



ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. PATRICK PARISH

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
605 State St., Lemont

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

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

Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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
Fax 630-257-2476
Website: www.stals-stpatsparish.org
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Religious Education
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re@st-als.org

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First Sunday of
ADVENT
November 30, 2025



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Fr. Bob Rohrich

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Fr. Tom Hoffman

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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**



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Sacramental Life:

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
 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.
 (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.

**Sick and Homebound –
 Ministers of Care**

Contact the Parish Office for information.

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

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St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Lemont



FR. BRIAN



ADVENT - HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Advent is here!



The season of Advent has arrived! Our parish is fortunate to be able to sponsor certain Advent events to help us prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. Beginning **Monday, December 1st**, the 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass will be held **at St. Alphonsus Church** throughout the month of December. We invite you to join us each morning for prayer, Scripture reading, receiving the Eucharist, and giving thanks God during this Advent season!

State of the Parish



Each year, the pastor of every parish is required to report the "State of the Parish". Today's bulletin includes a review of St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. I want to begin by expressing my gratitude for your generosity to our parish. Many members of our parish have demonstrated exceptional charitable spirit, and I am deeply appreciative of your support. Our parish serves as a shining example of the power of sharing our time, talent, and treasure!

I would also like to acknowledge the current members of the Finance Council for their invaluable assistance. Their financial expertise and insightful guidance have been instrumental in making necessary decisions. I am grateful for their wisdom and unwavering dedication to our parish. A special "thank you" is extended to **Denise Duda**, our Director of Operations, and **Cathy Morris**, our Parish Bookkeeper, for their meticulous organization of the financial update of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish. Additionally, I would like to recognize our Office coordinators, **Jordan Studzinski** and **Judy Techman**, for their coordination of the Sacramental statistics.

In summary, the financial performance of the parish is commendable. St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish is debt-free. The primary revenue source for the parish is the Sunday and Holy Day offerings. For the 2024-25 fiscal year, concluding June 30th, 2025, there has been an increase in Sunday collections, Christmas collections, and Easter collections. Additionally, other special collections, including Thanksgiving, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Mother's Day, and Father's Day have also experienced growth. Our parishioners have demonstrated their generosity by contributing in-person, mailing their contributions, dropping them off at the Parish Office and making electronic donations. The total net income for Fiscal Year 2025 amounted to \$216,625.

However, there is so much more to St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish than just its finances and buildings. Your unwavering generosity to our Lemont Food Pantry ensures that those in need receive sustenance. St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish provides a variety of programs, prayer experiences and resources aimed at fostering faith formation for people of all ages. Every day we offer the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Our Ministers of Care actively ensure that the homebound and hospitalized remain connected to our community. Our St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School and our parish Religious Education program are diligently working to form the next generation of Catholics. Our Faith Formation programs including *The Chosen* series, Bible Study, O.C.I.A., and SPRED, provide individuals with opportunities to deepen their Christian faith. Our Men's Club and Women's Club have facilitated opportunities for the parish to gather, engage in prayer and foster social connection.

Regarding the celebration of the Sacraments, this year St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick welcomed **93** new Disciples through the Sacrament of Baptism, and **60** children received First Eucharist. Additionally, **62** of our young men and women received the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Marriage united fourteen couples. Sadly, we bid farewell to **49** of our parishioners through the Funeral Rites.

Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support and generosity. As we recently celebrated the Thanksgiving Day holiday, we recognize the profound sense of gratitude we hold. While we may have encountered challenges in the past, I firmly believe that our future will continue to be bright if we work together by sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

FR. BRIAN ARDAGH

November 30, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

from Principal Bessler



Our Student Council is helping spread Christmas joy through the Box of Joy program with Cross Catholic Outreach!

Box of Joy gifts are sent to children in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi, and the Dominican Republic. Each box is filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary, and The Story of Jesus—sharing Christ's love and compassion with children who may have never received a Christmas gift before.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we were able to fill 50 boxes to help children who have so little. Great job, Celtics! This season is truly all about giving. Thank you for your kindness and support!



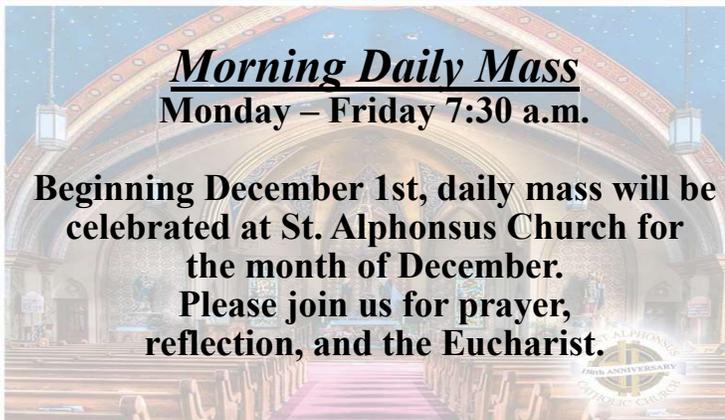
Religious Education Update

On Sunday, November 30th, the Church will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The word *Advent* means “coming.” The season of Advent helps us to prepare for the coming of the Son of God, the Light of the World. Advent lasts for four weeks. During these weeks, we prepare to celebrate Christ’s coming. Each week in the Bulletin we will provide a calendar for activity, prayer and reflection to share amongst the family to teach about the season of Advent and remind them that Jesus is our light.

Advent 2025 CALENDAR Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

<p>SUN 30</p> <p>Prepare an Advent wreath: three purple candles, one pink candle, and some evergreens. Place all on a tray or large plate. The candles can symbolize hope, faith, joy, and love or peace. Light the first purple candle and pray to God about the things you hope for.</p>	<p>MON 1</p> <p>Make a nativity scene with household materials. Paint paper tubes to make the Holy Family. Use bits of fabric to make clothes. Use a shoebox to make the barn and a small box for the manger. Wait for Christmas Day to put Jesus in the manger.</p>	<p>TUE 2</p> <p>The Christmas story begins with one small family set to change the world. On yellow strips of paper, write ways that your family can help bring light and hope to your community during Advent. Keep the papers in a jar. As you complete these actions, place them in the nativity scene you made to act as hay.</p>	<p>WED 3</p> <p>Sing Christmas hymns together. Pray to God to be faithful even when it is difficult.</p>
<p>THUR 4</p> <p>Mary and Joseph were traveling far from their home when Jesus was born. Try sleeping in a different place in your house tonight. Swap beds with a sibling or sleep in a sleeping bag on the floor. Thank God for the comforts of your home.</p>	<p>FRI 5</p> <p>As you prepare for Jesus’ coming, plan a day and time for family members to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.</p>	<p>SAT 6</p> <p>Feast of Saint Nicholas Listen to a story about the legendary gift giver. Make or buy a small, thoughtful gift for someone you know.</p>	



Morning Daily Mass
Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.

Beginning December 1st, daily mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church for the month of December. Please join us for prayer, reflection, and the Eucharist.

Mass of Creation

Gloria	193
Gospel Acclamation	194

Mass of Angels & Saints

Holy, Holy, Holy	375
Memorial Acclamation	376
Amen	377
Lamb of God	388

Friday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.
 The St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Music Ministry Presents
 “Songs of the Season” with a delicious twist!



The program will include songs, scripture readings and reflections that celebrate Advent and the Christmas Season. This service will put you in the holiday mood as well as what comes after!! Immediately following the delightful music, please join us downstairs in the St. Alphonsus Church Hall for holiday cookies, hot chocolate and a Christmas Carol Sing-Along. For more information you can contact Joe Martorano at jmartorano@archchicago.org.

Weekly Offering

Early bulletin submission. No numbers this week

November 22nd and November 23rd

Sunday Collection	\$
Give Central	\$
Total Collections	\$

Weekly Attendance Count

November 22nd and November 23rd

- 4:00 p.m.
- 7:30 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can donate online at www.stals-stpatsparish.org, scan the QR code, drop off or mail your donation to the Parish Office.



You may also sign up for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer).

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DONUTS WITH SANTA!

Hosted by the SASP Men’s Club



On December 14th after the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. masses, come and enjoy donuts and get your picture taken with Santa. This is a great event for the whole family!

Upcoming Men’s Club Events in the New Year!



1/31/26 Trivia Night 6:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick Church Hall

3/7/26 St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner 5:00 p.m. at the Slovenian Catholic Center





Parish Life



Monday 12/01/2025	Tuesday 12/02/2025	Wednesday 12/03/2025	Thursday 12/04/2025	Friday 12/05/2025	Saturday 12/06/2025	Sunday 12/07/2025
6:55am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	3:00pm Confession St. Alphonsus	7:00am Rosary before weekend mass
7:30am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	3:00pm Confession St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Mass at St. Alphonsus
6:00pm Bible Study at St. Patrick Ministry Building	8:00 am Adoration at St. Alphonsus Chapel until 2pm 7:00pm OCIA St. Alphonsus Ministry Building	4:30 –8:00pm Religious Education St. Patrick Ministry Building	6:30/7:30 pm Bell Choir and Choir practice 7:00pm Book Club Meeting St. Alphonsus Ministry Building	7:00pm YACWBC St. Alphonsus Ministry Building 7:00pm Songs of the Season at St. Alphonsus Church		9:00am Mass at St. Patrick 11:00 am Mass at St. Alphonsus

As we approach this wonderful holiday season, we start to think of the joy we bring to others through giving. There is a sense of gratitude that such generosity exists among our parishioners. We are a blessed community and we bless others with our goodness.



This year our St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish will again be supporting the children of Epiphany/Good Shepherd. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, it is important to remember the children at Christmas.

Epiphany/Good Shepherd has requested gift cards again this year. It works out great for the children as no one child gets more than another. Also, the children were very excited to be able to buy something for themselves. On the weekends of **November 22-23, November 29-30, and December 6-7**, a box for the gift cards will be located as you enter the church at both sites. Please purchase gift cards in increments of **\$25.00** for **TARGET** or **WALMART** as these are the stores in their area.

There will also be few local Lemont families to support. This year the St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Women's Club will be coordinating this gift collection. If you are interested in helping a local family, please call the Parish Office at 630-257-2414.

May God bless you for your continued generosity and kindness and fill your hearts and homes with joy this coming season.



Anne Lichtenwalter and The St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Women's Club

"IT IS A POVERTY TO DECIDE THAT A CHILD MUST DIE SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE AS YOU WISH."

Mother Theresa

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+ LEMONT PRO LIFE
MINISTRY

**St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish Annual Financial Report
Financial Reporting for the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

<u>Ordinary Operating Revenue:</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sunday & Holyday Collections	\$794,048
Other Collections	\$103,689
Rel Ed Tuition & Fees	\$96,481
Interest & Investment Income	\$94,432
Christmas	\$85,601
Easter	\$74,281
Other Income	\$69,554
Total Operating Income	\$1,318,086

<u>Ordinary Operating Expenses:</u>	
Salaries, Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$427,857
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$146,873
Parish Subsidy to School	\$87,500
Utilities	\$84,937
Property/Casualty Insurance	\$84,035
Religious Education Expenses	\$71,925
Maintenance, Repairs, Equipment	\$70,805
Administrative, Books & Supplies	\$42,773
Food & Meals	\$32,645
Other Expenses	\$18,412
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$7,964
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,075,726

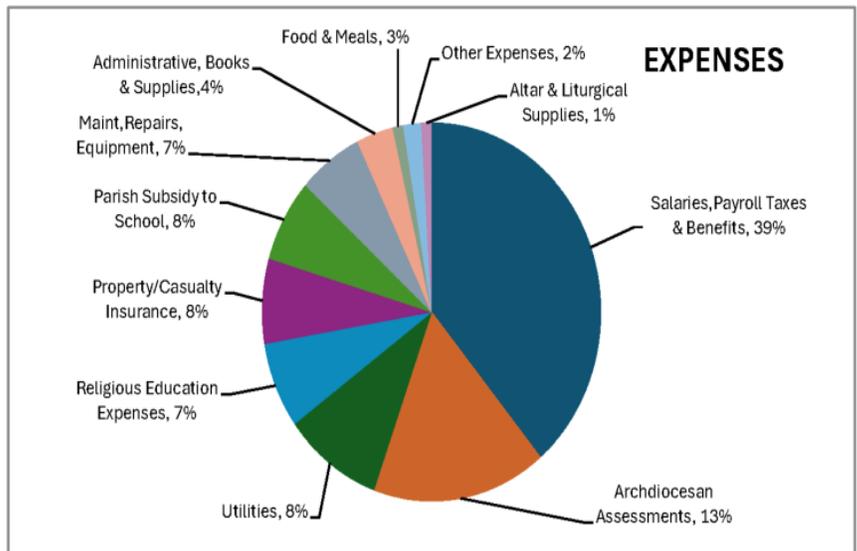
Net Ordinary Operating Gain/Loss **\$242,360**

<u>Extraordinary Income:</u>	
Capital Collections	\$113,776
Arch Req'd Collections	\$20,585
Insurance Recovery	\$16,819
TTWCI & Other Fund Collections	\$10,974
Sharing Parish	\$9,037
Estates, Bequests, Memorials	\$1,116
Total Extraordinary Income	\$172,307

<u>Extraordinary Expenses:</u>	
Other Extraordinary Expenses	\$51,489
St Pats Rectory New Windows	\$31,675
New Deck by Chapel	\$30,139
St Al's Sacristy Remodel	\$21,148
Pymt Arch Req'd Collections	\$20,585
St. Al's Par Hall New Sound System	\$17,150
Expenses covered by Insurance	\$16,819
Sharing Parish	\$9,037
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$198,042

Net Extraordinary Deficit **(\$25,735)**

Total Net Income **\$216,625**



<u>Parish Statistics</u>	
<u>July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025</u>	
Number of Registered Families	1686
Number of Baptisms	93
Number of Confirmandi	62
Number of Communions	60
Number of Marriages	12
Number of R.E. Students	302
Number of St. Al/St. Pat Students	187
Number of Deaths	49



ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

If you or your family would like to take part in lighting an Advent Wreath candle as part of the opening procession of Mass, please sign up using the form available at the entrance of the church.

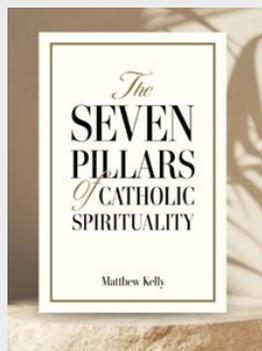


**Monday, December 15th at 7:00 P.M.
St. Alphonsus Church**

Join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service. After a short prayer service, there will be priests available for individual confessions.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Make this the best Advent ever! Through generous donations from our parishioners, two wonderful books are offered to you this Advent for your reflection and prayer. We hope this season brings you peace and promise as we await the coming of Our Savior this Christmas and beyond.



In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, Matthew Kelly demonstrates the timeless genius of Catholicism by illustrating the practical and spiritual ways ancient spiritual habits continue to enrich our daily lives today.



Prepare your heart by spending time with God each day of Advent. *The Little Blue Book* guides you through this joyful season by following the infancy narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. Each day offers interesting information about people, traditions, and practices of our faith, followed by a Gospel reflection.

Pray the Rosary!

During Advent, we will pray the Rosary prior to the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.



We ask for Mary's intercession for our families during this Advent season.

The Rosary is an extraordinary way to pray. It is a meditative prayer that honors Mary and asks for her intercession. There is just something about it that settles our hearts and minds. It puts everything in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are. It reaches deep down into our souls and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful.—Dynamic Catholic

Begins Sunday, November 30 at 7:00 a.m.!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO | 

2025 CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Cardinal Blase J. Cupich cordially invites you to his annual Christmas Concert, featuring

The City Lights Orchestra

Rich Daniels, conductor

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family

1080 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

No tickets necessary.

Parking and seating available on a first come, first served basis.

This is a free concert offered generously by The City Lights Orchestra with assistance from the Music Performance Fund as administered by the Chicago Federation of Musicians, Local 10-208.

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O Mary,

CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US WHO
HAVE RECOURSE
TO THEE

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8 is Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
This Marian Feast is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 8 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church for this beautiful Solemnity.

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

“A Time to be Born through Baptism”

“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony”

“A Time to Die” -

***To all the military and innocent civilians who have died in war.
Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.***

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29

4:00pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Patricia Vagena-Family
Leonard Polcyn-Judie & Joe
Susan F. Urban-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Sunday, November 30

7:30am Edward Ely-Family
Angela Marsala-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Bev Malak-Paul Malak
Arlene & James Benzies-The Miklos Family

9:00am Mary Fabis-Michelene Rocco
Kay Mannix-Ann Bellair
Delores Mulhausen-Barb & Don Betley
Angela Marsala-Pat Crowley

11:00am Jerry Blickhahn-Gisela & Dan Rittenhouse
Donna Czaja-Family
Kathleen Lambrakis-Judy & Tom Culcasi
Leelamma Kurian-Family

Monday, December 1

7:30am Joseph Tinoco-Tinoco Family
Jason Griffin-Barb & Don Betley

Tuesday, December 2

7:30am Kathy Lambrakis-Viv & Rich Brueckmann
Sandra Musto-Guadalupe Sanchez

Wednesday, December 3

7:30am Pedro Escobedo-Family
Peter John O'Neill-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Mary L. & John P. Stanton-Family

Thursday, December 4

7:30am Sandra Brunka-Paul Malak
Barbara Town-Barbara Allelujka

Friday, December 5

7:30am Rosaline Reed-Family
Lynn Eldred-Family
John J. Stevenson-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Saturday, December 6

4:00pm Mary & Bernard Kucharski-Family
Ron Dominick-Wife
Leonard Berent-Donna & James Berent
Gertrude Smith-Loving Daughters

Sunday, December 7

7:30am Malak Family-Keenan Family
Peter Schneider Family-James Schneider Family
Fran Berst-Paul Malak
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

9:00am George L. Kelly-Kelly Margalus
Kathy Lambrakis-Anne Lichtenwalter
Estelle Blickhahn-Teri Tinoco
George Jasso-Cathy Jasso & Children

11:00am Robert Link-Fidanzo Family
Bob Salbego-Barbara Salbego
Donna Czaja-Family
Jacqueline (Schultz) Viceli & Angelo Santangelo-
Linda & Bob Schultz

**“Let us Pray for Healing” — 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	Rita Kaufman	Pete Malewski	Susan Scafide	Susan O'Donnell
Jack Counter	Dan Malak	Zepplyn Kilmer	Beverly Parzych	Karen Sherman
Carol Zagorski	Brynn Plachy	Kay Quinn	Susan Domino	Borkowicz Babies
Paula Byrnes	Dee Sullivan	Zach Ochromowicz	J. Griffin	Ronald Dombrowski
Ed Schafer	Pat Bracken	Stanislaw Kopera	Carmine Letizia	Kelly O'Brien
Greg Hoger	Dcn. Joe Winblad	Mark Malewski	Jason Ullrich	Nancy Webster
Lee Villagomez	Fr. Lou Zake	James Browne	Kevin Healy	
Fr. Blasco Fonseca	The Singer Family	Ron Esposito, Jr.	Judy	
Bob Kaufman	Randy Merzdorf	Diann Rinke	Karen Forzley	

“Let us Pray for all who Serve our Country”

Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait	Zachary F. Eriksen	Dominick Filipek,
Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force, Germany	PFC Nick Kelliher	US Air Force
Eric Tucker, USA, Afghanistan	Warren Miller	
ATAR Bradley Komes	Chad Peters	
Capt. Daniel J Falvey	Ryan Rudman	
SSgt. John Kenney	Col. Tim Jaeger, Ft. Hood, Texas	
Capt. Brittany Neubeck	Benjamin Pawlak, United States Air Force	
Nicolas McCormick, US Navy, Rota, Spain	Andrew J. Bosko, Jr., Great Lakes Naval	
Christopher Durkovic, USA, Korea	Base, IL	
Jacob Christine, US Navy, UAE	Maj. Leslie Rafferty	
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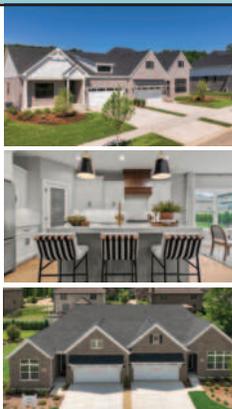
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