



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
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December 28, 2025



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

Parish Staff

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Fr. Brian Ardagh

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Fr. Kisaka Nyache

Resident

Fr. Bob Rohrich

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Fr. Tom Hoffman

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Fr. Richard Shannon

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OCIA

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(ages 17-21 group)

Carol Levas

(ages 22+ group)

Parish Council

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Denise Duda Mark Ligda

John McCarthy Cathie Munoz

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.

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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

www.stals-stpatsparish.org E-mail:stals-lemont@comcast.net

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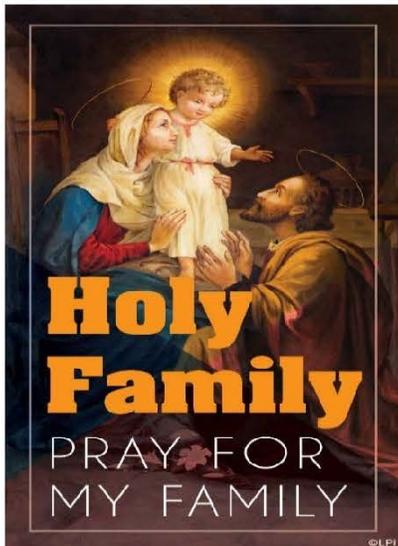
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From Fr. Brian



Feast of the Holy Family



The Feast of **The Holy Family** is a significant celebration of family life, and it is observed on the weekend after Christmas. The Feast of The Holy Family symbolizes the commitment, generosity, and love embodied by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Through the inspiration of the Holy Family, we are called to support one another. Here is a lovely prayer for our families:

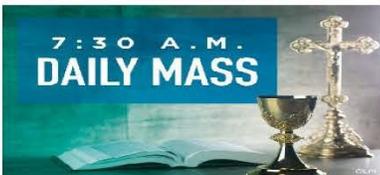
*God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.
May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

New Year's Mass



On December 31st, 2025, and January 1st, 2026, we will commemorate the New Year! Additionally, on this Holy Day of Obligation, we will honor Mary as the Mother of God and an inspiration for our continued journey. A New Year's Mass be held on **December 31st at 4:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church**, and on **January 1st at 9:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church**. Please join us in celebrating the New Year and honoring Mary, the Mother of God!

Daily Morning Mass



Daily Mass has been celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church throughout the month of December. Beginning **Monday, January 6th**, we will celebrate the 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass at St. Patrick Church for the month of January. Please join us each morning for prayer, Scripture reflection, the reception of the Eucharist, and giving thanks to God!

Some Humor

HOLY FAMILY



FR. BRIAN ARDAGH

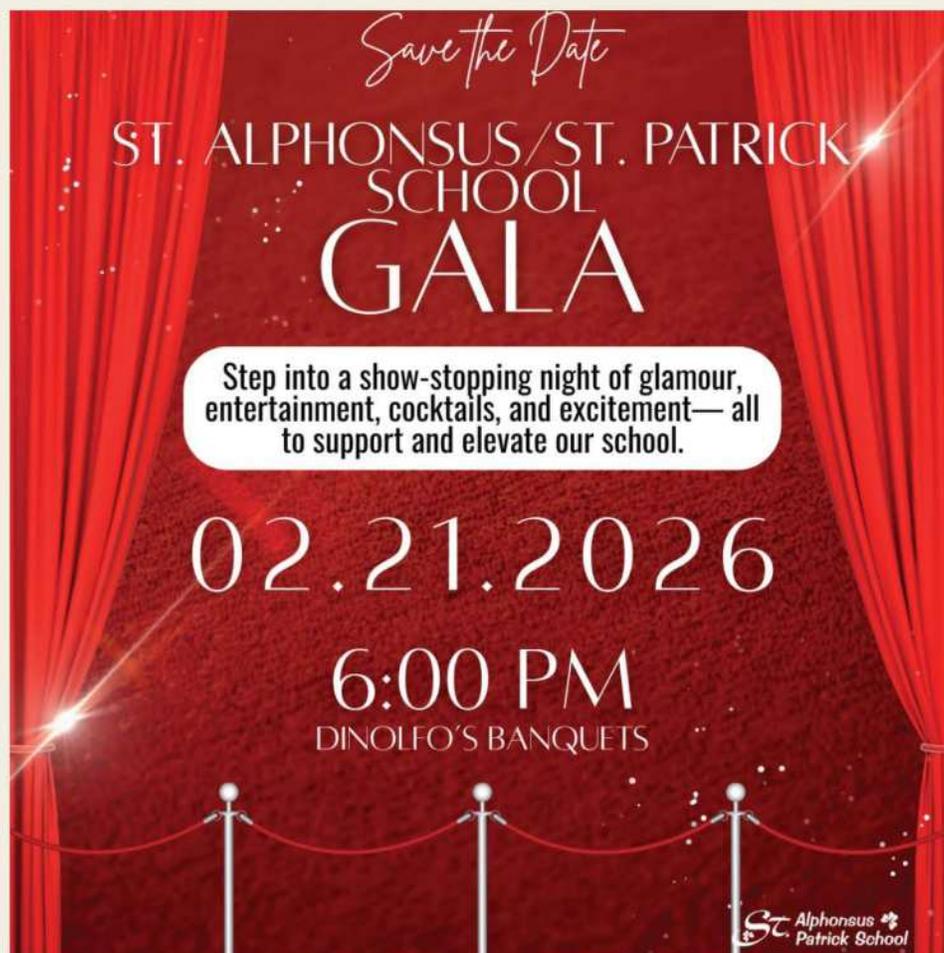
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SCHOOL NEWS

from Principal Bessler



As we count down to 2026 begins, we are excited to announce that our annual Gala will take place on Saturday, February 21st at 6:00 PM at DiNolfo's in Homer Glen. It promises to be a wonderful evening of celebration, connection, and support for our school. We are currently securing sponsorships and in-kind support for the event. If you—or someone you know—may be interested in sponsoring the Gala or contributing an in-kind donation, we would love to connect. Please reach out to our Solicitation Committee at sasponsorship1@gmail.com for the sponsorship form and for more details. Thank you in advance for your support!



Religious Education Update

Some of the children worked on an Advent wreath. This is to symbolize hope, faith, joy, and peace, featuring a circular evergreen wreath with four candles (three purple, one pink/rose) lit sequentially each Sunday, representing Jesus' coming and the Light of the World. Made from evergreens, its circular shape signifies God's eternal love, with the candles marking the Sundays and growing anticipation for Christ's birth.



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

Daily mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church for the month of December. Beginning Monday, January 6, 2026, Daily mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church for the month of January. Please join us for prayer, reflection, and the Eucharist.



New Year's Day,
The Solemnity of Mary,
Tuesday, January 1, 2026
is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Please join us for mass
Wednesday, December 31st at
4:00pm at St. Alphonsus Church
or
Thursday, January 1st at
9:00am at St. Patrick Church.

Weekly Offering

<u>December 13th and December 14th</u>	
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,927.00
EFT	\$ 1,929.00
Give Central	\$ 840.00
Total Collections	\$11,696.00

Weekly Attendance Count

<u>December 13th and December 14th</u>	
4:00 p.m.	238
7:30 a.m.	169
9:00 a.m.	213
11:00 a.m.	303

Due to an early bulletin deadline, figures were not available for December 28th's bulletin. They will be in a future publication.

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 12/29/2025	Tuesday 12/30/2025	Wednesday 12/31/2025	Thursday 01/01/2026	Friday 01/02/2026	Saturday 01/03/2026	Sunday 01/04/2026
6:55am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30am Daily Mass at St. Alphonus	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonus 8:00 am Adoration at St. Alphonus Chapel until 2pm	6:55am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonus 1:00pm Wedding at St. Alphonus 4:00pm Mass/ Solemnity of Mary at St. Patrick	9:00am Mass/ Solemnity of Mary at St. Alphonus Parish Office Closed	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass 7:30am Daily Mass at St. Alphonus	3:00pm Confession St. Alphonus 4:00pm Mass at St. Alphonus	7:30 am Mass at St. Alphonus 9:00am Mass at St. Patrick 11:00am Mass at St. Alphonus

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

A special thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Flower Fund. Your generous donations help make our parish churches, St. Alphonus and St. Patrick, beautiful places to worship this Christmas season. For those who made donations in memory of loved ones, know that your intentions will be remembered at all our Christmas masses. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

Prayer of St. Francis

Thank you to everyone who bought gift cards or helped provide gifts for our local families. It will warm the hearts of the children of our sharing parish Epiphany-Good Shepherd. Our local families will be grateful for your generous gifts. While the holidays can be difficult for those struggling, your generosity offers hope knowing that they are being thought of at Christmas!

May God Bless you and your families!

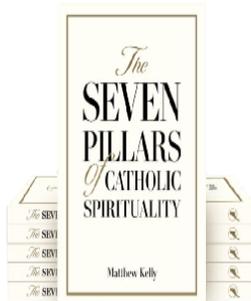


Gift are bagged and ready for delivery!

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

We hope you enjoyed the parish book offering this Advent. Again thank you to our generous parishioners for helping to provide this spiritual book to you.

Why not make a New Year Resolution to add these seven spiritual practices to your life? Matthew Kelly suggests adding one Practice each week for the next seven weeks and "you will be amazed at the many ways they enrich your life."



CONFESSION
DAILY PRAYER
THE MASS
THE BIBLE
FASTING
SPIRITUAL READING
THE ROSARY



Donuts with Santa



With a lot of hard work, numerous phone calls and some tricky logistics, the St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Men's Club was able to bring Santa Claus to our wonderful parish in Lemont. He brought the North Pole with him, but it was worth it!! Thank You to all of the families and people who braved the frigid arctic cold to enjoy Donuts with Santa. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate (with whipped cream), delicious donuts, and other treats. Thank You to all of the Men's Club members who worked so hard to make this happen. Special thanks to Eileen Bruno and Terese Turner for their help decorating for Santa. We appreciate everyone's support very much!!

Parents with babies and preschoolers are invited to join other parents for

Coffee + Kids + Questions for GOD



2nd Sundays of the month @ 10:30 AM

SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Life Building

"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders."
Psalm 78:4

Contact Kim to RSVP at 630-841-9070 or our Evangelization Coordinator Coleen Mast at cmast@archchicago.org to receive your set of children's 'Questions for God' books to read.

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



PREGNANT NEED HELP?

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MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, January 31, 2026 at
**AdventHealth LaGrange Hospital,
5101 Willow Springs Road, La Grange, IL
60525.** Lunch will be provided during the
free training.

Participants must be 18 years of age
or older and have the support of their
pastor and the Minister of Care Parish
Coordinator. Topics will include the
spirituality, theology and the rites of the
Pastoral Care of the Sick.

Contact Deacon Tom Carlson to enroll:

tcarlson@archchicago.org or
630.746.8384

View brochure [here](#) or scan code.



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The Vicar for Deacons

Have you ever considered the call to
be a Deacon of the Catholic Church?

Join us at **7 p.m.** on
January 19, 2026 at:
Office of the Diaconate
816 Marengo
Forest Park, IL 60130



We will provide an overview
of the **Deacon Formation
Program, the application
process** and **information on the ministry of
a deacon.** Men, single or married, are invited
to attend. Wives are strongly encouraged to
accompany their husbands. For more information
and to register for this session, contact the Office
of the Diaconate at **708.366.8900.**

**“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? ‘Here I
am, send me!’” –Isaiah 6:8**

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

“A Time to be Born through Baptism”

George Bryan and Connor David Van Kampen, children of Bryan and Kristen Van Kampen
Sophie Salaba, child of Spencer and Allison Salaba
Lukas Andrzej Nowak, child of Michael and Sylwia Nowak
Isla Lousie Lopez, child of Andrew and Harmony Lopez
Andi Sophie Espich, child of Josh and Toni Espich
Daniel William Provost, child of Kyle and Katherine Provost

“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony”

Congratulations to Emily Molnar and Simon Grassoff

“A Time to Die” - Donald Maske

**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 27

4:00pm Roger Beck-Family
Michelle Fortier-Family
Bob Michalek-Family
Stephe Nevell-Wife

Sunday, December 28

7:30am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Sue Hren-Paul Malak
Bev Malak-Journey of Hope Group
Sue Santarelli-Malak Family

9:00am George Mulligan-Barb & Brian Osborne
Joseph Ricken-Alice Jaje
Roger Beck & Michelle Fortier-Your Loving Family
Ida & Stan Olszowka-Davey Family

Monday, December 29

7:30am Mike Blanchard-Children
Bev Malak-Paul Malak

Tuesday, December 30

7:30am Sara Zervos-Mary Ann & Jim Connelly
Stanley Bromberek-Paul Malak
Bev Malak-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Wednesday, December 31

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

Thursday, January 1

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

Friday, January 2

7:30am Judi Hannon-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Joe Tinoco-Family

Saturday, January 3

4:00pm Gary Caswick-Mary Nevell
Gertrude Smith-Loving Daughters
Henry Domanski-Diane Segert
Loretta Schultz-Darlene & Bob

Sunday, January 4

7:30am Fran Berst-Paul Malak
Martin & Elsbeth Betley-Family
Judi Hannon-Hannon Family
Cynthia Indurante-The Annarino Family

9:00am Robert "Bob" Persa-The Dalton Family
Marie Beemsterboer-Carey & PJ Cunniffe
Delores Balk-Polly
James Herzing-Michelene & Joan

11:00am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish
Helene Czaja-Family
Deanne & Gerald Gentile-Jonna & Rick Svabek
Gregory J. Berent-Donna & James



“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	Dawn Nowak
Lee Villagomez	Fr. Lou Zake	James Browne	Kevin Healy	Andrea P.
Fr. Blasco Fonseca	The Singer Family	Ron Esposito, Jr.	Judy	Mike Ritter
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	Jameson Poritt,
ATAR Bradley Komes	Chad Peters	US Marine Corps.
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	
Mark Williams, II	Patrick Schubert	





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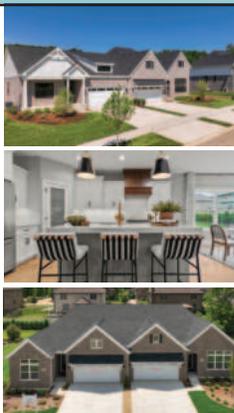
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