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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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## From The Pastor's Desk

#### Avoiding Bad Habits in Worship

As your pastor and your spiritual father, it falls to me occasionally to offer some reminders about proper decorum when it comes to the worship of our community. Over the past couple of months, I have noticed a few bad habits that I would like to make you aware of.



Visiting before Mass in the Church: It's always great to see our friends at Mass. That said, please remember that with the Blessed Sacrament now located in the Church, there is a need for silence in the Church before Mass. There are often many people that come early before Masses to spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Please be respectful of the need for other parishioners to spend time with the Lord. We have one of the largest gathering spaces in the Archdiocese that is filled with very comfortable chairs. If you would like to have a prolonged or loud conversation with a fellow parishioner, please hold these in the Gathering Space. As I am preparing for Mass, I routinely try to avoid prolonged conversations in the Church in order to respect the need for silence.

**Chewing Gum and the preparatory fast:** The Church still requires that we fast for an hour before receiving Holy Communion (unless there is a medical necessity for food that precludes fasting for an hour). In the past few months, we have noticed more than a few individuals chewing gum during Mass and coming down to receive Holy Communion while chewing gum. Please dispose of gum before entering the Church, as well as honoring the requirement to fast for an hour before receiving Holy Communion. Along the same lines, please do not bring any food or drink into the Church proper.

**Leaving Mass Early:** Imagine you are hosting a dinner party. At that dinner party a significant number of your friends eat dinner, and as soon as they finish their plate of food they leave. You would understandably feel insulted by such rudeness and might feel that all they cared about was the food. If we would be respectful of another person who invites us to their house for dinner and avoid being rude, we should be conscious of this at Mass, which is a meal. Mass does not end until the priest has left the church. It is also a very good spiritual practice to spend a little time right after Mass giving praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the gift of His Son in the Eucharist.

As human beings we all can get in the rut of bad habits in any facet of our life. As a Parish community we can also get into bad habits too. I offer these simply as your spiritual father to help our parish grow in holiness.

God Bless You!

## - Fr. Kevin



It's not too late to get in on the fun! Join us for a night of laughter with your fellow parishioners 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 go to 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) are also a great donation. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. If you need a donation pick-up, please call Doris Jome at 414-529-4739, or Sue Ruedinger at 414-731-0537.

Merci beaucoup!

## Front And Center At The Auction!

Would you like to sit front and center at the Parish Auction? Every year we have a Grand Table for ten people, where you will be wined and dined in lavish splendor. The highest bidder will receive two tickets for the dinner, a special gift for all of your guests and the ability to sit at this luxury table during the Auction.

So get your bids in now to the Parish Office or to the Auction Table no later than Monday, April 11. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Hope to see you all at the Auction!

### Wills, Trusts And Power Of Attorney - Ensuring a Legacy Of Love For Your Family



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

## 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.

## Advertiser of the Week ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTERS S.C.

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John Basich, M.D.-parish member

# Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

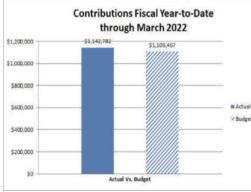
## **Parish Giving Results**

#### Envelope and Offertory Contributions: through March 29, 2022

This Past Weekend's Contributions	\$ 47,706
This Year March Contributions	\$ 156,314
Last Year March Contributions	\$ 125,003
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.





## Raffle Tickets! Raffle Tickets!

Feeling lucky? Then why not buy raffle tickets in support of our parish. Raffle tickets can be picked up at any of the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office. You can't win if you don't enter! Thank you!

## SDC VITA | Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Taxes are due April 18, 2022. Take advantage of the Social Development Commission (SDC)'s FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program! To qualify for SDC's VITA services, your household income must be \$66,000 or less per year. To download forms and get more information and to read more about pickup and dropoff services, visit https://www.cr-sdc.org/vitaforms-2022.

New SDC south side locations are 9004 W. Lincoln Avenue, and 2968 S. Chase Avenue. Tax Years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. Services provided: Free Tax Preparation – Federal and State; Homestead Returns; Federal and State Amendments of previous years filed. Service Methods Drop-Off & Pickup Model: VITA hotline at 414.963.2694 - email at vitainquiry@crsdc.org

## 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.

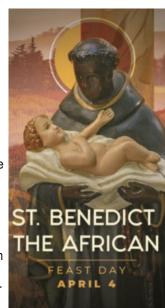
We're here to learn and support each other through these difficult life changes.

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 at 414-759-7475.

## Saint Of The Week

#### St. Benedict the African | April 4

Saint Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily, to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21, Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict ioined the Order of Friars Minor, and he was sent to Palermo. to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. Saint Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans. © LPi





On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at 13 parishes throughout the archdiocese. To see the list of parishes, please go to https://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice.

Milwaukee area churches taking part are: St. Dominic, Brookfield, St. Mary, Hales Corners, Basilica of St. Josaphat, Milwaukee, St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee, & St. Monica, Whitefish Bay

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	Eas Li	ter C
Person Remembered:	~	
Remembered By:		
Amount of Donation:		

## From Maintenance

Hello, Les, Mike and I would like to share what we have been working on.

Over the last year, we have completed extensive repairs to the exterior brick walls of the school, church and Parish Ministry Center. Most of these repairs were to remove step cracks and broken bricks. The most recent project was to repair the top cap of the school exterior walls. Failing grout seams were allowing water to seep through into these walls. These seams have been ground out and filled with a 100% movement sealant that will prevent this from happening again. We still have an area above door A6 that needs repair. This work has been contracted and when this is complete, the exterior of our buildings will be in very good shape other than needing a good cleaning. Many thanks to Jim Kiser and the crew at Hillside Damproofing for their great work!

We have installed an evaporator efficiency unit in the school freezer. We have been having issues with it icing up. We have to de-ice around the evaporator inside the freezer once to twice a month to keep the fans running. The current set up performs a certain amount of defrost cycles on a schedule. This new evaporator efficiency unit will only run defrost cycles when necessary. This will cut down on the condensation which turns to ice, will be more energy efficient and is safer for the stored food. Spring is here!

The garden plots will need attention soon. Please reach out to me if you are interested in helping or taking on a plot of your own. Email johnc@st-alphonsus.org or call 414-421-2442, X-213.



Les Girard from our maintenance crew is retiring this summer and moving back to Arizona to be with family. Les has been with St Alphonsus since 2006. Les has done a great job with the upkeep of our buildings and grounds during his time here. Thank you for your hard work, Les. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you the very best retirement.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and your generous donations. We would not be able to accomplish any of these repairs and updates without you. The contributions you provide in the pink Capital Improvement Fund envelope allow us to take on all of these important projects.

> -John Campbell Director of Facilities

## Youth & School Notes



## April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In addition to our efforts throughout the year, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has always recognized the important month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, we have also designated April 24--April 30, as Safe Environment Week. In doing so, we can assure that every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community focuses, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe.

This year's theme for Safe Environment week is: "Safer Schools. Safer Parishes. Safer Families."

Each week in April, we will provide suggestions to help raise awareness of how we as a Catholic community continue to work to maintain safe environments in our parishes and schools for our children to live, learn and play.

#### **School Scene**

Earlier this month, St. Alphonsus accepted an invitation from Boswell Books & Imbrook Schools to join them to meet the *ARTHUR* series author/ illustrator Marc Brown! The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were audience to a question and answer presentation by Marc Brown himself. We were lucky enough to see his office, his home, and pictures of people in his life that were the inspiration for some of his characters, including his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher! It was a thrill to learn more about one of our



favorite authors! We can't wait to read the many Arthur books we have in our classroom, as well as check out our school library for more Arthur titles!

We learned many things about Mr. Brown, like that he has written 130 Arthur books in his lifetime and he is talking with people in Hollywood about actually making an Arthur movie. Afterwards we pulled out 29 different Arthur stories to share with one another. We will be enjoying the Arthur series this month! -Kathy Ramion, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

## Attention High School Students!

After the 11:00 a.m. Mass on April 24, join us for Sunday brunch and come hear some inspiring faith talks! Be fed both bodily and spiritually, as we learn more practical ways we can become closer to Jesus. Come and meet other high school students from the parish!

When: April 24, 2022 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass (12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.) Where: Community Room Cost: Nothing; RSVP to frpatrick@st-alphonsus.org.

## Scripture Readings

#### Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Readings for the	week of April 5, 2022
Sunday:	ls 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-
	5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
-	or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
	5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18,
·	19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52,
	53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
•	Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-
	4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-
·	12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-
	9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil
	2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49
Observances for	the week of April 3, 2022
Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of
monuaji	the Church
Tuesday:	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday
	of the Passion Of The Lord

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really *"mercy realized."* God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

# What's Happening

## PARISH LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

We invite you to prayerfully consider nominating yourself or other gifted persons for Pastoral Council or Parish Standing Committees. Our Standing Committees are: *Christian Formation*, *Human Concerns*, *Liturgy*, and *School* 

2022 PARISH LEADERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Please list your nominee (use one form for each nomination). All nominees will be called and invited to continue the ministry process and will be able to learn more about how our parish leadership works. \*Return to the Parish Office-PMC Building-by Friday April 8, 2022

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\*Or e-mail the Nomination Form to Sr. Eileen: eileen@st-alphonsus.org; Questions? Contact: Debbie Sievert, debbiesievert@hotmail.com

## About CRS Rice Bowls

Good News! At this time, we are completely out of the paper Rice Bowls. To donate online, https://www.crsricebowl.org; by mail: Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 1709, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303. Thanks for your generosity!





## **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 loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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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:

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, April • 2 Lenten Weekday
4:30 pm † James Fuhs (Geri Fuhs)
† Alexandria Madecky (Her Loving Family)
Sunday, April • 3 Fifth Sunday Of Lent
7:30 am † Dr. Ed Parker (Joan Goldbach)
9:00 am For The Parishioners
† Joey Badora (Grandparents)
11:00 am † James Litzau (Jim & Mary Ann Schaefer)
Monday, April • 4 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am † Bernard & Rose Marie Nowak (Jane Mason)
Tuesday, April • 5 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am † Thomas & Betty McManaman (Fr. Kevin McManaman)
6:30 pm Rosary-Devotions In The Chapel
Wednesday, April • 6 Lenten Weekday
8:00 am † Bernard Nowak
(All School)
5:00 pm Confessions
Thursday, April • 7 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am † Jean Szews (Daughter, Karen)
8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, April • 8 Lenten Weekday
7:00 am † Audrey Herriges (Lee Herriges)
7:00 pm Stations Of The Cross
Saturday, April • 9 Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Priest Intention
3:30 pm Confessions
4:30 pm † Dorothy Terrian (Bonnie)
Sunday, April • 10 Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord
7:00 am † Mary Jane Cook (Cook Family)
9:00 am For The Parishioners
† James Bartz (Dan & Margie Surges)
† Marilyn Boman (Rita Frohna)
11:00 am † Geri Reiman (Rosemary & Eugene Miller)

## Xaverian Missionaries' Festival

It's coming back!! After a two-year absence, the Xaverian Fathers are preparing to hold a Mission Festival on June 25 and 26. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. There will be a 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Mass on the mission grounds on Sunday morning, June 26. Saint Al's Bell Choir provides the music for this special Mass.

One of our most popular attractions and major income producers at the festival is the HUGE rummage sale. Please search your basements, attics, and garages for items that you may no longer need or want. Consider donating them to this great cause. The Fathers only ask that the items be *clean* and *have resale value*. **Please**, **no electronics or adult clothing**. You may bring all items to the mission on Xavier Drive at 51<sup>st</sup> Street just north of Rawson Avenue anytime during daylight hours. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Chris Sowa directly at 414-529-3758. If you need help with larger items, or if you have general questions, please call Linda at the mission office at 414-421-0831. They respectfully request that your items arrive at the mission ON or BEFORE June 10.

Also, to those of you who enjoy hand crafting, we are requesting small homespun items (dish cloths, wash cloths, table runners, placemats, coasters, wall hangings, etc.) for a new "*local artisans*" booth. If you would like to donate some homemade items, please bring them to Linda in the office, again on or before June 10.

Also, volunteer help is *always* appreciated – before, during and after the festival dates. If you are able to help in ANY WAY, again, please call Linda for information.

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