



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

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Second Sunday of
ADVENT

December 7, 2025



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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**



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



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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Second Sunday of Advent



This weekend we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Advent**. In the Gospel, we are reminded of John the Baptist's teachings to the people, urging them to prepare for the Kingdom of God by repenting of sins. John served as a mirror to the chosen people, prompting them to examine their actions. As we continue this Advent season, let us reflect upon our own lives and consider what we need to change so we can prepare the Kingdom of God.

Immaculate Conception



On December 8th we observe the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. This year, it **is** considered a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held on December 8th to honor this holy day at 7:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church and 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church. We invite you to join us in this celebration of the Mother of God!

Bambinelli Sunday



Every year, on the Third Sunday of Advent, Christian families gather in St. Peter's Square in Rome for the annual "**Bambinelli Sunday**" celebration. During this event, families present figures of the Christ Child – the Bambinelli- from their Nativity scenes for a special blessing. Next weekend, **December 13th & 14th**, we cordially invite you to bring your "*Baby Jesus*" figurines from your Nativity Scenes to the weekend Masses. The priests will graciously offer a blessing over these sacred figurines.

Advent Reconciliation Service



On **Monday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.**, St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish will host an **Advent Reconciliation Service** at St. Alphonsus Church. This prayer service provides an opportunity for reflection on the significance of forgiveness and compassion in our faith. Please join us as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas!

Christmas Sharing



During the Advent season, we are once again collecting \$25 gift cards from Target or Walmart for our sharing parish, **Epiphany/Good Shepherd Parish**, and local Lemont families in need. If you would like to contribute to this charitable endeavor, kindly purchase the gift cards and deliver your donations to the Parish Office **by Monday, December 15th**.

FR. BRIAN ARDAGH

December 7, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

from Principal Bessler

Our junior high students have been busy showing off their academic skills this year!

Our 7th and 8th graders represented our school at Providence's Annual Academic Bowl, where students competed in five areas – Math, Science, Geography, History, and Language Arts. Although they didn't take home the top prize, they faced hundreds of competitors and demonstrated incredible knowledge, teamwork, and determination!



Our students also participated in Montini's "Math in the Fast Lane" competition, where they "raced" through four exciting learning stations, collaborating and competing while having fun! A special congratulations to our 6th-grade boys for winning Most Creative and our 7th-grade boys for earning Highest Tower Creation!

Finally, at the Nazareth Math Competition, our students went head-to-head with 12 other teams, showing great teamwork, effort, and perseverance throughout the event.

A huge thank-you to Ms. Burke, our junior high math teacher, for leading, coaching, and inspiring our students through each of these competitions. We are so proud of their hard work and academic spirit!

Religious Education Update

This Wednesday, December 10th,
will be the last R.E. class until the New Year,
when we resume on Wednesday, January 7th.
Enjoy your families during this most joyous season.

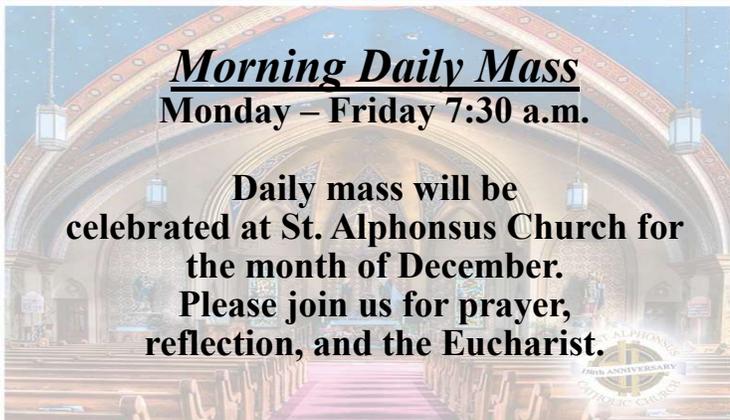
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas

December 7th: Second Sunday of Advent

Advent 2025 Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families
CALENDAR

DECEMBER

<p>SUN 7</p> <p>Light the second purple candle on the Advent wreath. Reflect on Jesus as the Light of the World.</p>	<p>MON 8</p> <p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus' mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today.</p>	<p>TUE 9</p> <p>Feast of Saint Juan Diego Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego's devotion to Mary.</p>	<p>WED 10</p> <p>Choose family prayer partners. Print each family member's name on an index card; decorate it; fold it in half and place in a basket. Pass the basket around and have each family member pick a name. Pray for that person during Advent.</p>
<p>THUR 11</p> <p>On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity.</p>	<p>FRI 12</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sing a favorite hymn that honors Mary.</p>	<p>SAT 13</p> <p>Feast of Saint Lucy Light candles in honor of Saint Lucy, whose name means "light," and talk about how you can bring light to others during Advent. Choose one way your family can brighten someone's day.</p>	



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

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

SASP MEN'S CLUB IS HOSTING



Donuts with Santa

Join us on December 14, 2025 after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses for Donuts with Santa



- Take a picture with Santa
- A gift for each child
- Donuts and Coffee

Weekly Offering

November 22nd and November 23rd

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,895.00
Give Central	\$ 1,333.00
Total Collections	\$ 9,228.00

Weekly Attendance Count

November 22nd and November 23rd

4:00 p.m.	243
7:30 a.m.	159
9:00 a.m.	258
11:00 a.m.	322

Weekly Offering

November 29th and November 30th

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,942.00
EFT	\$14,475.00
Give Central	\$ 520.00
Total Collections	\$20,937.00

Weekly Attendance Count

November 29th and November 30th

4:00 p.m.	92
7:30 a.m.	129
9:00 a.m.	137
11:00 a.m.	275

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). Please call the Parish Office for more information.



Parish Life



Monday 12/08/2025	Tuesday 12/09/2025	Wednesday 12/10/2025	Thursday 12/11/2025	Friday 12/12/2025	Saturday 12/13/2025	Sunday 12/14/2025
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 (Immaculate Conception) 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	4:00pm Mass at 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	4:30 –8:00pm RE at St. Patrick Ministry Building	5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal at St. Patrick Church	2:00pm Wedding St. Patrick Church		9:00am Mass at St. Patrick
7:00pm Daily Mass (Immaculate Conception) at St. Patrick	7:00pm OCIA St. Alphonsus Ministry Building	7:00 pm Men’s Club at the St. Alphonsus Church Hall	6:30/7:30 pm Bell Choir and Choir practice	7:00pm YACWBC St. Alphonsus Ministry Building		10:30am Baptisms St. Patrick Church 11:00 am Mass at St. Alphonsus

We are still collecting \$25 gift cards to Target or Walmart for the children of Epiphany/Good Sheperd

Please bring all gift cards to the Parish Office by Monday, December 15th



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

Bambinelli Sunday

This custom, started by Pope Paul VI in 1969, occurs on the Third Sunday of Advent, and is a way to celebrate the joy of the season and prepare for Christmas by focusing on the birth of Jesus.

Our Parish invites you on the 3rd Sunday of Advent to bring your “Baby Jesus” figurines from your Nativity Scenes to Mass and the priests will offer a blessing over them.



"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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Christmas Mass Schedule 2025

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24th

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church

2:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church

3:30 p.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church

10:30 p.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church



Christmas Day Masses

Thursday, December 25th

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church





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.

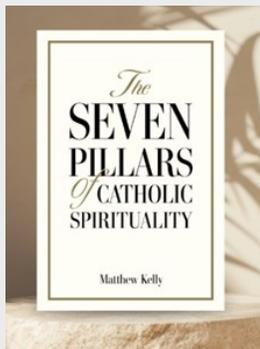


Monday, December 15th at 7:00 P.M.
St. Alphonsus Church

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 at 7:00 a.m. 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

**December celebrations are quite a delight,
Everything around us is merry and bright,
So, we celebrate your birthday and anniversary
with lots of good cheer,
And wish you good tidings in the coming New Year.**



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. Alphonus 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” - Eric Hawrysz
Carl Schroeder
Tony Gorski***

***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, 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

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

7:30am Dolores Hollman-Friend
Mary Mondt-The Ardagh Family

Wednesday, December 10

7:30am Marion Krzyszkowski-Lynn Faculak
Barbara Buschman-Barb & Don Betley

Thursday, December 11

7:30am Jim Schafer, Jr. The Dowiarz Family
Dolores Mulhausen-MaryAnne & Bill Doherty

Friday, December 12

7:30am Mildred & Orville Tessem-Family
Lorraine Klem-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Saturday, December 13

4:00pm John McCarthy-Family
Katherine Malhas-Family
Patricia Vagena-Family
Eugene Budzinski-Donna & James Berent

Sunday, December 14

7:30am Mary C. Maloney-Pat & Jim Browne
William Cusack Family-Family
Anne Marie Pipik-The Swann Family
Joe Ricken-T & R Summers

9:00am Michael Swiec-Swiec Family
Jeannie Hartman-Michelene Rocco
Kathy Lambrakis-Teri Tinoco
Cedric Schott-The Ardagh Family

11:00am Edward Horyza-Loving Family
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Donna Czaja-Family
Sandra Musto-SPRED Group

“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	Joan Forzley
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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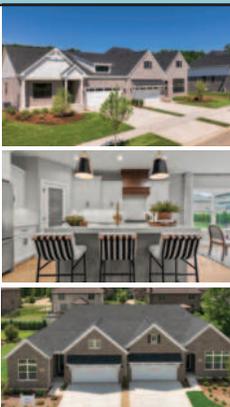
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