

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. PATRICK PARISH

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church 210 E. Logan St., Lemont

St. Patrick Catholic Church 200 E. Illinois St., Lemont

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus Church

St. Alphonsus Church
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
St. Patrick Church

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m., alternating monthly between worship sites

Parish Office

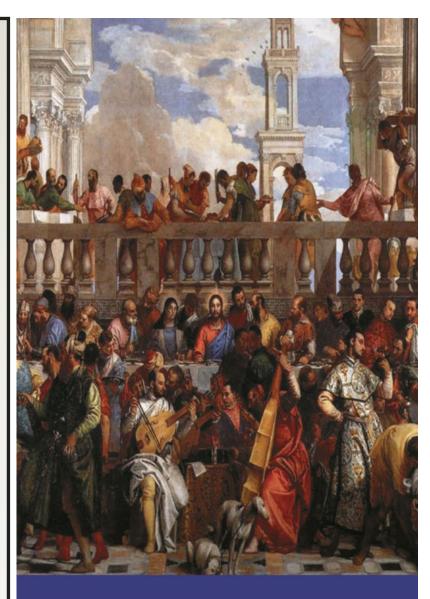
210 E. Logan St., Lemont, IL 60439 Business Hours Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Parish Office 630-257-2414
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Website: www.stals-stpatsparish.org
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Religious Education

Located at St. Patrick Ministry Building 205 Cass St., Lemont Phone: 630-754-7277 Fax: 630-754-7278 re@st-als.org

St. Alphonsus - St. Patrick School 20 W. 145 Davey Rd., Lemont 630-783-2220 Fax 630-783-2230



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gio

OCTOBER 15, 2023
"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

Parish Staff

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Fr. Brian Ardagh Associate Pastor Fr. Kisaka Nyache Resident

Fr. Bob Rohrich

Weekend Celebrants

Fr. Art Anderson
Fr. Lawrence Gorski
Fr. Tom Hoffman
Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Richard Shannon
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Deacon Bill Lubben
Deacon Terry McGuire
Deacon Mike O'Neill
Deacon Larry Oskielunas

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John Felonk (ages 17-21 group) Carol Levas (ages 22+ group)

Parish Council

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Welcome!

We sincerely welcome you to *St. Alphonsus* & *St. Patrick Parish*! *St. Alphonsus* & *St. Patrick* is a Catholic faith community located in historic Lemont, Illinois. Our parish has been blessed with two beautiful worship sites that have been established for over 180 years.

Our Parish Mission Statement:

As a united family of faith, St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish welcomes all to communion with Jesus Christ as we answer His call to love and care for one another. We share the Good News by our words and actions.

St. Alphonsus Church 605 State St., Lemont, IL



Sacramental Life: Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays 3:00pm-3:30pm at St. Alphonsus Church

Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the second and third Sundays of the month.

Please call the

Parish Office to schedule.

There are no baptisms during Lent.

(Baptism Preparation Seminar is offered virtually.)

Marriage

Prospective bride and groom must be active registered parishioners for at least 6 months before a wedding date may be scheduled.

St. Patrick Church 200 E. Illinois St., Lemont, IL



Sick and Homebound – Ministers of Care

Contact the Parish Office for information.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays from 8am until 2pm Chapel of Mercy at St. Alphonsus Church.

Parish Registration

Anyone over the age of 18 should register as an adult member of our parish community.

You may register online at www.stals-stpatsparish.org. or call the Parish Office for more information.

Contact Us- Parish Office 630-257-2414 www.stals-stpatsparish.org E-mail:stals-lemont@comcast.net



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From Fr. Brian's Desk





Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale

The Lemont Knights of Columbus will be outside of both St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Churches this weekend, October 14th & 15th, for their annual *Tootsie* Roll sale (while supplies last). Boxes of 50 Tootsie Rolls will be available for a minimum donation of \$7.00. The donations will be shared between the Lemont SPRED Ministry of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick and SS. Cyril & Methodius parishes and the Northern Will County SRA. Your donation will not

only help these wonderful organizations, but they also make a great Halloween treat! Just watch out - I heard Fr. Rohrich loves Tootsie Rolls...

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



If you know of someone who has never received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation (or has just received one or two) and would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, please encourage him or her to join our Rite of Christian Initiation! Every year, the Lemont Catholic parishes of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick and SS. Cyril and Methodius offer the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a wonderful program that prepares adults for the sacraments through presentations, discussions, and prayer. If you have any questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Eileen Bruno, at (630) 257-2414.

Respect Life



As I mentioned in last week's Pastor Column, October is Respect Life Month. We reflect on the importance of life itself and how we can bring about a greater appreciation of this gift to the world. In honor of supporting the gift of life, we will once again have our annual "Baby Bottle Collection". The collection is used to help the Women's Centers of the Greater Chicagoland area. We are asked to place our donations into the baby bottles that were provided at church and return each bottle on the weekend of Oct. 28th & 29th.

October Count



You may notice the Greeters/Ushers counting the attendees during our weekend liturgies this month. Every October, each parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago counts the number of persons in attendance at the weekend Masses. These numbers are then recorded by the Archdiocese for analysis and future planning. The October count was used during the *Renew My Church* process, and it assists in making significant decisions about the allocation of parish resources, including the necessary number of Masses for each parish.

FR. BRIAN ARDAGH

Religious Education Update



<u>THANK YOU</u> to all the students, families, catechists and aides who have made it through our first two R.E. classes!

A special thank you to the 8th graders who volunteered our first night in assisting younger students and families find their assigned room.

A few friendly reminders:

- ALL classes in the first session are dismissed at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the R.E. Office, NOT your student's catechist. You can call us at 630-754-7277 and leave a message if you don't get an answer. Messages are checked before classes begin. Or, feel free to email us at re@st-als.org.
- 3. If you are picking up your child at the back of the building, please enter off of Cass St. (ignoring the directions of the arrows). Please DO NOT enter off of State St. Cars will be lined up stadium-style in multiple rows. Once students are released and exit the building out back, cars will be directed in a single file for pick up. Please pull all the way forward, to the front of the barricades, regardless of where you see your child standing. They will be directed to your car. Some of the younger classes were given 'family name signs' to put in your car as you pull around. This helps us see who you are here to pick up and we can then call out the name of your child. If you didn't receive a family name sign, and would like to make one yourself, please do so and either put it on the passenger side front window or dashboard so it is visible.
- 4. Please note that we lock all doors after classes begin. If you need to pick up your child early, please notify us in advance, if possible. You will need to come to the front door (205 Cass St.) and ring the bell.

Please continue to refer to our parish website, www.stals-stpatsparish.org, under the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION tab,

for updates throughout the year, including sacrament preparation and dates.





Alphonsus 🤻 Patrick School

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Mbruno@stals-stpats.org
or
call 630-783-2220.



Let's Fill the Shelves! Food Pantry Update



Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantries. Each month we will feature a "product of the month" which is usually a special request from the pantries.

For October, we will collect **coffee, tea and hot chocolate**. Any other items you are able to give are also greatly appreciated. You may bring your items to church and place them in the collection bins.

Thank you for helping your neighbors in need!

Weekly Offering

October 7-October 8

 Sunday Collection
 \$ 9,078.05

 Online Give Central
 \$ 1,300.00

 EFT
 \$ 13,630.45

 Total Collections
 \$ 24,008.50

Weekly Attendance Count

October 7-October 8

4:00pm 211 7:30am 132 9:00am 152 11:00am 260

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can donate online at www.stals-stpatsparish.org, or drop off or mail your donation to the Parish Office. You may also sign up for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). Please see below or call the Parish Office for more information.

Welcome

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If you are not registered, but would like to join St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish, it is very simple.

You can scan the QR code.
You can go to our web page,
www.stals-stpatsparish.org, look
under "About" and then select
"Parish Registration." You can
call the Parish Office and a
form can be mailed to you.
Forms are even available at
Church. Please ask an Usher.



A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, or when asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor.



Why not sign up? We welcome you!

Maybe now is the time to consider Electronic Fund Transfer.

Electronic Fund Transfer, (EFT), is the process of automatically having your contribution offering transferred from your checking or saving account to the parish.

You no longer have to write a check or remember your envelope. It also provides automated record keeping. Your offering arrives even if you are not able to attend Mass. It helps the Parish to plan and budget. The Parish does not incur any fees with this option.

To sign up for EFT, you may complete the form below or call the Office to request a form. You may also print the form found on our website. Once completed, the form may be returned by mail, dropped in the Sunday collection or brought to the Parish Office. If your financial situation changes, you may change or stop your payment at any time.

Electronic Funds Transfer Request Form	
Name:	
Address:	
City/Zip:	
Phone :	
Envelope #	



+LEMONT PRO LIFE MINISTRY

PREGNANT NEED HELP? CALL WATERLEAF@630-701-6270 OR BIRTHRIGHT@800-550-4900



For Respect Life Month, our church will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 3,500 appointments with expecting

mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 41,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

If you took a Baby Bottle home with you from the church, please return it the weekend of October 28/29th. Thank you for helping defend life!

The Spirit of God brought life and light out of chaos and darkness. The Holy Spirit is "The Lord and Giver of Life." and this is true both on a natural and supernatural level. To worship the Holy Spirit, then, demand that we stand against all that destroys life.



Creation Care Corner





"The Church has a responsibility towards Creation and considers it her duty ... to protect earth, water and air as gifts of God, the Creator, meant for everyone ..." Pope Benedict XVI

CREATION CARE AND RESPECT LIFE: A CONNECTION

Life and Dignity of the Human Person and Care for God's Creation are separate but interconnected themes in Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings call upon us to respect human life. Many examples demonstrate the relationship between environmental degradation and negative impacts on human life, which are cause for action. Poor air quality from industrial pollution and burning fossil fuels ends life prematurely for 100,000 Americans each year. Carbon pollution contributes to worsening droughts, more intense hurricanes, and flooding...all of which cut lives short or cost additional lives. Respecting human life and dignity calls us to be better stewards of the environment. In caring for the environment, we are also acting on our special responsibility to the poor, the vulnerable, and the unborn of future generations who are most affected and least heard.



Get your Tootsie Rolls!

This weekend Oct. 14 & 15, the Lemont Knights of Columbus will have Tootsie Rolls available after all the Masses while supplies last. A

box of 50 Tootsie Rolls can be yours for a minimum donation of \$7.00. Your donation will be added to the money collected by the Knights for their annual Intellectually Disabled Drive. These funds are donated to SPRED and NWCSRA (Northern Will County Special Recreation Association). Both of these organizations work with and help people with special needs. The boxes make wonderful Trick-or-Treat candy for Halloween!



St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish is looking for a Part-Time Parish Secretary to work in the parish office. Full job description is available upon request. If interested, please contact Denise via email at dduda@archchicago.org.

- The duties are secretarial.
- The schedule is 12-18 hours weekly spread over 2-3 days.
- The employee will need to work in the office and not remotely.

Proficient knowledge and use of Microsoft Office 365 Suite of products is strongly recommended.

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Week of October 15, 2023



St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, 'Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin', 'artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN."

"A Time to be Born through Baptism" —
Maci Ryan Thorp, child of Megan & Brian Thorp
Leo Thomas Lombardo, child of Delanie & Daniel Lombardo
Nora Quinn, Child of Andrea & Joseph Quinn

"A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony"

"A Time to Heal" — Names will remain on the prayer list for two months. Please contact the office if you need to change, add, or extend a prayer request.

Brayden Edward Greg Hoger Dan Malak Linda Budziak Shirley Nolan Jack Counter Bev Malak Dee Sullivan Jen Rosenberg Eva Ricci Carol Zagorski Terry McGuire Pat Bracken Susan O'Donnell Pat McElligott Paula Byrnes Lee Villagomez Owen Niziolek Karen Surges John Osborne Andrew Malak Fr. Blasco Fonseca Mark Walker Nancy MacDonald John Stanton Bob Kaufman Jim Mallon Ed Perkey Pat Perkey Spencer Costa Ed Schafer Rita Kaufman Roger Beck Luann Putlack

"A Time of War" —

Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait Christopher Durkovic, USA, Korea

Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force, Germany SPC Sebastian Gurrola, US Army, Alaska

Jacob Christine, US Navy, Andrew J. Bosko, Jr., Great Lakes Naval Base, IL

Eric Tucker, USA, Afghanistan

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Maj. Leslie Rafferty Ryan Rudman

Patrick Schubert Col. Tim Jaeger, Ft. Hood, Texas

Nicolas McCormick, Great Lakes Naval Base

And all who serve our country

"Time to Die"- Annie Coleman Tom Rittenhouse

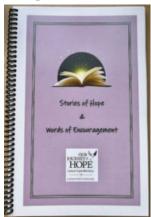
The military and innocent civilians who have died in war.

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

STORIES OF HOPE BOOK NOW AVAILABLE!

The Journey Of Hope Cancer Care Ministry has compiled personal stories of cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and loved ones, as well as words of encouragement and inspiration that have been helpful to them during their challenging journeys. This book speaks to the power of faith and hope in facing the challenges.

This small book can be a great gift to hand to someone who is struggling with an illness. Sometimes when we visit, we don't want to come empty-handed or know what to get them or how to help.



The book is available for \$20 with the proceeds going toward helping those affected by cancer through the Journey of Hope Ministry.

To purchase a copy, please contact Kevin Cody at kcody-stals@comcast.net



Community
Faith-Based
Cancer Support Group

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:30pm St. Alphonsus Church In the Parish Center

[Corner of Logan & Walnut, Walnut Entrance]

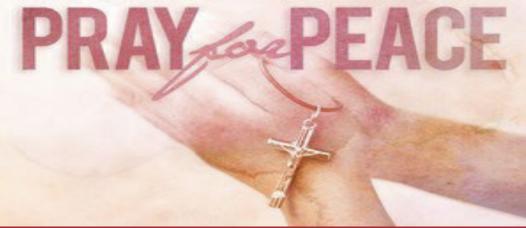


MISSION STATEMENT
As a Christian faith-based cancer support group, it is our mission to offer hope to patients, survivors, families, and all those offected by cancer through fellowship, prayer, information, and resources.

GOAL STATEMENT
To provide a safe and loving place
for participants to express their
feelings, share their stories, and
have an opportunity to seek God's
grace.

QUESTIONS?
Tess Kearney
Idavoren1@gmail.com
630-335-3225

Kevin Cody
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all the families and individuals suffering from these events.

-Pope Francis

Each year at our All Souls' Day Mass, our parish prays for those who passed away in the previous year. We remember by name those who were buried from our parish in the past year.

We will hold a special liturgy on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm at St. Patrick Church.

Join us as we remember all those loved ones who have passed away.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14

4:00pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus and

St. Patrick Parish

Bernard Kucharski-Wife Patricia Vagena-Family Ron Dominick-Wife

Sunday, October 15

7:30am James Macfarlane-Florence McGury

David Nenn-Wife

Julie Hansen-Amundson Family

Birthday Blessings for Evianna, Bodi, & Baer

Balciauskas-Romas Blazys

9:00am Art Dominick-Pat Dominick

John Kremer-Suzanne Bush

Barbara Boetscher-Barb & Brian Osborne

11:00am Gene Malak-Bev & Paul Malak

Barbara Hopkins-Jim & Cecilia Klein Peter Josephitis-Cathy & Bob Litoborski Dan Thorse-Cathy & Bob Litoborski

Monday, October 16

7:30am Frank J. Lesniewski-Florence McGury

Tuesday, October 17

7:30am Anna & Frank Malinowski-Family

Michael Maxwell-Family

Wednesday, October 18

7:30am Stephen Nevell-Wife

Gerry & Margaret Twomey-Twomey Family

Thursday, October 19

7:30am Alfreda I'Uliano-Padalik Family

Friday, October 20

7:30am William F. Kovacic-Barbara Biscan

Fran Berst-Gisela & Dan Rittenhouse



Saturday, October 21

4:00pm Pedro Escobedo-Family

Georgiana Pascente-Bev & Paul Malak Genevieve Skowronski-Joe & Judie Dolores Kendzora-Mary Kucharski

Sunday, October 22

7:30am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Rachel Tinoco-Tinoco Family

Oscar & Pilar Despe-Bev & Paul Malak Connie & Bob Shourek-Jack Counter

9:00am Christopher Mather-Father

Edward Bedno-Family

Sharon Pociask-Laurie & Dennis Spencer

Arlene Kuzdas-Fr. Brian Ardagh

11:00am Marie Fidanzo-Fidanzo Family

Barbara Hopkins-Cathy & Bob Litoborski Bernadine Phelan-Kristen & Dino Juarez Family

Healing for Grant McGovern-The Kelly &

Amundson Families

Morning Daily Mass



Monday – Friday 7:30am

For the month of October, Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church.



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GATHER HYMNAL

Until Advent we will be singing the following:

Gloria Holy, Holy, Holy Memorial Acclamation Great Amen Lamb of God

#322 #375 #376 #377



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK- Get ready to set your "Hearts on fire, feet on the Move," the message of Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday 2023! Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday and unite with fellow Catholics around the globe. We will renew our call to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ by reflecting on the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. We will also offer our support for the Church's missionary activity in the most remote and resource-limited areas of the world through the annual collection. Prepare to support the work of the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith with your prayers and generosity. Thank you for your daily witness to the Love of Christ!



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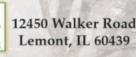
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