



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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Third Sunday of
ADVENT
December 14, 2025



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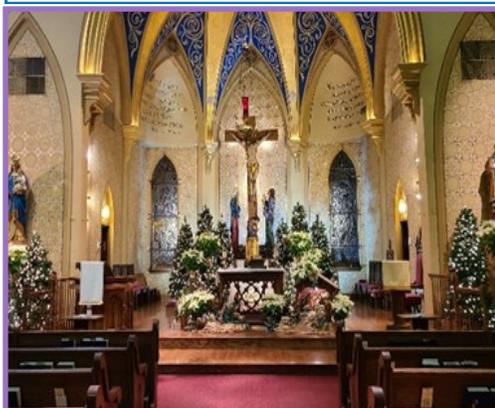
Mike O'Neill

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.

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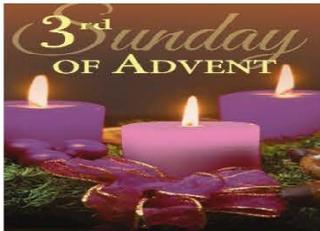
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St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Lemont



Third Sunday of Advent



In today's Gospel, we witness John the Baptist sending his disciples to encounter Jesus. After Jesus shares his accomplishments during his ministry, including miracles of healing and compassion, John's disciples return to John to share the joyous news. This Gospel passage closely aligns with the significance of this weekend as "**Rejoice Sunday**". We rejoice over the upcoming Birth of Christ and express our gratitude to God through simple acts of love, compassion, forgiveness and generosity. Let us thank the Lord for the blessings we have received and demonstrate our support by assisting others so they may find joy.

Bambinelli Sunday



This weekend we celebrate "*Gaudete Sunday*" or "*Rejoice Sunday*". Each year, on the Third Sunday of Advent, Christian families assemble in St. Peter's Square in Rome for "**Bambinelli Sunday**". During this event, families present figures of the Christ Child, known as Bambinelli, from their Nativity scene for a special blessing. During the noon Angelus prayer, Pope Leo will bestow a blessing upon the Christ Child figurines. This same blessing will be extended to the "Baby Jesus" figurines at all our Masses this weekend.

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 offers an opportunity for reflection on the significance of forgiveness and compassion in our faith. We invite you to 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 wish to contribute, please purchase the gift cards and deliver your donations to the Parish Office **by Monday, December 15th**.

A Little Advent Humor...

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT



FR. BRIAN ARDAGH

December 14, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

from Principal Bessler



As we continue our mission of providing a strong Catholic education rooted in faith, service, and academic excellence, I am asking for your support in our school's upcoming Popcorn Fundraiser.

Whether large or small, every contribution truly makes a difference. Your generosity helps us create meaningful opportunities for our students and strengthens the bond between our school and parish community.

On behalf of our students, staff, and families, thank you for your continued support, prayers, and partnership. We are grateful for all you do to help our school grow and thrive.



St. Alphonsus
Patrick School

DOUBLE GOOD FUNDRAISER

A delicious opportunity to fundraise for the year!

It's 100% contactless, we keep 50% of the profit and the product ships directly to the buyer. (Families receive 50% of their sales towards fundraising.) Everyone creates a Pop-Up Store and sells for their family! The popcorn is ultra-premium, delicious, and award-winning!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 8:30A.M.
UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 8:30A.M.**

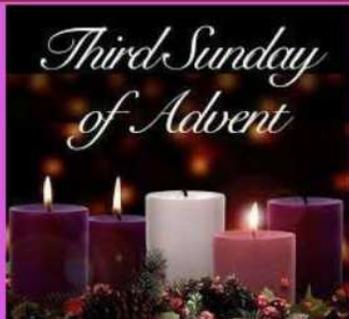


Before the fundraiser begins:

1. Download the Double Good app on your phone
2. Enter our event code NCV HCJ in the app
3. Create your Pop-Up Store with your family name

Please reach out to the front office if you have any questions!

Religious Education Update



December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families!

Advent 2025 CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

DECEMBER

SUN 14

Gaudete Sunday

Light the pink Advent candle. This candle is a symbol of joy because we are at the midpoint of Advent.

MON 15

Volunteer together as a family at a local service organization, like a food pantry or nursing home.

TUE 16

Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family.

WED 17

Today begins the o Antiphons.
O Wisdom of our God Most High! Pray to God about areas of your life where you need the gift of wisdom to grow.

THUR 18

O Leader of the House of Israel!
Pray for help to follow Jesus' leadership. Demonstrate good leadership to younger classmates and siblings.

FRI 19

O Root of Jesse's Stem!
Jesse and King David were Jesus' ancestors. Send Christmas cards to family and friends.

SAT 20

O Key of David!
Jesus opens doors that seem difficult to open. Pray about ways to overcome things that may be difficult for you.



St. Mary's Christmas Festival of Lights

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14



DEC. 19, 20, 21 & 27, 2025 4:30-8:30pm

COME ENJOY LIGHTS ADORNING OUR ROSARY VALLEY AND GROTTTO, NATIVITY DISPLAY, CHRISTMAS MUSIC, DONATIONS WELCOME, NO PETS ALLOWED, WARM BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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Weekly Offering

December 6th and December 7th

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,515.00
Give Central	\$ 2,708.00
Total Collections	\$ 13,223.00

Weekly Attendance Count

November 22nd and November 23rd

4:00 p.m.	248
7:30 a.m.	132
9:00 a.m.	141
11:00 a.m.	288

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.

SASP MEN'S CLUB IS HOSTING



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



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

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



Parish Life



Monday 12/15/2025	Tuesday 12/16/2025	Wednesday 12/17/2025	Thursday 12/18/2025	Friday 12/19/2025	Saturday 12/20/2025	Sunday 12/21/2025
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	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		6:30/7:30 pm Bell Choir and Choir practice	7:00pm YACWBC St. Alphonsus Ministry Building		9:00am Mass at St. Patrick
7:00pm Reconciliation Service St. Alphonsus	7:00pm OCIA St. Alphonsus Ministry Building					11:00am Mass at St. Alphonsus
						12:30pm Baptisms St. Alphonsus

Songs of the Season

On Sunday, December 8th, the St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Music Ministry presented their annual Songs for the Season, a program that included songs, scripture readings and reflections for the season. Thank you to Joe Martorano, our music director, and the many people that make up our beautiful sounding choir. They simply are the best.



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December 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Third Sunday of Advent, parishes throughout our Archdiocese will participate in the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 20,500 elderly religious sisters, brothers, and order priests nationwide.

As I look back on my years as a priest I have an abiding sense of gratitude for the women and men religious who have deeply influenced my own journey of faith. These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our archdiocese through their lives of dedicated service to the Church. Perhaps you, too, have known a religious whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts have helped you to daily live the Gospel message.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little or no pay for their service, and their communities now struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. As the number of religious decreases, the financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is great.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for the future care of all their members.

Aware that you are asked to support many worthy causes, I invite you to consider making a gift to this year's December 13-14 collection as you are able, and to continue to pray for all our elderly religious. You can be assured of their prayers for you.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago





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.

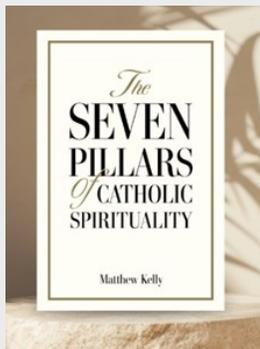


**Monday, December 15th at 7:00 P.M.
St. Alphonsus Church**

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



Our Bible Study Group HAS been a Great Adventure so far! Eighty people signed up, ten have withdrawn for various reasons, and these dozens of troupers you see below have persevered through the first semester of twelve lessons. We are learning much about God's mercy and patience with us, and how when we humans stupidly try to do things our own way instead of God's way we end up in some kind of slavery due to our disobedience. We view the Old Testament with new eyes now and see how those ancient stories apply to us today. Mass is even more meaningful with our new insights and background to the readings. We love studying the Bible this way and having amazing conversations with our new friends. Thirteen people earned perfect attendance awards for this semester and received their choice of a new Catholic book for spiritual reading. We look forward to our second semester January 8th.



***“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” - Joseph Torrasi

***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 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

Monday, December 15

7:30am Geraldine Brown-MaryAnn & Bill Doherty
Susan & Ron Domino-Fr. Brian Ardagh

Tuesday, December 16

7:30am Gerry Ann Krull-The Cullinan Family
Dennis Lemke-Friends

Wednesday, December 17

7:30am Gene & Gerry Malak-Paul Malak
Francis C. McNeel-Karen Leonardo

Thursday, December 18

7:30am Therese Wieder-Gisela & Dan Rittenhouse
Georgiana Pascente-Angie & Jim Pascente

Friday, December 19

7:30am John Rohrich-MaryJo Slingerland
Edward Clohessy-MaryAnn & Bill Doherty

Saturday, December 20

4:00pm Mary & Bernard Kucharski-Family
Jim & Dan Herzing-Charlene Herzing
Rose Belline-Piekosz Family
Rose & Henry Domanski-Diane
Marion Krzyskowski-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Sunday, December 21

7:30am Gene Bozych-Paul Malak
Bev Malak-Family
Gary Przybocki-Cathy Jasso
Thelma Rittenhouse-Gisela & Dan Rittenhouse

9:00am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Dale Hennebry-Family
Christopher Mather-Al Mather
Roger Beck & Michelle Fortier-Loving Family

11:00am Jack Olson-Family
Trudy Hunter & MaryRita Dooley-Syneta Olson
Tom Begeske-Family
Donna Czaja-Family

“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 Forsley
Fr. Blasco Fonseca	The Singer Family	Ron Esposito, Jr.	Judy	Dawn Nowak
Bob Kaufman	Randy Merzdorf	Diann Rinke	Karen Forzley	Ann Bellair

“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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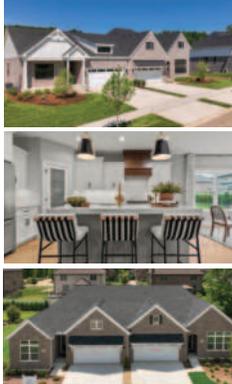
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