



Saint Aidan Parish

Saint Alphonus & Saint Alexis Churches

July 11, 2021



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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It is Time to Go to Church

When I was growing up with my five sisters and three brothers, we would always hear my dad saying “it is time to go to church.” We would go to church each Sunday, and with 11 of us, including my parents, it was always an adventure getting everyone to church, and sometimes on time. We usually went in shifts, the early church, those of us who arrived on time, and the late arrivals. Regardless of when we arrived, we always went to church each Sunday, Holy Days, and some weekdays during the summer. My dad’s words are a message for us, our local church, and the whole People of God, for “It is Time to Go to Church.”

Both Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis CHURCHES ARE OPEN :) I invite and welcome you back to church. Now is a good time to return to church. We are blessed that over the next few weeks we will be celebrating the FEAST DAYS of our churches Patrons, Saint Alphonsus and Saint Alexis. Saint Alexis’ Feast Day is on Saturday, July 17th. We will celebrate Mass and have a reception after the 4:00 pm Mass that day. Saint Alphonsus’ Feast Day is on Sunday, August 1st. We will celebrate the normal Sunday Mass schedule and have a reception after the 9:00 am Mass. Please see the bulletin for the full details about our Feast Days.

It is time to go to church, a great time to get back to Mass. I welcome you back to church along with your family, friends, and loved ones. I need your help to share the word that **our churches are open**, and “It is Time to Go to Church.”

Peace,
Fr. Will

St. Alexis old church portico: The maintenance staff has been working on repairing and restoring the portico of the old church at St. Alexis. During their work, they informed me that the beams were completely rusted and the pillars were in need of extensive repairs. They determined that the structure is unsafe and recommended that it be taken down. Therefore, they will be working on the demolition of the portico over the next few weeks.

Two Focus missionaries: I am excited to announce that we will be joined by two FOCUS missionaries on the weekend of July 17-18. These two young ladies both grew up at St. Alexis Church. They will give an appeal at all the Mass times that weekend. To learn more about Focus Missionaries please visit Focus.org Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

Two new priests: Fr. John McKenna moved in on July 1. He is settling in and will be celebrating Mass this week and weekend. Please join me in welcoming him.

Fr. Pat Barkey will be joining us on July 12. Please welcome him when he arrives.

Retreat: I will be away on my canonical retreat this week. Please pray for me and I will be praying for all of you.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. — Mk 6:7, 13

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 11 / Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am	St. Alphonsus	Living & Deceased Members of St. Aidan Parish
8:00 am	St. Alexis	† Elaine Pietrusinski / Carl Pietrusinski
9:00 am	St. Alphonsus	† Beverly Evers / Mary & Michael Evers
10:00 am	St. Alexis	† Richard “Jose” Stofko / Elijah & Noah Bailey

Monday, July 12 / Weekday

8:00 am	St. Alexis	In Celebration of Evelyn Keenan’s 100th Birthday / The Gold Club
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Tuesday, July 13 / Weekday

8:00 am	St. Alexis	† Bob Zehr / Marian & John Potts
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Wednesday, July 14 / Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 am	St. Alexis	† Francine Konen / Mother, Lois Jencka
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Thursday, July 15 / Saint Bonaventure

8:00 am	St. Alexis	† George Lyons, Jr. / Ruth Lyons
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Friday, July 16 / Weekday

8:00 am	St. Alexis	† Miles Wilson / John & Joanna Schwoebel
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Saturday, July 17 / Saint Alexis

8:00 am	St. Alexis	† Paul & Inez Pfeffer / Pfeffer Children
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Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm	St. Alexis	† Richard J. Collins, Jr. / Maureen Molyneaux
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Sunday, July 18 / Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am	St. Alphonsus	Living & Deceased Members of St. Aidan Parish
8:00 am	St. Alexis	† Sr. Kathleen Guarde CSJ / Pamela Houghton OD
9:00 am	St. Alphonsus	† Helen Kirsch / Jim Yingling
10:00 am	St. Alexis	† Repa & Mann Families / Gesmond Family

SAINT AIDAN INCOME

June 28 through July 4, 2021

	Regular	Electronic	Total
Offertory	\$ 9,676	\$	\$ 9,676
Parish Share	\$ 1,780	\$	\$ 1,780
Mary Fund	\$ 40	\$	\$ 40
Catholic Education	\$ 317	\$	\$ 317
Peter’s Pence	\$ 195	\$	\$ 195
Other Diocesan Collections	\$	\$	\$
Other Holy Days	\$	\$	\$
Votives	\$ 419	\$	\$ 419
TOTAL	\$ 12,427	\$	\$ 12,427

SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.” (Am 12:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

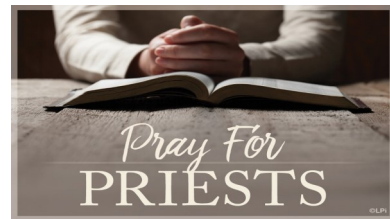
Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. (Eph 1:3-4)

Gospel:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. (Mk 6:7)

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WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

We pray with special love and concern for all those members of our Parish families of Saint Aidan who are ill or infirmed, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need.

Brian Bart	Mary Maloney
Rachel Borck	Liz McArdle
Ray & Jeanne Bukauskas	Gay Mullen
Emma Bullick	George “Murph” Neelan
Paige Cangilla	Briana Oliphant
Julie Ewell	Tom Pendel
Allison Fearnley	Bob Roberts
Nancy Greer	Mary Grace Roos
Regina Grinage	Richard Scheuring
Renee Hartle	Bella Sciara
John Hunsinger	Janice Spowal
Lois Leahy	Amber VanVickle
Shari Lennon	Rich Zaharko
Gene Lersch	David Zappa
Jean Mack	

If you know of a parishioner or have a loved one who is ill, contact the Parish Office at 724-935-4343 to add their name onto the prayer list. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless requested again.



If you are not a registered parishioner here but would like to be, please visit our website at saintaidanparish.org and complete the online registration form. If you would like to register by phone, please call the Parish Office at 724-935-4343.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration from noon to 3:00 pm every Monday in St. Alphonsus Church and from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm every First Friday in St. Alexis Church.

You may sign up for a time slot at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/staidanadoration> or by calling the Parish Office at 724-935-4343.

All are invited and encouraged to spend time in Jesus' Eucharistic presence.



FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

The feast days of two of our church patrons, St. Alexis and St. Alphonsus, are rapidly approaching. Please join us as we celebrate St. Alexis' feast day on Saturday, July 17 after the 4:00 pm Mass and St. Alphonsus' feast day on Sunday, August 1 after the 9:00 am Mass. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

24 HOUR ADORATION TABERNACLE

On Saturday, July 17, there will be a Eucharistic procession before 4:00 pm Mass from Fr. Rodgers Hall (old church) to St. Alexis Church. The Eucharist will no longer be present for 24 hour Adoration due to activities taking place in Fr. Rodgers Hall.

UPCOMING WEDDINGS



BANNS II:

Amy Mencini
Saint Aidan Parish
and

Matt Heckmann
Saint Aidan Parish

Wedding is at Saint Alexis Church

Marisa Holdcroft
Saint Aidan Parish
and

James Madsen

Wedding is at Saint Alphonsus Church

DON'T THROW OUT THAT UNWANTED STUFF!

Donate it to the Saint Aidan Flea Market being held at Saint Alexis Church. The first collection for flea market items will be:

**Saturday, July 24 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and
Sunday, July 25 from 9:00 am to noon**

Please bring your items to Fr. Rodger's Hall (old church building)

We are accepting household items, collectibles, books, toys, tools, jewelry, crafts, small electronics and more.

We **do not accept** any of the following: clothing, upholstered furniture, computer equipment, typewriters, text books, encyclopedias, exercise equipment, large furniture, blinds, draperies, curtain rods, stuffed animals, car seats, cribs, stereo consoles, TVs, artificial Christmas trees, skis, sports helmets and broken or damaged items.

NEW COVID UPDATE FROM BISHOP DAVID A. ZUBIK

In continued alignment with local, state, and federal guidance and directives, with the lifting of the mask mandate, please note the following updates:

- Mask-wearing is no longer required in Diocese of Pittsburgh churches, inclusive of the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Until further notice, distribution of Holy Communion is to be continued under one species, i.e. the Sacred Host.
- Confessions may again be heard in confessionals, at the priest's discretion.
- The "sign of peace" may be reintroduced within the Mass.
- As announced previously, holy water may return to the fonts.

POOR BOXES

In the month of **June** a total of **\$1,502** was collected in the poor boxes and through special donations, to assist the Ladies of Charity in caring for members of the parish community facing serious hardship. Through your generosity, **seven** needy families in the area received hope and resources.

The Ladies of Charity welcome any monetary donations. You can either drop your donation in the poor box, mail them to the Parish Office at **10090 Old Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090** or you may drop them off at the Parish Office in the front door on the credenza and an office staff member will collect it.

Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)FORMATION



Why do we need a special room?

“In the traditional classroom, the primary relationship is thought to be between the teacher and the child. Maria Montessori noted a third important, but often silent partner in education: the environment. She discovered that the environment doesn’t have to remain an invisible partner, but rather can be intentionally shaped. The environment itself is a teacher; in fact, the children learn more from interaction with the environment than from direct instruction from a teacher.” (cgsusa.org)

For more information about getting involved in CGS as a catechist, aide, or parent, please contact Darcy Osby.

BAPTISM INFORMATION



If you wish to have your baby baptized, please go to our Website under “Liturgy” and “Baptism Preparation” to view our guidelines and fill out the request form.

You will need to attend a baptism preparation session if this is your first child, or if it has been four years since you attended a baptism class. Upcoming date is Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Questions? Contact Darcy Osby: dosby@saintaidanparish.org.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 11, 2021

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri’s feast day today, enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri’s

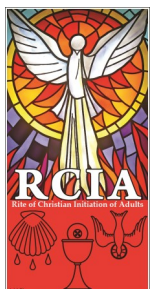
St. Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks



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RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information, please contact Darcy Osby at dosby@saintaidanparish.org or 724-935-4343 ext. 213.



MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2021

St. Alexis

10090 Old Perry Highway
Wexford, PA 15090



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

St. Alphonsus

201 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090

TWO GREAT TRADITIONS. ONE BIG WEEKEND.

Save the Date!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The 10th Commandment: Thou Shall Not Want to Steal

On Monday, July 12, the Men's Fellowship will meet to discuss the 10th Commandment and the capital sin of envy. We meet virtually on Mondays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. We hope you can join us. Contact Paul Spence at CMF@saintaidanparish.org to learn more.

A special thanks to



Patron Mexican Grill for advertising in our parish bulletin. Please patronize our sponsors or be sure to thank them when you have the opportunity. It is through their support that our weekly bulletin is made possible!

May God bless all our benefactors!

USED CLOTHING SALE TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR!

Our Used Clothing will be Saturday, August 7 at the St. Alphonsus small gym from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Donations will be accepted at the small gym doors beginning the weekend of July 24/25 through August 1. Please try to bring donations during the hours of 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Proceeds from this sale benefit the production of our annual Passion Play, Make Us Believers. If you'd like to volunteer for the prep of the sale and/or help the day of the sale, please contact Mary Heagy at mheagy@saintaidanparish.org.

Bulletin announcements and flyers are due by 10:00 am Thursday, a week in advance of publication. Please email articles to: bulletin@saintaidanparish.org.

A MESSAGE OF JOY & HOPE



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Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the “road less traveled.” Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

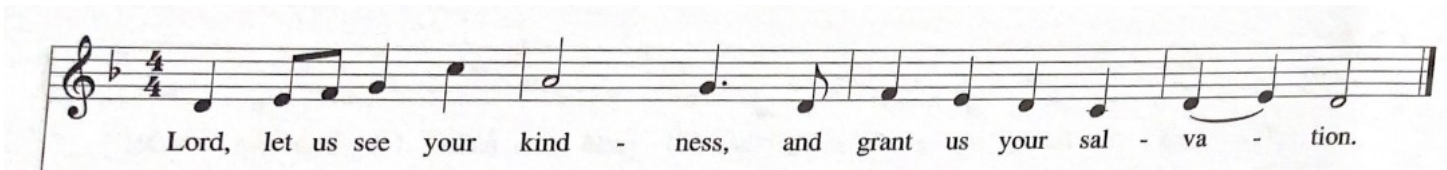
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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORSHIP AID

ENTRANCE HYMN: I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

1. I sing the mighty pow'r of God That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule by day; The moon shines full at God's command, And all the seas obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures with a word And then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below But makes your glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from your throne. Your creatures, countless though they be, Are subject to your care. There's not a place where we can flee, But you are present there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



ALLELUIA



OFFERTORY: SEED SCATTERED AND SOWN

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, Wheat, gathered and grown, Bread, broken and shared as one, The Living bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, Work of our hands, one cup that is Shared by all; the Living Cup, The Living Bread of God.

1. Is not the bread we break, A sharing in our Lord? Is not the cup we bless, The blood of Christ outpoured? **(Refrain)**
2. The seed which falls on rock Will wither and will die, The seed within good ground Will flower and have life. **(Refrain)**
3. As wheat upon the hills Was gathered and was grown, So may the Church of God Be gathered into one **(Refrain)**

COMMUNION: ONLY THIS I WANT

1. Only this I want: But to know the Lord And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.
2. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
3. Only this I want: But to know the Lord And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.
4. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight So to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord.
5. Only this I want: But to know the Lord And to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song. **(Refrain)**
2. Holy, holy, holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. **(Refrain)**
3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice. He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glory of God. **(Refrain)**

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Saint Aidan Parish Directory

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MASS TIMES

All Masses are now held inside. The Saturday 4:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 and 10:00 am Masses will be broadcast on the car radio at 89.5 FM. Holy Communion will be brought to those in their vehicles.

Daily: Monday - Saturday
8:00 am Saint Alexis

Weekend:

Saturday - 4:00 pm Saint Alexis
Sunday - 7:00 am

Saint Alphonsus
8:00 am Saint Alexis
(Live streamed)
9:00 am
Saint Alphonsus
10:00 am Saint Alexis

RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 11:00 am- 12:00 pm
Saint Alexis Church or by appt.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Saint Alphonsus Church
First Friday of the month after the 8:00 am
Mass until 3:00 pm
Saint Alexis Church

SACRAMENTS

For Baptism, Marriage and Holy Orders questions, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with the proper staff member.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome you!

To become a registered member of the parish family, please visit our website at saintaidanparish.org/register and introduce yourself to us at Mass!

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE

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