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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Third Sunday Of Lent • March 20, 2022

From The Pastor's Desk

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

As we approach the half-way mark of Lent, I want to use this column to discuss the great liturgies that celebrate the central mysteries of our Faith.



The Sacred Paschal Triduum is its own liturgical season that lasts 3 days

(hence the name Triduum). It begins with the entrance procession at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ends Sunday night. This is why there is no formal closing to the liturgies on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Last Supper of the Lord. This has traditionally been a very important celebration for priests. The Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrates two great and interwoven gifts that the Lord gave to His Church, the priesthood and the Eucharist! Highlights of this Mass include the Gloria, which we hear for the first time since Lent began. After the loudness of this song of praise, we enter a quieter mode until the alleluia at the Easter Vigil. After the Mass ends, we enter a period of silent adoration which reflects the silence of Gethsemane as our Lord's Passion begins.

Good Friday is marked by quiet and simplicity. This is the only day of the year when the Eucharist is not celebrated (we receive Holy Communion from the hosts which are consecrated the previous evening.) During this liturgy, we enter in silence and listen once again to the account of the Lord's passion and death (always from St. John's Gospel). This is meant to move us into the adoration of the Cross, the instrument of torture that became the instrument of our salvation.

The Easter Vigil is my favorite liturgy of the year. This liturgy is elemental; it is filled with water, fire, oil, light, darkness. The Easter Vigil is a journey through Salvation History, highlighting those key moments and messages of God's saving love for us. At this Mass, our converts are Baptized and Confirmed. If you have never been to an Easter Vigil, I strongly encourage you to come this year. It is an awesome experience!

If you come only to Palm Sunday and then on Easter Sunday Mass, you miss all of what happens between the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and His Resurrection! Please plan to join us!

Holy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.—Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday, April 15, noon—Celebration of the Lord's Passion Easter Vigil, April 16, 8:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil

Bonjour! Early Bird Deadline is March 28!

Time is running out to take advantage of the Early Bird discount! Join us for a night of fun walking through the streets of Paris at this year's Parish Auction on Friday, April 29. Register for the event through the parish website or http://aesbid.com/ELP/STALS22.

Don't forget to pick up your cash raffle tickets at any of the upcoming weekend Masses or at the parish office. You can't win if you don't enter!

Your donations of items for the many raffles and silent auction are critical for our success (new items only)! Gift cards (any denomination) and bottles of wine are also a great donation. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or at 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!

Saint Alphonsus Food Pantry



For the next collection, March 26/27, the pantry is most in need of spaghetti sauce, cereal, soup (including vegetarian), granola bars, and mac 'n' cheese. Look for future bulletin updates for specific food items to bring. If you have any questions, please contact the Food Pantry at 414-514-4400. Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry. Food Pantry collection dates are April 23/24, and May 21/22, 2022.





More than 50 percent of Americans do not have a Will. A Will is a vital piece of your estate plan, as it allows you to control how

your loved ones are provided for after your death. There are other elements of an estate plan, such as Trusts, Life Insurance, etc. You are never too young to have an estate plan in place. But, how do you do that? What options are available to you? Join Stephanie Mares, parish member and attorney, as she explains Wills, Trusts and other important strategies and documents such as Power of Attorney and Power of Health Care.

Save the Date - Thursday, May 19, 2022, 9:00-10:30 a.m. * or 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Same presentation will be at both times); Parish Ministry Center, Room 104; Register to assist with seating at 414-421-2442 x225.

* note: correction to end time listed in Adult Learning Program Winter/Spring flyer

Just Under 1,200 Census Forms Received!

Thank you for helping the parish with the 2022 Parish Census! Don't miss out! If you still have your form



at home, please return it to the box in the Church Gathering Space or mail it to the Parish Office at 5960 West Loomis Road, Greendale, 53129. We appreciate your support with this project.

Question Of The Week

Theme: Lent calls us to conversion. *Question for Youth:* What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

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- Fr. Kevin

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Parish Giving Results

Envelope and Offertory Contributions: through March 15, 2022

through march 10, 2022	
This Past Weekend's Contributions	\$ 27,008
This Month's Contributions (to date)	\$ 96,977
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.

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!



NO GREATER LOVE Lenten Wissions

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2022

Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten Journey, and prepare for Holy Week?

On March 23, 2022, join people from all over the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for Mass at 18 different parishes. Hear a message about God's amazing love for us. Deepen your understanding of this great gift, given to us in the Eucharist. Draw closer to Jesus and ready your heart for Holy Week.

For questions, please connect with Susan McNeil, mcneils@archmil.org or 414- 758-2214.



Saint Alphonsus will **have their** Lenten Mission on Wednesday, March 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Community Room and Gathering Space, with Fr. Ken Omernick as the presenter.

To see the list of other parishes holding a Lenten Mission that day, go to: archmil.org/Lenten-Missions

Grief Support Group To Resume April 7, 2022

After our COVID break, St. Alphonsus Grief Group will resume meetings on Thursday, April 7. Those of you who have been a part of the group, we welcome you back and we invite anyone who has had a death loss to join us.

We meet in the sunroom of the Parish Ministry Center on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

We're here to learn and support each other through these difficult life changes.

When we say we would like these difficult days to be over, what we are really looking for is a way through the difficult days. Who we will be in the future depends on what we do in the meantime. To let us know you will join us or for more information, please call Betty 414-759-7475.

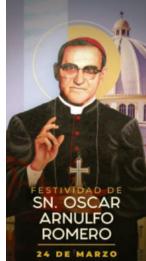
Saint Of The Week

St. Oscar Romero | March 24

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. Saint Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "*a martyr for the faith*" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.



Alzheimer's Support Group

Did you know that the Wisconsin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association sponsors an Alzheimer's Support Group at our Parish Ministry Center?

We meet on the third Monday of the month, from 7:00--9:00 p.m. Our next meeting is March 21, in the Parish Ministry Sunroom. If you are living with dementia, caring for someone with dementia or wishing to support a friend or family member you might find some value at our meetings. For more information call Wendy B. at 414-899-7342. The Alzheimer's Association HOTLINE 800-272-3900 can also offer assistance.

Easter Memorial Flower Donation Names will be entered in our Easter memorial book and placed at the altar on Easter Sunday. Donations must be in by Wednesday, April 13, 2022	Easte	
Person Remembered:		
Remembered By:	*	
Amount of Donation:		

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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. We are collecting items until March 27. We will be assembling the bags on Monday, March 28, from 6-8:00 p.m., and are looking for volunteers to help. If you would like to join us for this fun project, please call us at 414-421-2442, or go to https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c094faead2faa8-easter to sign up.

Thank you Judy Paz for your assistance and thank you, St. Alphonsus parishioners, for helping us fulfill our goal of bringing smiles to children this Easter. Please contact Julie Lobitz: lobitzj@stalphonsus.org if you have any questions. Blessings this Lenten season!

School Scene

The third grade students completed a Nonfiction Biography report. They chose a Who Was or Who Is book of their interest from our classroom library.

These books are full of information, pictures, and facts that make them fun and engaging to read. We spent time reading about historically significant individuals in our world. Students then created a book with the information they read and learned about including details about their early life, education, current life or death, and the impact they have made.

The students had fun sharing their reports to the class when they were finished. It is important for students to learn more about the important inventors, leaders, scientists, artists, and important people of our world.

--Claire Temple, Third Grade Teacher



Polish Šwięcone

Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble welcomes the start of spring with singing, dancing and homemade Polish cuisine at the annual Święcone Polish Easter Buffet on Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, S. 41st Street and Oklahoma Avenue, in Milwaukee. The cost is \$25.00 Adults/\$10.00 12 & under.

Meal includes Polish sausage, ham, a variety of delectable vegetable salads, and an array of mouth-watering desserts. There will be a roaming accordionist, cash bar and raffle.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.syrenadancers.com.

Join In At The Greendale Memory Café

The Greendale Memory Café will be meeting the 4th Wednesday of every month from 2:30-4:00 p.m., at the Historic Hose Tower building, 5699 Parking Street, starting March 23.

For more information or to pre-register, call 414-423-2110

Other Important Notes

Schedule For Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 10 Masses at 4:30 p.m., 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Holy Thursday, April 14 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 15 Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 12:00 noon Ecumenical Walk with the Cross from St. Thomas of Canterbury Church to St. Alphonsus Church, 2:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service, 3:00 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 16 Easter Food Blessing, 11:00 a.m. Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 17 Masses at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 22 & March 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. "The Dead Sea Scrolls: Who, What, Where?" "Contents and Contributions," with Don Rappé, Ph.D. St. Alphonsus Community Room



In the Judean Desert, a group of first century Jews hid an extensive library in a series of caves overlooking the Dead Sea. We'll explore one of the world's most extraordinary archeological discoveries—one that shines fuller light on ancient Judaism, the context of Jesus' ministry.

Doctor Rappé is Professor of Theology at Mt. Mary University. To register, call 414-421-2442 x 225; Freewill Offering.

Mother's Group

Moms of all ages are welcome to gather for community and faith deepening on Saturday, March 26, at 9:30 a.m., in the Community Room. Father Patrick will be speaking on the topic of *"Christian Meditation."* Come renew and refresh your spirit with us!

Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

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Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,	
	8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-	
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Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30	
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and	
	7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35	
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-	
	20/Mt 5:17-19	
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk	
-	11:14-23	
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,	
	11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38	
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/	
,	Lk 18:9-14	
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	
, .	[9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	
Observances for the week of March 20, 2022		

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 Sunday:
 3rd Sunday of Lent

 Monday:
 Tuesday:

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 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

 Thursday:
 The Annunciation of the Lord

 Saturday:
 The Annunciation of the Lord

 Saturday:
 Ath Sunday of Lent



3rd Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the *"I am"* of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

What's Happening

Pray For Our Military

Please remember in your prayers all the men and women serving in our military. If you know someone who is currently serving in our armed forces and would like to have their name mentioned here, please specify their name and title and your relationship. Call the parish office at 421-2442, or email stals@st-alphonsus.org. This list will run monthly. Please pray for:

Warrant Officer Jerry Spears, Jr., SPC Derek Dutkiewicz, SSG Daniel Nowak, A1C Zachary Zellner, Christopher Grimm, AMN Jordan, Colin & Kyle Tubbs and PFC Patrick Fischer, SGT Kristen Dodds, LT CMDR John Zablocki, SGT Kevin Zastrow, SSGT Chadd Sievert, 1LT Anna Kastelic & 1LT Brian Kastelic, SSG Jake Prochnow, Navy Seal CPO Adam Smith & Navy Seal PO Nicholas Smith, PO Zachary Lachman, SGT Robert Hintz, SSGT Joshua Dozier, CPL Matthew Seipel, MAJ Mary Ayres, Ensign Michael Bek, PVT Julianne Nolan-Phillips, PVT Jared Stuckey, A1C Katie Pospyhalla, CAPT Katie Duffy, PVT Joshua Knier, Ben Shaffer, LT COL Jeffrey Ignatowski, PVT Tommy Hodkiewicz, ETV 3 (SS) 3C Austin Bonk, PFC Jonathan Schmidt, AWS2 Michael Fischer, A1C William Lomax, Airborne Ranger Michael Lomax, PFC Jacob Bartaczewicz, LCLE3 Jake Banach, SGT Evan Miller, 2LT Max Renk

Well Time and More: Our Divine Assignment

Do you live God's plan and purpose for your life? Do you believe that blessings can come out of your trials or afflictions?

On Wednesday, April 6, join Firstfruits Women's Center for a talk with Tina Payne, author of *"Untethered."* Tina will share her journey through personal stories, helping guide you in assessing your own journey with God. Through personal and spiritual growth together, we can impact the world around us. This talk will be held at Firsfruits in Elm Grove. It is part of their ongoing Well Time and More series. Check out their website for more details and to register: firstfruits.info/events. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Joan Carey at firstfruits.joan@gmail.com.



SPEND TIME WITH JESUS!

12 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 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 laved you. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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ERAS Neighborhood Outreach Program			
Emergency Food Pantry			

Prayer Network

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 • 19 St. Joseph, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary 4:30 pm Clare & Paul Servais-50th Wedding Anniversary (Mary Bek) Sunday, March • 20 Third Sunday Of Lent 7:30 am † Linda Pelzek (David Pelzek) 9:00 am For The Parishioners † Al Mikna (Wife, Arlene) 11:00 am † Thomas H. Meier (Terry Germani) Monday, March · 21 Lenten Weekday 7:00 am † Mary Ann Bev (James Olinger) Tuesday, March • 22 Lenten Weekday 7:00 am + Richard Hart (Family) 6:30 pm Rosary-Devotions In The Chapel Wednesday, March • 23 Lenten Weekday 8:00 am † Joseph Burbach (Dick & Kathy Phillips) (All School) 5:00 pm Confessions Thursday, March • 24 Lenten Weekday 7:00 am † Charlotte Cleve 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Friday, March • 25 The Annunciation Of The Lord 7:00 am Intention of Allison Larson (Eileen Schachte) 7:00 pm Stations Of The Cross Saturday, March · 26 Lenten Weekday 8:00 am Preist Intention 3:30 pm Confessions 4:30 pm + Charlene Bailey (Falkowski Family) Sunday, March • 27 Fourth Sunday Of Lent 7:30 am † Helen Mayer (Kathy & Ted Gurzynski) 9:00 am For The Parishioners † Jim Litzau (Rita Frohna) 11:00 am † James Litzau (John Braun)

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