



# ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. PATRICK PARISH

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

January 4, 2026

**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](http://www.stals-stpatsparish.org)  
E-mail: [stals-lemont@comcast.net](mailto:stals-lemont@comcast.net)

**Religious Education**  
Located at St. Patrick Ministry Building  
205 Cass St., Lemont  
Phone: 630-754-7277 Fax: 630-754-7278  
[re@st-als.org](mailto:re@st-als.org)

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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

**Parish Staff**

**Pastor**

Fr. Brian Ardagh

**Associate Pastor**

Fr. Kisaka Nyache

**Resident**

Fr. Bob Rohrich

**Weekend Celebrants**

Fr. Lawrence Gorski

Fr. Tom Hoffman

**Pastor Emeritus**

Fr. Richard Shannon

**Diaconal Ministry**

Deacon Tim Callahan

Deacon Bill Lubben

Deacon Terry McGuire

Deacon Mike O’Neill

Deacon Larry Oskielunas

Deacon Dan Rittenhouse

Deacon Joe Winblad

**Director of Faith Formation**

Michael Lundberg

**Asst. to Dir. of Faith Form.**

Colleen Kinnunen

**School Principal**

Michelle Bessler

**Operations Director**

Denise Duda

**Office Coordinators**

Jordan Studzinski

Judy Techman

**Accountant**

Cathy Morris

**Music Director**

Joe Martorano

**Building & Grounds**

Don Betley

Chuck Morris

**Evangelization Coordinator**

Coleen Mast

**Pastoral Associate**

**OCIA**

Eileen Bruno

**SPRED**

John Felonk

(ages 17-21 group)

Carol Levas

(ages 22+ group)

**Parish Council**

Eileen Bruno Bill Doherty

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.**

**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](http://www.stals-stpatsparish.org).  
or call the Parish Office for more information.

Contact Us- Parish Office 630-257-2414

[www.stals-stpatsparish.org](http://www.stals-stpatsparish.org) E-mail:[stals-lemont@comcast.net](mailto:stals-lemont@comcast.net)

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We’re on Facebook and YouTube



[www.facebook.com/St-Alphonsus-St-Patrick-Parish-108123975895913](http://www.facebook.com/St-Alphonsus-St-Patrick-Parish-108123975895913)



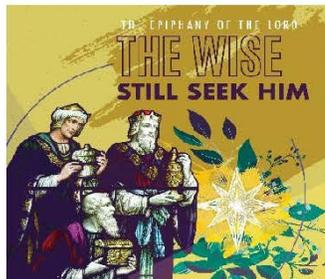
St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Lemont



From Fr. Brian



## Feast of the Epiphany



This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the **Epiphany**. Have you ever pondered the significance of the Wise Men's gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Holy Family? Why are these items considered "treasures"? One scripture scholar mentioned, *"If they were magicians and astrologers, these three items constituted their tools of trade. By offering them to Jesus, they share their talents with the Son of God."* We are encouraged to follow the Wise Men's actions. We must reflect upon our lives and try to contribute to our faith. These gifts will enable us to grow and draw closer to Jesus, the newborn King.

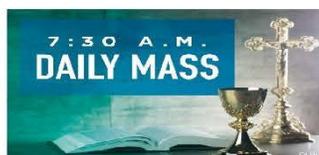
## Giving Thanks



As we celebrate the Epiphany and the gifts shared with the Holy Family, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who have generously offered their gifts to make the seasons of Advent and Christmas a truly enriching time for prayer and celebrating our faith.

- 1) **Our Priests and Deacons** -- Fr. Gorski, Fr. Hoffman, Fr. Kisaka, Fr. Rohrich, Deacon Bill, Deacon Dan, Deacon Larry, Deacon Mike, Deacon Terry and Deacon Tim for their dedication.
- 2) **Our Art & Environment Volunteers** -- Eileen & Mike Bruno, Terese & Scott Turner, Don & Barb Betley, Paul Malak, for their diligent efforts in creating a beautiful environment for our Advent and Christmas seasons at both St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Church sites.
- 3) **Our musicians & singers** -- Joe Martorano, Christina Grinius, Julee Phillips, Maureen McCoy, Cheryl Skoda, and the various cantors and musicians for their wonderful music during the Advent and Christmas liturgies.
- 4) **Our liturgical ministers** – our Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Usher/Greeters who have volunteered to minister at our Masses during Advent and Christmas. I also would like to thank **Jordan Studzinski** and **Judy Techman** for coordinating the Ministers' Schedule for the year.
- 5) **Our Christmas Giving Ministry** -- Anne Lichtenwaller and the **St. Alphonsus** and **St. Patrick Women's Club** deserve great recognition for coordinating the **"Christmas Giving Project"**. Additionally, I extend my appreciation to the numerous generous parishioners who have supported our sharing parish, Epiphany/Good Shepherd Parish, and local families through Christmas gifts and monetary donations.

## Daily Morning Mass



Beginning **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**, the **7:30 a.m. Daily Mass** will be held at **St. Patrick Church** throughout the month of January. We invite you to join us each morning for prayer, Scripture reflection, the reception of the Eucharist and giving thanks to God.

Fr. Brian Ardagh

January 4, 2026

# SCHOOL NEWS



from Principal Bessler



*St. Alphonsus*   
*Patrick School*

## OPEN HOUSE

**3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL  
THROUGH 8TH GRADE**

**PLEASE JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH  
FROM  
10:00A.M.-1:00P.M.  
20 W 145 DAVEY ROAD LEMONT, IL**



**WE ARE  
CELTICS!**

### VISIT OUR OPEN HOUSE TO:

**MEET WITH OUR ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERS OF  
OUR FACULTY**



**GO ON TOURS LED BY STUDENTS, STAFF, AND PARENTS**



**LEARN HOW SASP PROVIDES A SAFE, FAITH-FILLED &  
RIGOROUS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**



**VISIT OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR**



SCHOOL OFFICE:  
1-630-783-2220

CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE  
A PRIVATE TOUR!

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[STALS-STPATS.ORG](http://STALS-STPATS.ORG)

# Religious Education Update

A very **HAPPY NEWYEAR** to all our R.E. Families. We hope you had a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**\*\*\* Classes resume Wednesday, January 7th \*\*\***

## 2026 Dates to Note

### 2nd Grade Families -

Saturday, January 17th, **First Reconciliation**

10am at St. Alphonsus Church - OR - 12:30pm at St. Patrick Church

(Sign-up Genius was released on December 22nd with an email sent to 2nd grade families with the Sign Up link)

### **Practice**

Wednesday, April 8th @ 6:00pm St. Patrick Church **OR**

Wednesday, April 15th at 6:00pm at St. Alphonsus Church

(Another sign up will be made available as we get closer to the date, a month before)

Saturday, April 18th, **First Communion**

10am at St. Alphonsus Church - OR - 1:00pm at St. Patrick Church

(Another sign up will be made available as we get closer to the date, about a month before)

### 8th Grade Families -

Sunday, January 24th, **Confirmation Retreat**

12:30pm to 3:00pm St. Patrick Church Hall (basement of R.E. Building)

### **Affirmation Mass**

Saturday, February 21st at 4:00pm at St. Alphonsus **OR**

Sunday, February 22nd at 9am at St. Patrick Church

(An email with sign-up instructions and more details to follow later)

Wednesday, March 18th, **Practice**

6:00-7:30 pm at St. Alphonsus Church

Saturday, March 21st, **Confirmation**

10am at St. Alphonsus Church with Bishop Kane

## Morning Daily Mass

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.

Daily mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church for the month of January.

Please join us for prayer, reflection, and the Eucharist.

## 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 January we will collect pantry staple items .**Example: healthy cereals, canned meat, canned soups, coffee, etc.** 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!

## Income Tax Statements

We will only send tax statements to those parishioners who request them. If you need your donation statement for Income Tax purposes, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket, mail it or bring it to the Parish Office. You may also call the office at 630-257-2414.

Thank you for your generosity.

St.. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish Donation  
Please send me a copy of my **2025** donations.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Weekly Offering

### December 20th and December 21st

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,204.00
Give Central	\$ 2,083.00
Total Collections	\$ 12,287.00

## Weekly Attendance Count

### December 20th and December 21st

4:00 p.m.	275
7:30 a.m.	177
9:00 a.m.	226
11:00 a.m.	389

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can donate online at [www.stals-stpatsparish.org](http://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.

**\*Christmas and 12/28 numbers are not in this bulletin due to early submission.**

## 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 01/05/2026	Tuesday 01/06/2026	Wednesday 01/07/2026	Thursday 01/08/2026	Friday 01/09/2026	Saturday 01/10/2026	Sunday 01/11/2026
6:55am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	3:00pm Confession St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Mass at St. Alphonsus
7:30am Daily Mass at St. Patrick	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Patrick	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Patrick	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Patrick	7:30am Daily Mass at St. Patrick	4:00pm Mass at St. Alphonsus	9:00am Mass at St. Patrick
6:00pm Bible Study at St. Patrick Ministry Bldg.	8:00 am Adoration at St. Alphonsus Chapel until 2pm	3:00 Rosary St. Alphonsus Chapel	6:30pm Great Adventure Bible St. Patrick Hall	7:00 pm YACWBC St. Alphonsus Ministry Bldg.		10:30am Baptisms St. Patrick Church
7:00pm The Chosen Season 5 St. Patrick Church Hall	7:00pm OCIA at the St. Alphonsus Ministry Bldg.	4:30-8:00pm Religious Education St. Patrick Ministry Bldg.				11:00am Mass at St. Alphonsus



## Join and become a Parishioner with the St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish!



- Belonging to our parish gives you a sense of identity and a place to call home within the church community.
- It provides opportunities for lifelong learning through religious education and other programs.
- You receive support from your “faith family” in both good times and bad, and the parish can be there for you during a crisis.
- Sacramental access: To receive certain sacraments like Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Marriage, you must be a registered member of the parish.
- Sponsor eligibility: Active, registered members are eligible to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor.

### Here are the ways you can join our parish.

- You can scan the QR code.
- You can go to our web page, [www.stals-stpatsparish.org](http://www.stals-stpatsparish.org), look under “About” and then select “Parish Registration.”
- You can call the Parish Office and a registration form can be mailed to you.
- When attending Mass, you may ask an Usher for a registration form.



## The Children's Choir



The Children's Choir performed at the 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Thank you to all the musicians, children, and parents that help to participate during this Mass. Special thanks to Joe Martorano for preparing everyone for a wonderful performance!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**to those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries  
in the month of  
JANUARY.**

**Your birthdays and anniversaries have come,  
as we start another year.**

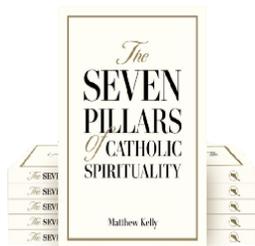
**January is your month; your special day is here.  
In the middle of winter, things may seem cold and dreary,  
but because you were born and love is celebrated,  
life is bright and cheery.**

**Blessings on your special day!**

## 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



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight  
under the rafters of a barn:  
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,  
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.\**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries  
Come after with our penances and prayers,  
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay  
Beside the wise men's golden jars.\**

\*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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](mailto: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**

[Isaiah 49:1](#): "Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name."

PREGNANT NEED HELP?  
CALL WATERLEAF@630-701-6270  
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER, JOLIET (815)744-7755



+LEMONT PRO LIFE  
MINISTRY

**“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”  
Congratulations to Julia Lum and Connor Brady**

**“A Time to Die” - John “Jack” Counter**

**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, 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  
Elsbeth & Martin Betley-Family  
Judi Hannon-Hannon Family  
Cynthia Indurante-The Annarnino 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

### Monday, January 5

7:30am Bernie Cicora-The Czech Family  
Dan Baird-Friends  
Bill Roman -Marge & Tom Breier

### Tuesday, January 6

7:30am Jerry Noga-Nancy Noga  
Jay Bogg-The Osborne Family

### Wednesday, January 7

7:30am William C . Hopkins-David Josephitis  
Eric Hawrysz-The O'Hara Family

### Thursday, January 8

7:30am John Gory-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish  
Sue & Mike Hope, thankful for kindness-  
Arlene Bergman

### Friday, January 9

7:30am Anthony Gorski-The O'Hara Family  
Dawn Nowak, for healing-Mom

### Saturday, January 10

4:00pm Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish  
Walda & Daniel Kelleher-Family  
Ron Dominick-Wife  
Gertrude Berent-Donna & Jim Berent

### Sunday, January 11

7:30am Joe Ricken-T & R Summers  
Barbara Maloney-Pat & Jim Browne  
Carol Pakeltis-Family  
Dawn Nowak, for healing-Mom

9:00am Chirstopher Mather-Father  
Ronald A. Nagel-Family  
Ann & James Cawley-The Dalton Family  
James Forzley-Brother Greg

11:00am Donna Czaja-Family & Friends  
Guiseppe DeSensi-Fidanzo Family  
Dolores Balk-Barb & Don Betley  
Eric Hawrysz-Jakubowski 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	Dan Malak	Zeplyn 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	Ann Bellair
Fr. Blasco Fonseca	The Singer Family	Ron Esposito, Jr.	Judy	
Bob Kaufman	Randy Merzdorf	Diann Rinke	Karen Forzley	
Rita Kaufman	Pete Malewski	Susan Scafide	Susan O'Donnell	

**"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 Porritt,
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	

