



# ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. PATRICK PARISH

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**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**

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Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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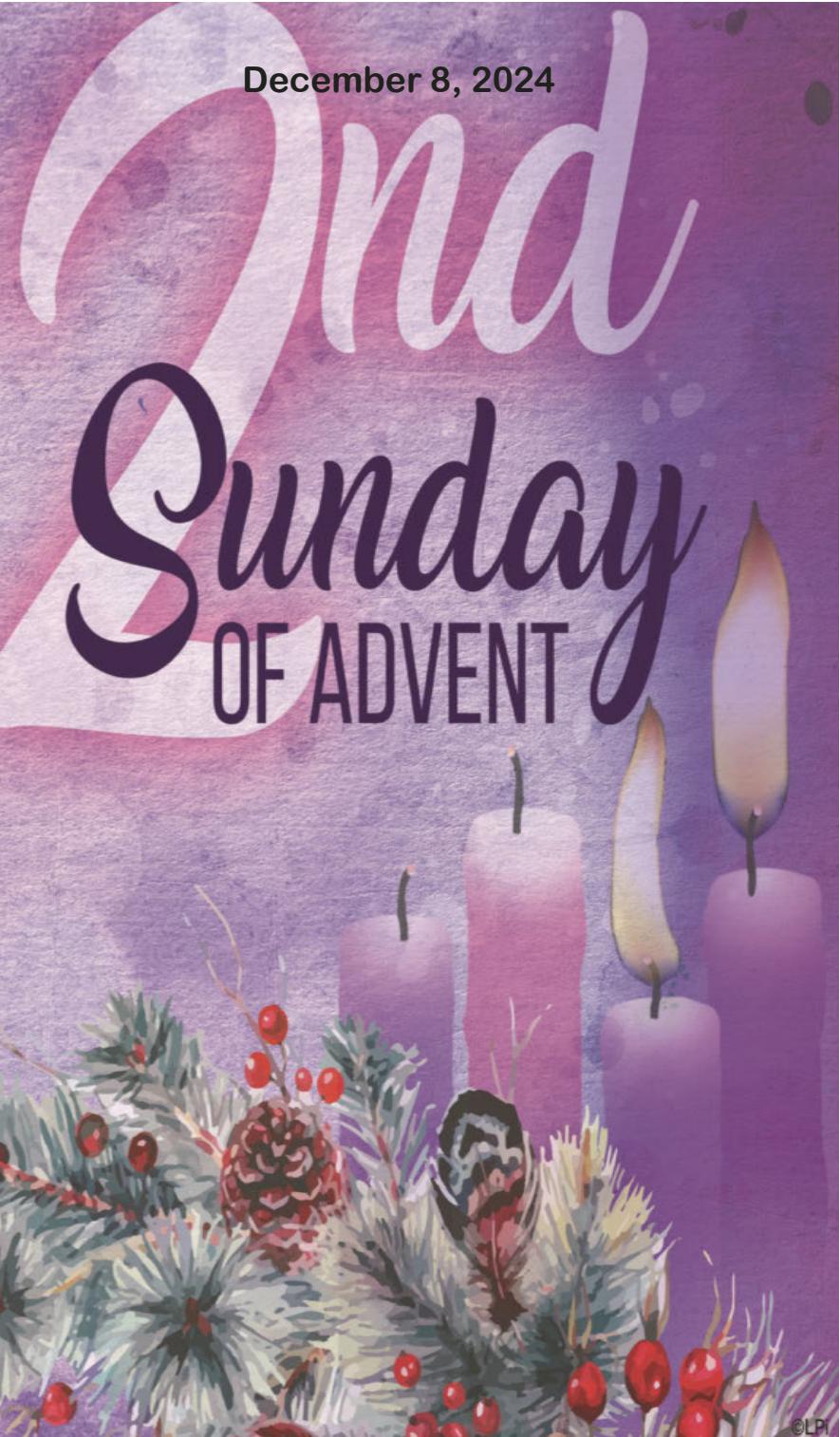
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December 8, 2024



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**Welcome!**We sincerely welcome you to **St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish!**

St. Alphonsus &amp; 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**Follow **St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish** on Social Media  
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St. Alphonsus &amp; St. Patrick Lemont



# From Fr. Brian's Desk...



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## Songs of the Season



Our St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish Choir will present their **"Songs for the Season"** Advent Vespers Service on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.** at St. Alphonsus Church. Come join us as we listen to beautiful songs about the Advent and Christmas season to help us get in the true holiday spirit!

## Immaculate Conception



While December 8<sup>th</sup> is the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*, this year it falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and its celebration is transferred to December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thus, it **is not** considered a Holy Day of Obligation. However, we will still celebrate Mass for the Immaculate Conception on **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.** at St. Alphonsus Church. Come join us as we celebrate the Mother of God!

## Bambinelli Sunday



Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent, Christian families gather in St. Peter's Square in Rome for **"Bambinelli Sunday"**. The families bring figures of the Christ Child – the Bambinelli- from their Nativity scene for a special blessing. Next weekend, **December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**, we invite you to bring your *"Baby Jesus"* figurines from your Nativity Scenes to Mass and the priests will offer a blessing over them.

## Advent Reconciliation Service



St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish will present an **Advent Reconciliation Service** on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Alphonsus Church. It is a wonderful prayer service that allows us to reflect on the importance of forgiveness and compassion in our world, especially as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

## Christmas Sharing



During Advent, we are once again collecting \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards for our sharing parish, **Epiphany/Good Shepherd Parish**, and local Lemont families in need. If you would like to support this generous cause, we ask that you please purchase the gift cards and drop off your donations to the Parish Office **by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

*Fr. Brian Ardagh*



# St. Alphonsus Patrick School

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The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas.

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at 630-258-8189 or  
mbruno@stals-stpats.org



## Thank You Men's Club!



Huge thanks to our amazing Men's Club!  
We're overjoyed to announce that they've generously purchased a stunning new Nativity set for St. Patrick Church! These dedicated gentlemen bravely battled the chilly weather to carefully install the beautiful set. Your support of the Men's Club events enables the club to make generous donations to our Parish and the community. Blessings and Merry Christmas!



# Religious Education Update

This Wednesday, December 11th,  
will be the last R.E. class until the New Year,  
when we resume on Wednesday, January 8th.  
Enjoy your families during this most joyous season.

We wish you all a very *Merry Christmas*

## December 8 : Second Sunday of Advent

**Advent 2024** CALENDAR Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

**DECEMBER**

SUN 8	MON 9	TUE 10	WED 11
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus' mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today.	Feast of Saint Juan Diego Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego's devotion to Mary.	Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family.	Choose family prayer partners. Print each family member's name on an index card; decorate it; fold it in half and place in a basket. Pass the basket around and have each family member pick a name. Pray for that person during Advent.
THUR 12	FRI 13	SAT 14	
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sing a favorite hymn that honors Mary.	On Christmas Day, children may receive new gifts and new toys. Go through the toys you have and donate ones that you have outgrown to a local charity.	Gather together for a meal and begin with a blessing. Make a plan to donate a meal to a person or family in need in your community.	

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# Parish Life

Monday 12/09/2024	Tuesday 12/10/2024	Wednesday 12/11/2024	Thursday 12/12/2024	Friday 12/13/2024	Saturday 12/14/2024	Sunday 12/15/2024
6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	6:55 am Rosary before Daily Mass	3:00 pm Confession St. Alphonsus	7:30 am- Mass at St. Alphonsus
7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Daily Mass and movie at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	7:30 am Daily Mass at St. Alphonsus	4:00 pm Mass St. Alphonsus	9:00 am- Mass at St. Patrick
6:00 pm Small Faith Bible Study—St. Patrick Ministry bldg.	8 am-2:00 pm Adoration at St. Alphonsus Chapel	3 pm Rosary St. Alphonsus Chapel	6:00 pm SPRED St. Alphonsus Parish Center			11:00 am Mass at St. Alphonsus
	6:00pm SPRED at St. Patrick Ministry Building	4:30-8pm RE at St. Patrick Ministry Building	6:30pm J. Cavins' Bible Study St. Patrick Hall			12:30 pm Baptism at St. Alphonsus
	7:00 pm OCIA St. Alphonsus Ministry Bldg.	3:00pm Children's Choir-St. Al Ministry Building	7:00 pm Choir St. Alphonsus Ministry Building			
		6:00pm Children's Choir St. Pat Ministry Building				

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

December celebrations are quite a delight,

Everything around us is merry and bright,

So, we celebrate your birthday and anniversary

with lots of good cheer,

And wish you good tidings in the coming New Year.



## Morning Daily Mass

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church for the month of December.

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

St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Parish is looking to fill two, part-time positions:

**Bookkeeper:** This job is 15-18 hours per week and is not remote. The start date is in early December.

**Maintenance person:** This job is 16-18 hours per week, and the applicant must be able to travel between our two church sites, 210 E. Logan and 200 E. Illinois Street. The start date is in early December.

If interested in either position, please email Denise at [dduda@archchicago.org](mailto:dduda@archchicago.org).



**TODAY!!!**

The St. Alphonsus and St. Patrick Music Ministry presents

**“Songs for the Season”**  
Sunday, December 8th  
3:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Church

The program will include songs, scripture readings, and reflections that celebrate Advent and the Christmas Season. This service will put you in the spirit of the holidays!



## **Weekly Offering**

### November 23 & November 24

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,793.00
Give Central	\$ 803.00
EFT	\$ 1,402.63
Total Collections	\$ 14,998.63

## **Weekly Attendance Count**

### November 23 & November 24

4:00 p.m.	232
7:30 a.m.	203
9:00 a.m.	170
11:00 a.m.	335

## **Weekly Offering**

### November 30 & December 1

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,301.75
Give Central	\$ 660.00
Total Collections	\$ 9,961.75

## **Weekly Attendance Count**

### November 30 & December 1

4:00 p.m.	235
7:30 a.m.	167
9:00 a.m.	180
11:00 a.m.	291

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, or 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 Mass Schedule 2024

## Christmas Eve Masses

**Tuesday, December 24th**

**12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church**

**2:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church**

**3:30 p.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church**

**10:30 p.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church**



## Christmas Day Masses

**Wednesday, December 25th**

**8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church**

**10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church**





### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This year, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, and has liturgical preference over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

**Though NOT an obligation, Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church for this beautiful Solemnity.**

### Everyday Stewardship

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.

You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



First of all, the theme of the Second Coming of the Lord – a theme particularly strong in the first part of Advent – calls us as individuals and as a society to repentance in preparation for the Lord's coming. This repentance includes living with active respect for every human life, and building a society of justice and welcome for the most vulnerable.

Secondly, Advent is about preparation for the birth of the Lord. The joy of his birth, as John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*, is reflected in the joy at the birth of every child. Advent is a perfect time to commend to the prayers of our people all who are carrying a child, and may be tempted by fear or a lack of trust in God's Providence.

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## Giving Tree Donations



The Parish Office is still collecting \$25 gift cards to Target or Walmart for the children of Epiphany/Good Shepherd.

**Please drop off all gift cards by December 15th.**

There will also be a few local Lemont families to support. We are waiting for more information. If you are interested in helping a local family, please call Anne at the parish office, 630-257-2414.

May God bless you for your continued generosity and kindness and fill your hearts and homes with joy this coming season.

*Anne Lichtenwalter*



**Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 P.M.  
St. Alphonsus Church**

Join us for our Advent Reconciliation Service. After a short prayer service, there will be priests available for individual confessions.



**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING**  
If you or your family would like to take part in lighting an Advent Wreath candle as part of the opening procession, please fill out the form available at the entrance of each church.

**“TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON  
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.”**

**“A Time to be Born through Baptism”  
Jordan Tayler Whatley, child of Brendan and Lindsay Whatley**

**“A Time to Love in Holy Matrimony”**

**“A Time to Die” - Susan Urban**

**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, December 7

4:00pm Mary & Bernard Kucharski-Family  
Pedro Escobedo-Family  
George Kelly-Kelly Margalus  
Leonard Berent-Donna & James Berent  
Raymond Rohder-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

7:30am

## Thursday, December 12

Charles Walker-Family  
Stanley Kopera (Healing)-Maria Malewski &  
Theresa Hoptman

## Sunday, December 8

7:30am Mary Maloney-Pat & Jim Browne  
George Jasso-Cathy Jasso & Children  
Jerry W. Griffin-Barb & Don Betley  
Susan Urban-Pew Friends

7:30am

Joanne Brady-The Noonan Family  
Daniel Sobczak-Mary Anne & Bill Doherty

9:00am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish  
John Barrett-Sue, Pat & Sharon  
Jeff Norton-Deb Norton & Family  
Christopher Mather-Father

4:00pm

Katherine Malhas-Family  
Leonard Heinz-Pat & Jim Frank  
Patricia Vagena-Family  
Jack McCarthy-Family

11:00am Peter Schneider Family-James Schneider Family  
Robert Link-Fidanzo Family  
Leonard Lundberg-Mike Lundberg  
John Santoro-The McNeely Family

7:30am

Gene Bozych-Bev & Paul Malak  
Gene & Gerry Malak-Bev & Paul Malak  
Rita, Stanley & Gerry Pytlewski-Bonnie Pytlewski

7:30am Monday, December 9  
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

9:00am

Michael Swiec-Family  
Gloria Devience-Family  
Senon Hirsekorrn-The Mars Family

7:30am Tuesday, December 10  
Grace Ann Litwicki-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish  
Chacko Vim-Leelama & Thomas Kurian

11:00am

Edward Horyza-Loving Family  
David Nenn-Wife  
Tom Begeske-Family  
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

7:30am Wednesday, December 11  
John Giblin-St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish  
John James McGurn-Mary Anne & Bill Doherty

**"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  
Jack Counter  
Carol Zagorski  
Paula Byrnes  
Eva Ricci  
Ed Schafer  
Spencer Costa  
Joelee McMaster  
Greg Hoger

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Lee Villagomez  
Fr. Blasco Fonseca  
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Dee Sullivan  
Pat Bracken

Carol Nenn  
Susan Domino  
Dcn. Joe Winblad  
Fr. Lou Zake  
The Singer Family  
Jennifer Bracken  
Randy Merzdorf  
Marie McClafferty

Jenny, Michael, Richard  
and Stanley Kopera  
Pete Malewski  
Zepplyn Kilmer  
Kay Quinn  
Maggie Driscoll  
Katie Darcy  
Zach Ochromowicz  
The Annarino Family

Rosilind Gorski  
Robert Fricka  
Stanislaw Kopera  
Mark Malewski

## "Let us Pray for all who Serve our Country"

Scott Bosco, USA, Kuwait  
Joshua Plucinski, US Air Force, Germany  
Eric Tucker, USA, Afghanistan  
ATAR Bradley Komes  
Capt. Daniel J Falvey  
SSgt. John Kenney  
Capt. Brittany Neubeck  
Nicolas McCormick, US Navy, Rota, Spain  
Christopher Durkovic, USA, Korea  
Jacob Christine, US Navy, UAE  
Mark Williams, II  
Zachary F. Eriksen

PFC Nick Kelliher  
Warren Miller  
Chad Peters  
Ryan Rudman  
Col. Tim Jaeger, Ft. Hood, Texas  
Benjamin Pawlak, United States Air Force  
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