

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. PATRICK PARISH

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St. Alphonsus Catholic Church 210 E. Logan St., Lemont

St. Patrick Catholic Church 200 E. Illinois St., Lemont

Mass Schedule <u>Saturday 4:00 p.m.</u> 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

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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JULY 16, 2023

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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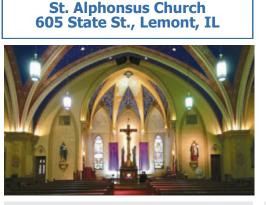
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Welcome!

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.



Sacramental Life: Reconciliation/Confessions Saturdays 3:00pm-3:30pm 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. There are no baptisms during Lent. (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. St. Patrick Church 200 E. Illinois St., Lemont, IL



Sick and Homebound – Ministers of Care Contact the Parish Office for information.

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays from 8am until 2pm Chapel of Mercy at St. Alphonsus Church.

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.

Parish Council Eileen Bruno Bill Doherty Denise Duda Mark Ligda John McCarthy Cathie Munoz Mike O'Neill

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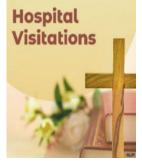
Scripture Reflection



This weekend in the Gospel, we hear the parable of the Sower of the Seed. The parable describes three obstacles that prevent us from proclaiming the Word of God. Those obstacles include evil forces, abandoning God when we face challenges, and those people in society who are opposed to God. The Kingdom of God is for those who are willing to put in the time and energy to build it and it won't be easy. However, those who make sacrifices and follow the teachings of Jesus can accomplish this goal.

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Hospital Visits



A few weeks ago, after offering the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to a parishioner at a nearby hospital, a family member asked me if clergy visitation to hospitals is still limited. I explained that, yes, in compliance with *HIPAA* (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996), all Illinois hospitals have made changes to their Chaplains' Report. All Priests, Pastoral Associates and Ministers of Care no longer have full access to the Chaplain's Report that is kept at the Information Desk. Rather than printing every parishioner's name in the Hospital Chaplain's Report, only the patients who have responded "Yes" to the question to *"Notify Pastor?"* will have their names printed in the Chaplains' Report.

We ask that if you would like a visitation from the St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick priests or Ministers of Care, please mention during the admission process that you are a member of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish in Lemont and please answer "Yes" to the question, *"Should we notify your Pastor?"* That way, the St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick ministers can visit and provide the sacraments and spiritual support.

Music on the Lawn



On Sunday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m, our St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Music Ministry is planning to present *Music on the Lawn*. Our Choir Director, *Joe Martorano*, members from our St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Choir and musicians have been practicing a great deal for the past several weeks to share their talents with us. This year's theme is *"Hooray for Hollywood"*. Please join us in celebrating the gift of music and song on July 30th!

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FR. BRIAN ARDAGH



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Religious Education Update

Fall Registration is OPEN! Please visit our parish website for registration information and the schedule. Forms and payment can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the parish office located at 210 E. Logan.

> Great day at "Feed My Starving Children" on 6/27/23! Great group of kids and chaperones. Thank you everyone!











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Let's Fill the Shelves! Food Pantry Update

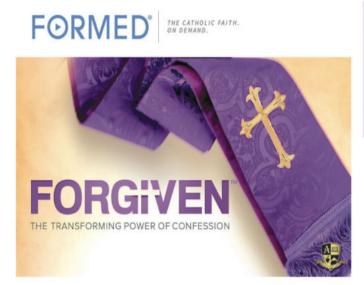


Thank you for your continued support of our local food pantries. As the families start preparing for back to school, the Food Pantry has requested a few specific items. They have asked for:

- Gallon & Quart size Ziplock bags
- Kleenex
- Antibacterial Wipes

We ask that you continue to donate **ANY ITEMS** that you can. The products and monetary donations you provide are so important.

Thank you for helping your neighbors in need!



Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the 🐺 AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and 🋞 graciticus praeses

Weekly Offering

July 8–July 9				
Sunday Collection	\$	9,638.00		
Online Give Central	\$	570.00		
EFT	\$	12,856.29		
Total Collections	\$	23,064.29		

Weekly Attendance Count

<u>July 8-J</u>	uly 9
4:00pm	188
7:30am	151
9:00am	14 4
11:00am	267

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can donate online at www.stals-stpatsparish.org, or drop off or mail your donation to the Parish Office. You may also sign up for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). Please visit our website for the form. Thank you for your generosity to your parish!



Community Faith-Based Cancer Support Group

July Gathering Monday, July 17, 2023 6:30 – 8:30PM St. Alphonsus Parish Center [Corner of Logan & Walnut, Walnut entrance]



MISSION STATEMENT As a Christian faith-based canc support group, it is our mission affer hope to patients, surviver families, and all those affected cancer through fellowship, proj information, and resources.

GOAL STATEMENT a provide a safe and loving place or participants to express their eelings, share their stores, and ave an apportunity to seek God's race. QUESTIONS? Tess Koarney avoren 1@gmail.con 630-335-3225

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+LEMONT PRO LIFE MINISTRY

Inspired by the Gospel, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that preborn children are fully protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in welcoming and nurturing their children. May we all faithfully embrace our shared Christian responsibility and be strengthened by God's grace when we encounter resistance or persecution. Together, may we help build a culture of life and civilization of love in our nation.

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Taken from the July USCCB Prayer Guide

Pregnant need help? Call Waterleaf@630-701-6270 or Birthright@800-550-4900



BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA/OCIA)

- Are you or someone you know unbaptized?
- Have you considered baptism?
- Are you baptized in another faith community and have considered becoming Catholic?
- Are you a baptized Catholic, but haven't completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation)?

If you answered yes to one of the questions above, it's not too early to think about starting the process. We are here to speak with you. Adult Faith Formation invites you to journey with us through the process of the Order (Rite) of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA/RCIA). Through this wonderful process, you'll learn about the Catholic faith, establish a deep relationship with Christ, and connect with others in our faith community.

For more information, please contact Eileen Bruno at 630-257-2414 or email at <u>ebruno@archchicago.org</u>

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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You are invited to an evening of melodious melodies, sensational songs, and toe-tapping tunes!

Presented by our Music Ministry and some special friends.

- The concert will be held on the lawn north of St. Alphonsus Church.
- Our theme is "Hooray for Hollywood" featuring songs made famous in the movies.
- Bring your blankets or your lawn chairs. You are welcome to pack a picnic basket with goodies.
- Gather at 5:00pm and the music starts at 6:00pm.

Come and enjoy the talents of these special people as they sing and play for you!

In the event of inclement weather, we can picnic in the Church Hall, and the concert will be in the church.

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

"A Time to be Born through Baptism" — Aspen Amelia Catherine Miller, Child of Aubrey Carter and Nathaniel Miller Joseph Thomas Lutzke, Child of Joseph and Stephanie Lutzke

"A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony"

"A Time to Heal" — 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	Pat Perkey	Lisa Berglund	Aaron Kneeland	Steven Putlack
Jack Counter	Ed Schafer	W. Scottt Hunter	Tracy Jakusz	Michael Walsh
Carol Zagorski	Greg Hoger	Ron Locke	Bob Kaufman	Tim Markum
Paula Byrnes	Bev Malak	Lee Villagomez	Rita Kaufman	Deana Gozder-
Miroslav Rusin	Tony Marino	Fr. Blasco Fonseca	Dan Malak	Morgan
William Baltudis	Brayden Hensley	Eva Ricci	Dee Sullivan	Dan Rittenhouse
Baby Emeryk Murphy	Terry McGuire	Larry Oskielunas	Pat Bracken	Nicholas Temen
Andrew Malak	•	•		

"A Time of War" —

Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait	Christopher Durkovic, USA, Korea			
Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force, Germany	SPC Sebastian Gurrola, US Army, Alaska			
Jacob Christine, US Navy,	Andrew J. Bosko, Jr., Great Lakes Naval Base, IL			
Eric Tucker, USA, Afghanistan	Mark Williams, II			
ATAR Bradley Komes	Zachary F. Eriksen			
Capt. Daniel J Falvey	PFC Nick Kelliher			
SSgt. John Kenney	Warren Miller			
Capt. Brittany Neubeck	Chad Peters			
Maj. Leslie Rafferty	Ryan Rudman			
Patrick Schubert	Col. Tim Jaeger, Ft. Hood, Texas			
Nicolas McCormick, Great Lakes Naval Base				
And all who serve our country				

"Time to Die"- Barbara Hopkins

The military and innocent civilians who have died in war.

Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.

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PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Guide us to be a most welcoming and loving parish. **Come, Holy Spirit! Come!** Give us sincerity of heart, actions that inspire, and words that invite others to seek You.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Give us sound bodies and minds to spread Your Word and rise above the world's challenges. Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Increase our desire for you in the Eucharist to lead us to You to revive our souls, to nourish our hearts and minds, and to build Your community. Come, Holy Spirit! Come! We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen. This prayer was created by members of

our own parish Welcome Team.

SHARE YOUR FAITH



The Great Commission given to us by Jesus Christ:

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." 2 Corinthian 5:20

Action item: Decide to get involved in one of the parish clubs or activities: Men's Club, Liturgy help, Welcome Team, Religious Education, etc. Call the Parish Office for information on a ministry and join!

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my

beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil*.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." - Isaiah 55:11

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15

4:00pm Patricia Vagena-Family Henry Domanski-Family Henry & Jane Smigiel-Family David Nenn-Wife

Sunday, July 16

- 7:30am Gene Malak-Bev & Paul Malak Gene Bozych-Bev & Paul Malak James J. Browne, Sr.-Pat & Jim Browne Joanne Filicicchia-Senior Kindred Spirits
- 9:00am Stephen Nevell-Wife Dolores Kendzora-Rob & Carol Kaufman Patricia Ford-Fr. Brian Ardagh Judith Zolecki Klotz-Velma Zolecki
- 11:00am Michelle Fortier-Roger & Gerri Beck Pat Gerwig-O'Hara Family Geraldine Lesnieski-Peg & Mike Hopkins Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Monday, July 17

7:30am David R. Anderson-Pam & Roger Nogal Sharon Pociask-Barb & Bob Salbego

Tuesday, July 18

7:30am Gerald Putlack-Family John J. Starzek, Jr.-MaryAnne & Bill Doherty

Wednesday, July 197:30amMark Antel-MaryAnne & Bill Doherty
Baby Emeryk-Family & Friends

7:30am **Thursday, July 20** Jerome Blickhahn-Roy & Jeanne Fleet

Friday, July 21 7:30am Marilyn Missaggia-Family William F. Kovacic-Barbara Biscan

- Saturday, July 22
- 4:00pm Phyllis Arient-Piekosz Family Jack McCarthy-Family Bernard Kucharski-Wife Helen Persak-Donna Berent

Sunday, July 23

- 7:30am Sue Hren-Bev & Paul Malak Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish Georgiana Pascente-Jim & Angie Pascente Gene Bozych-Jack Counter
- 9:00am Jeff Norton-Deb Norton & Family Ann Tietz-Barb & Brian Osborne Ila Barrett-Pat, Sue & Sharon Geri Siblik-Sue Hayes & Sharon Pavelich
- 11:00am Raymond Seago-Loving Wife & Family George Kwak-John Kwak In thanksgiving for Maria Escobedo 81st birthday -Children Sharon Pociask-Family

Morning Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 7:30am

For the month of July, Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick

Church.





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