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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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St. Alphonsus Notes

From The Pastor's Desk

New Statue of the Blessed Mother!





I hope Lent is off to a great start for all of you!

I have very good news to report this week! Thanks to a very generous donation from a fellow parishioner, the parish has received a brand new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She can be found in the Sanctuary of our Chapel. I encourage all of you to visit her!

- Fr. Kevin

Thank you so much for helping the parish to complete its 2022 Parish Census. You are so important to us. Please note that if you have not yet returned your form, please do so now. If you haven't received a ce



now. If you haven't received a census form, please contact the Parish Office at 414-421-2442, or email stals@st-alphonsus.org. We appreciate your support with this project.



With the Lenten season soon upon us, the Parish Library will serve as an excellent source of literature for

means of reflection during this time. There are numerous NEW books as well as fundamental ones pertaining to prayer, meditation and many classics. Feel free to browse the Library after any weekend Mass and whenever the church is open during the week. You will be surprised at the wealth of information that is located within the walls of our Parish Library.

Hospitality Weekend



Hospitality Weekend is next weekend, March 12/13. Join fellow parishioners in the Community Room, where the Care For Creation Committee will be your hosts for hospitality. Camaraderie and refresh-

ments await you after all Masses next weekend. Sturdy paper cups will be used for this hospitality weekend, and you are encouraged to recycle your empty cups and clean plates.

Let There Be Light

Next Sunday, March 13, we will spring forward and turn our clocks ahead one hour. We will lose an hour of sleep but the trade-off is appealing — spring is on the way.



Advertiser of the Week Loomis Center Garage, Inc. 7450 W. Old Loomis Road 414-425-0330

Thomas Tretow, President

Bonjour!

Looking for a fun way to support your parish? Why not join your fellow parishioners at this year's Parish Auction, *"Springtime in Paris,"* set for Friday, April 29, at Boerner Botanical Gardens. You can register for the event through the parish website or by going online to http://aesbid.com/ELP/STALS22. The Early Bird discount ends March 28, so get your reservation in now!

Don't forget to pick up a packet or two of cash raffle tickets at any of the weekend Masses or at the parish office. The raffle is important to the success of the Auction and is a great way to participate even if you can't attend the Auction.

Looking for a way to help out? Please consider donating (new items only) tools, technology items, liquor, home items, sporting equipment, fun group classes and parties, adventure events or gifts for the cook. Gift cards (any denomination) and bottles of wine are also a great donation. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or brought to the table in the Gathering Space at any of the weekend Masses. If you need a donation pick-up, please call Doris Jome at 414-529-4739, or Sue Ruedinger at 414-731-0537. Merci beaucoup!

Laudato Si - "Praise Be To You," From The Care For Creation Committee

From Pope Francis' encyclical letter: "We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass, and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature."

ONE SIMPLE ACT

Create your own green space. Plant a garden. If you live in an apartment and have no yard, grow an indoor herb garden. Indoor plants improve air quality by releasing water vapor into the air. This increases humidity and can help improve respiratory and skin health by offsetting the drying effects of heating systems. Plants also increase oxygen levels by absorbing carbon dioxide.



Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Parish Giving Results

Envelope and Offertory Contributions: through March 1, 2022

This Past Weekend's Contributions	\$ 22,965
This Month's Contributions (to date)	\$ 22,965
Budgeted Amount for March, 2022	\$111,892

For more detailed information on the Operations Budget and Balance Sheet, see the Monthly Financials at www.st-alphonsus.org/financecouncil.cfm.

Pastoral Council Agenda Thursday–March 10, 2022 7:00 PM–PMC/Room 104

- I. Opening Prayer Fr. Kevin
- II. Approval of minutes February 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes
- III. Guest/Visitor Comments: Kathy Jaeckels
- IV. Pastor's Remarks
- V. Associate Pastor Remarks
- VI. Financial Council Report
- VII. Old Business
 - a. New members- Pat Schulz
 - b. Capital Campaign
 - c. Bereavement ministry launched
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Healing the Whole Person Fr Kevin discusses this conference
 - b. Common Meeting Night March 15 discuss goals
 - c. Auction council getting tables
- IX. Committee Updates
 - a. School
 - b. Christian Formation
 - c. Vocations
 - d. Respect Life
 - e. Liturgy/Worship
 - f. Human Concerns
 - a. Census
- X. Closing Prayer Fr. Patrick

We Need Wine!

The St. Alphonsus Auction Committee desperately needs wine for the upcoming Parish Auction. Please drop off bottles of wine at the Auction table in the



Gathering Space after any weekend Mass or at the Parish Office. Thank you!

2022 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

On the weekend of February 5/6, a video was shown at all Masses for the yearly Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. If you missed it and would like to see the video go to:www.archmil.org.



Contributions to this annual appeal are used to fund and support many ministries including: Parishes, Catholic Schools and Religious Education programs, the formation of priests, deacons and parish lay leaders, and lifelong faith formation. Gifts to the appeal are used solely for the above stated purposes.

Thank you to those of you who have been faithful contributors to the appeal in the past! In 2021, 547 St. Alphonsus families generously donated a total of \$123,413. Our parish goal for 2022 is \$163,000. We hope you will renew your support this year and consider an increase if possible. And, for those of you who were unable to make a gift before, we ask you to prayerfully consider doing so this year.

Pledge cards have been mailed to registered parishioners. Please visit www.CatholicAppeal.org for more information. Thank you for your support!

-Bill & Mary Kelly, St. Alphonsus CSA Parish Advocates

Saint Of The Week

St. Catherine of Bologna | March 9

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.



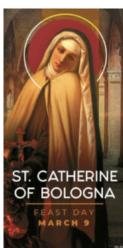
March 8-14 is Catholic Sisters Week. What Sisters touched your life? For me it was the Sinsinawa Dominicans at St. Rose Grade School; the School Sisters of St. Francis at Pius XI HS & Alverno; the Notre Dame Sisters at Holy Spirit Grade School where my children attended; my aunt, Sister Helen Margaret, a Benedictine, who inspired me to follow in her footsteps and become an English teacher and Sister Eileen of the Third Order of Franciscans in this parish that I love. So many Sisters in my life! Your turn to reflect:

For all these faithful, consecrated women living and deceased we pray ~

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us Catholic Sisters, who have built schools, hospitals and shelters upon the strength of their convictions. We celebrate their good work this week and ask for your grace to strengthen and sustain all women religious. Bless their hands that fold in prayer and sow seeds to build the Kingdom of God. Help us to follow their example dedicating our lives to You. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Pat Schulz

Today is **Quadragesima Sunday** (also known as Invocabit Sunday or Invocavit Sunday). It is the first Sunday in Lent, occurring after Ash Wednesday. The term Quadragesima is derived from the Latin word for *"fortieth,"* as there are exactly forty days from Quadragesima Sunday until Good Friday.



Change Our Hearts

Once again, we are hearing the message that outward appearances and even actions are one thing, but that what really matters, is what is going on in our hearts. This is a reminder that we'll hear over and over again in this holy season of Lent. God is calling us to really take a good look at ourselves – not the self that we display for everyone else – but our true inner self. If we're all being honest, we'll find we have some work to do. We are graced with the season of Lent as a time for us to do that self-examination and then work more toward being that person that God has created us to be.

We can go through the motions. We can really look like we have it all together and are doing our best. What is important, however, is not how we look or how others perceive us. It is instead what is going on inside of us, in our hearts. **This Lent we are called to change our hearts** – to give up those habits, like anger over little things, which lead us away from God and our neighbor. We are called to pick up our cross and follow the way that Jesus has put before us; let our hearts reflect Christ's love to the world.

I would like to thank the Art and Environment Team and those parishioners who helped with preparing the church for Lent. You are an awesome group of people. To the sewers who sewed new banners for this season, your work is beautiful and never goes unnoticed. Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish family.

The choirs are now in full swing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It is such a privilege to work with so many giving and talented people. Thank you for blessing our parish with the gift of music. And many thanks to our greeters and ushers who welcome each of us to our weekly Masses, my thanks to all who serve in these ministries. If your heart is calling you to serve, our ushers would be happy to welcome a few more hands to help.



The Liturgy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8, to make final

preparations for Holy Week. We hope that everyone in the parish will make time to join us for these beautiful and prayerful celebrations.

The Easter flower envelope is in the bulletin this weekend. Once again, all names will be placed at the altar for Easter and remembered in the *"Prayers of the Faithful."* Envelopes must be returned by April 13.

We pray that you all have a prayerful and happy Lent. We hope this season is a time of returning with all of your heart, mind, and soul to the Lord.

Blessings to you in this beautiful desert season of Lent.

In Christ,

-Terry Píontkowskí Dírector of Líturgy and Music

Youth & School Notes

Reaching Out

Please support the efforts of our Christian Formation and St. Alphonsus students who are collecting Easter candy and toys to create Easter gift

bags for 4 Catholic Schools in the Milwaukee area. We have a goal of filling 1400 gift bags to bring Easter joy and hope to elementary students at the following schools: Notre Dame, Nativity Jesuit, St. Anthony, and St. Josephat. Please drop off donated items in the box located in the Gathering Space. Weekend collections will be after all Masses March 5/6 and March 12/13. Christian Formation and St. Al's school families will be assembling the treat bags Monday evening March 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose room, with an April 4 or 5 targeted delivery date. Thank you Judy Paz for your assistance, and thank you, St. Alphonsus parishioners, for helping us fulfill our goal and bring smiles to children this Easter. For questions, please contact Julie Lobitz: lobitzj@st-alphonsus.org. Blessings this Lenten season!

- Julie Lobitz

Director of Christian Formation



School Scene

Our school librarian, Mrs. Schermetzler, and I are both avid readers and are always looking for ways to get students excited about reading.

Last year, we began working to bring the Battle of the Books program back to St. Alphonsus.

Battle of the Books is a regional reading competition between Catholic schools in the Milwaukee area. It is open to students in grades 4-6. Students work in teams to read 45 books and then answer trivia questions about them. We meet twice a month and hold lively practice competitions. In April, the top team from each grade will

move on to the regional competition.



Our students are having a blast as they build their literacy skills and become lifelong readers in a fun and exciting way. We are so proud of them!

(pictured here is our 4th Grade team, Hana J., Giulia G., and Becca K., practicing in the library) --Mrs. Bruhn, Director of Teaching and Learning

Scripture Readings

or the week of March 6, 2022	
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-	
13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/	
Lk 4:1-13	
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,	
15/Mt 25:31-46	
ls 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,	
18-19/Mt 6:7-15	
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-	
19/Lk 11:29-32	
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-	
2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12	
Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,	
7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26	
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/	
Mt 5:43-48	
r: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8,	
8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-	
4:1/Lk 9:28b-36	
4.1/LK 9.200-30	
Observances for the week of March 6, 2022	
1st Sunday of Lent	
Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	
Tuesday: St. John of God. Religious	

Tuesday: St. John of God, Religious Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins ©LPi One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the *"path of least resistance."* The daily



concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

What's Happening



Coming This Lent

"Pray Without Ceasing: A Retreat On the Liturgy of the Hours," Friday, March 18 - Saturday, March 19, at St. Alphonsus Community Room & Chapel Retreat Leader: Dr. Michael Brummond, STD



Doctor Brummond is Associate Professor, Systematic Theology, Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corners, WI. Retreat begins Friday, March 18, 6:00-8:30 p.m. It continues on Saturday, March 19, 9:00-12:00 noon

What is this retreat all about?

The Retreat will be a practical and informative introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours. Since early Christian times, through the Liturgy of the Hours, the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God. Join us for a time of prayer and presentations that will explain the Liturgy of the Hours, the impact it can have on our spiritual life, and the practical tools to begin praying it. Sessions take place in the Community Room. Liturgy of the Hours prayer times take place in the Chapel. Participants will each receive their own *Shorter Christian Prayer Book*. The Saturday session ends with a catered luncheon. Fee: \$30, non-refundable. Questions? Call Sr. Eileen or Fr. Patrick, 414-421-2442 or email eileen@st-alphonsus.org; frpatrick@st-alphonsus.org.

Potential Parish Book Discussion Participants

Dear Friends,

For your convenience, three copies of Walker Percy's *Love in the Ruins*, the topic of our May 3, book discussion, are now available in the Parish Library. Please check them out as needed. Know that Percy's Southern sensibility is that of the early 1970s; so be prepared to be a little shocked at some of his language. **Registration is a must.** Call 414-421-2442 x 225, or go online to www.st-alphonsus.org (Adult Faith Formation). Hope you can join us on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m.! -Dr. Ed Block, Discussion Leader

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS! 12 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADDRATION EVERY THURSDAY

You are invited to stop by our "Adoration table" in the gathering space after each mass next weekend to learn more about the gift of Eucharistic Adoration.

- Consider signing up for a weekly commitment for an hour period of adoration between 8 am to 8 pm on Thursdays.
- If you can't fulfill your weekly commitment on a given week, a list of "substitutes" will be available.

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Hest, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." Soint Teress of Calcuta

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Question Of The Week

Theme: Lent is time to open our hearts more fully to Jesus.

Question for Youth: What is one thing you will do during Lent to become more open to God in your life? **Question for Adults:** As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devil's offerings is hardest for you to resist?

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Prayer Network

If you have a Special Intention for which you would like prayers, please call	
one of the St. Alphonsus Prayer Networks:	
St. Ann (Geri)	
St. Patrick (Holly)414-282-0485	
The networks are confidential; please feel free to contact them with your requests.	

Do you know that St. Peregrine is the cancer saint?

Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am Weekday Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:00 am and Wednesday 8:00 am

Sacrament of Baptism

For Baptismal arrangements, call the Parish Office, 414-421-2442 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 pm and Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm in the Chapel

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to be anointed New Membership

You can register online at www.st-alphonsus.org or at the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Match • 5 Saturday After Ash Wednesday
4:30 pm † Tom Meier (Dan Zillmer)
Sunday, March • 6 First Sunday Of Lent
7:30 am † Joseph Burbach (Dick & Kathy Phillips)
9:00 am For The Parishioners
† Ron Bekken (Bekken Family)
11:00 am † Terrence Knier (Mom & Dad)
Monday, March • 7 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am Intention of Eric Fuhs (Grandma, Geri Fuhs)
Tuesday, March • 8 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am † Evelyn Shebelski (Mary Felhofer)
6:30 pm Rosary-Devotions In The Chapel
Wednesday, March • 9 Lenten Weekday
8:00 am † Julie Busch (Her Family)
(All School)
5:00 pm Confessions
Thursday, March • 10 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am † Melanie San Fillippo
8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, March • 11 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am † Nancy Geisler (Dan Carmody)
7:00 pm Stations Of The Cross
Saturday, March • 12 Lenten Weekday
3:30 pm Confessions
4:30 pm † Richard Hart (Family)
Sunday, March • 13 Second Sunday Of Lent
7:30 am † James Litzau (Ted & Bernie Knier)
9:00 am For The Parishioners
† Colleen Gengler (Jan Gengler)
11:00 am † Werner John Dornacker (Gene & Rosemary Miller)

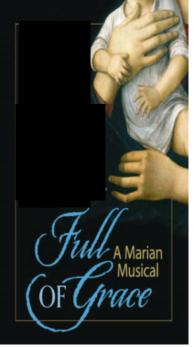
March 11,12,18 & 19 at 7:00 p.m. March 13 & 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 16000 W. National Avenue, New Berlin

Gather for the debut of a new musical by Elisa R. Neckar and Jeffrey Honore, celebrating Mary's story and the power of the women of God.

This fully staged show is entirely produced and performed by parishioners. Join them as they explore the dualities of life - joy in darkness, awe and sorrow - and the strength required to say, *"My soul proclaims the greatness of my God."*

ALL ARE WELCOME! There will be no admission fee or tickets for this show: but your free-will donation is appreciated.



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