekly stewardship contribution amounts will be reported in the next available bulletin.

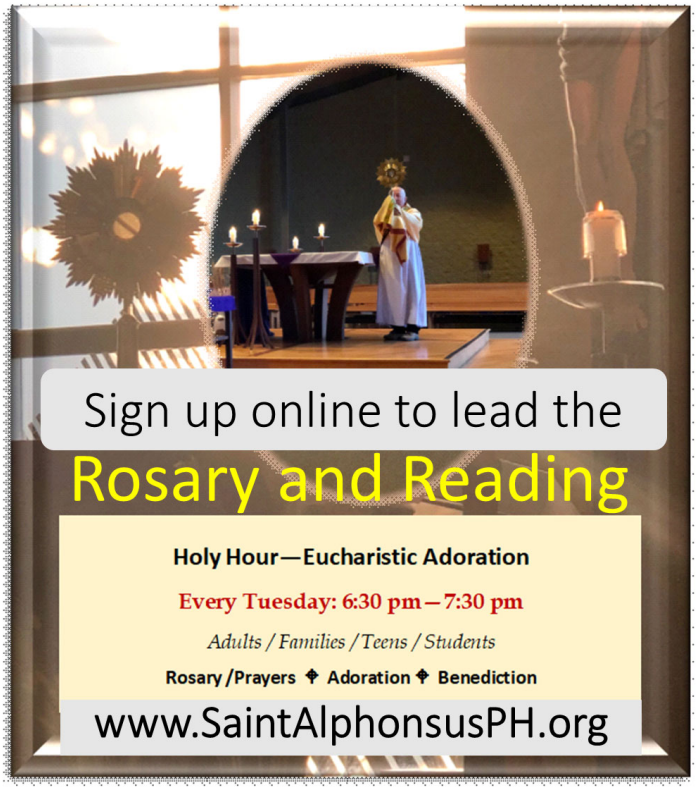
Financial information is available at www.SaintAlphonsusPH.org.
Thank you to all our parishioners for supporting our mission at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish!



St. Alphonsus Parish Library extension is located in the BOOKCASE in the Narthex located near the couch sitting area.

Each month we will change the books giving you an opportunity to read the many wonderful resources we have available in the Parish Office Library, which you are invited to use as often as possible.

We ask that you return the books within the month. Categories of books will be noted and books are in alphabetical order of authors.



WANTED

Ushers!

Ushers needed for Masses
Saturday 5:00pm or
Sunday 8:30am
Training Provided!

Contact Curt
847-392-2337

The Giving Tree is Here!

Please take a tag which represents one of the children whose family visits our Food Pantry, as well as our sister parish at St. John de LaSalle, and buy them a gift for Christmas! Please purchase a small toy AND an article of clothing for the child's designated age, wrap the items together and attach the Giving Tree tag to their gift.

Kindly bring your gifts to the church Narthex no later than Tuesday, December 17th

Need an idea? Suggested gifts:

TOYS:
Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Lego Sets, Fisher-Price Toys, Cars & Trucks, Action Figures, Puzzles, Games: Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Uno, Apples to Apples, Scrabble, Monopoly

ARTS & CRAFTS:
Jewelry Kits, Art Sets, Sewing Kits, Play-Doh Sets

CLOTHING:
Sweatshirts, Sweaters, T-Shirts, Pajamas, Gloves, Hats

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS: *(Great for Teens!)*
Gift Cards: Kohl's, Target, Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods, Visa Gift Card, AMC Theatres

NEW GIFTS ONLY – NO FOOD OR CANDY
Please buy gifts for any ornament you take, and include gift receipts.

Questions? Contact the Parish Office at 847-255-7452

Parish and School Events . . . . .

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Advent Begins - Sunday, December 1, 2019

Dec. 16 - Reconciliation Service - St. Thomas Becket, Mount Prospect - 7:00pm

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Masses - 3:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses - 8:30am and 11:00am

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Mass - 5:00pm ***(Anticipated Liturgy)***

Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary - 8:15am Mass

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!

Kissing the Face of God, by Morgan Weistling

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS™
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Girls ages 5-18 are invited to join...

St. Alphonsus Liguori
American Heritage Girls Troop IL1317
Roman Catholic traditions,
including devotion to our Blessed Mother

AHG guides girls towards becoming women of integrity through exploring life skills, faith, service and FUN in a Christ-centered, nurturing environment.

Our Troop meets twice/month at St. Al's.

To join contact:
Mary Therese Maslanka, Troop Coordinator,
mtmrd@hotmail.com

ST. ALPHONSUS MEN'S CLUB

NEXT MEETING DATE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 6:45PM
(AFTER THE 6:00PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING)

NARTHEX MEETING ROOMS B/C

Come hungry (we will order pizza), come thirsty (BYOB), come to talk, come with an open mind and be ready to make St. Al's an even better place.

You will help this Men's Club make a difference!

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass: Thursday, December 12 at 8:15am

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas and Intercessor of the Unborn, appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531, requesting that a church be built on the spot. When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the authenticity of the apparition, Our Lady responded by producing roses in December for Juan Diego to gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on his *tilma* or cloak.

In the Americas we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 each year. If you wish to bring flowers to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady, you may place them in the vases by the image in the Narthex. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.
(No candles may be lit. Vases cannot be returned.)

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, who blessed Mexico and all the Americas by your appearance to Juan Diego, intercede for the holy Church, protect the Pope, and help everyone who invokes you in their necessities. O mystical rose, hear our prayers and our petitions, especially for the particular one we are praying for at this moment (mention your request). Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.
Amen.

Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Alphonsus

Awareness + Education = Hope

Remember, you are not alone...

If you are a victim of Domestic Violence, or know someone who is, and need help, please contact:

WINGS 24 hour Hotline and Counseling Services and Emergency Shelter at (847) 221-5680

National Domestic Violence Hotline 24 hour
(800) 799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline
(800) 656-4673

National Dating Abuse Helpline
(866) 331-9474

In an Emergency dial 911

A special Thank You to Glueckert Funeral Home for our 2020 calendars.

Pick up yours for FREE in the Narthex beginning December 14!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

We always remember our deceased loved ones during the holidays.
This year, why not remember them with a Christmas Flower Memorial?
Your donation will help beautify our church as well as memorialize your loved one.
Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"
and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or bring it to the Parish Office
by Tuesday, December 24th
Names of those memorialized will be listed in a bulletin after the holidays.
Suggested Donation - $25 per Flower Memorial

Donor's Name:_____

Telephone #_____

Flower Donation *In Memory of . . .* _____

Please provide only one individual's name or one family name per Flower Memorial.

The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before the Christmas Eve meal. The entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatek. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year – whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The purpose of this act is primarily to express ones unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family.
Even the family pets can partake in this meal. The pink Oplatki is made especially for pets!

Envelopes containing 3 wafers are available in the Narthex for a $4 donation starting Dec. 8.

TCIA

St. Alphonsus — Teen Catholics In Action

Dates to Remember:

December 14	December 20	January 3 & 4
M&M Mass	Labyrinth Prayer Service	Lock-In

TCIA Jewelry Sale
December 7/8 & 21/22!

December 7/8 & 21/22 the teens will be having a Jewelry/ Rosary sale in the Narthex. This could be a great time to find a unique Christmas present for someone special or even find something that is special for you!

Come support the teens and find some special jewelry!

Have you ever had the chance to experience a labyrinth prayer service?

If not that is about to change! On December 20th from 6:30pm—8:30pm, the teens will give everyone a chance to experience this unique prayer opportunity!

Questions? Email Matthew: youthministry@saintalphonsus.com or call parish office

Potawatomi Casino Trip!

Wednesday, January 15th

$30.00 Includes:
Bus & $20 Slot Play

Bus Leaves St. Alphonsus at 9:00am

Register By December 30 ♦ Guests Welcome!

Name: _____Address:_____

Phone: _____D.O.B._____Player's Card #_____

Drop registration in offering basket at Mass or bring to Parish Office by December 30.

Make checks payable to St. Alphonsus. Questions? Call 847.255.7452

We warmly welcome you to St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish!

Registering at St. Alphonsus Parish is important to all of us. We serve needs such as: Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, School or Religious Education Registrations, letters as affidavits for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors and more! In addition, we would to like to keep in touch with those who become hospitalized or homebound.

Registration forms are in the Narthex, Parish Office, or online at www.SaintAlphonsusPH.org

Once registered, you will receive a Welcome Packet with information about our church and parish ministries. You will also receive mailings throughout the year.

If you wish to receive e-mail communication about parish events, call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.

Please contact the Parish Office if your mailing address, email or phone number has changed.

Young adults age 18+ should register on their own.

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH FRIENDS!

The Daily Mass community invites all parishioners to celebrate birthdays the first Tuesday of each month following 8:15 Mass in the narthex meeting rooms.

Celebrants (and friends) are invited for coffee & cake and a special blessing from Fr. Joe. Even if it's not your birthday come and enjoy the coffee and conversation!

Birthday bashes will be held on **December 3,** January 7 and February 4

See you there! Questions? Call Cal Blickle 847-392-7398

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This is the U.S. conference of Catholic Bishops website. They offer links to the daily prayers, and there are links to reflections and homilies for most days.

WWW.Formed.org
St. Alphonsus Parishoners have FREE access to the formed.org which features the "Opening the Word" series, a weekly reflection with a printable guide you can use through the week. Parish Code: KJGJTH

www.Dynamiccatholic.com
Matthew Kelly is a world-renowned Catholic speaker. You can subscribe to receive daily reflections.

WWW.wordonfire.org
Bishop Robert Barron's weekly homilies are available for free.

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Family Mass

Sign up to participate as **Lectors, Gift Bearers, Greeters or Ushers** in our upcoming Family Masses:

December 29 at 11:00am

January 26 at 11:00am

Contact Doreen Kelly at 847-255-7452 or d.kelly@saintalphonsus.com

Please Pray For:

~ Those Requesting Prayers ~

Todd Bartelt
Clayton Berrigan
Marie Berrigan
Richard Blume
Jim Boesen
Lawrence Boesen
Emily Bogacz
Lola Bondzinski
Bob Bors
Constance Borrero
Joseph Borrero
Therese M. Brown
Rosemary Brusseau
Rosaria Campanile
Beverly Carlson
Antoinette Centanni
Deacon Norb Ciesil
Harriett Ciesil
Jesus Gil DeAlfaro
Magdalena del Carmen
Peter Cychulski
Marie Deardorff
Jim Dever
Dawn Devaney
Geraldine DiVincenzo
Tony Dolce
Tom Douglas
Jennie Estaban
Joan Fine
Heather Fischer
Veronica Foloky
Danuta Folta
Tim Ford
Elyse Frei
Carol Glab
Rita Graham
Diane Grooznack
Harriet Guban
James Gulyas
Liz Hardesty
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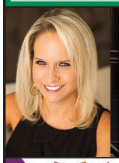
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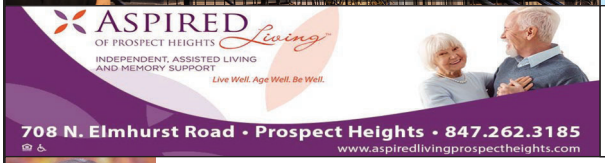
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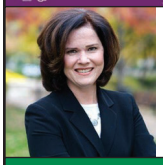
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