



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
210 E. Logan St., Lemont, IL 60439
Business Hours
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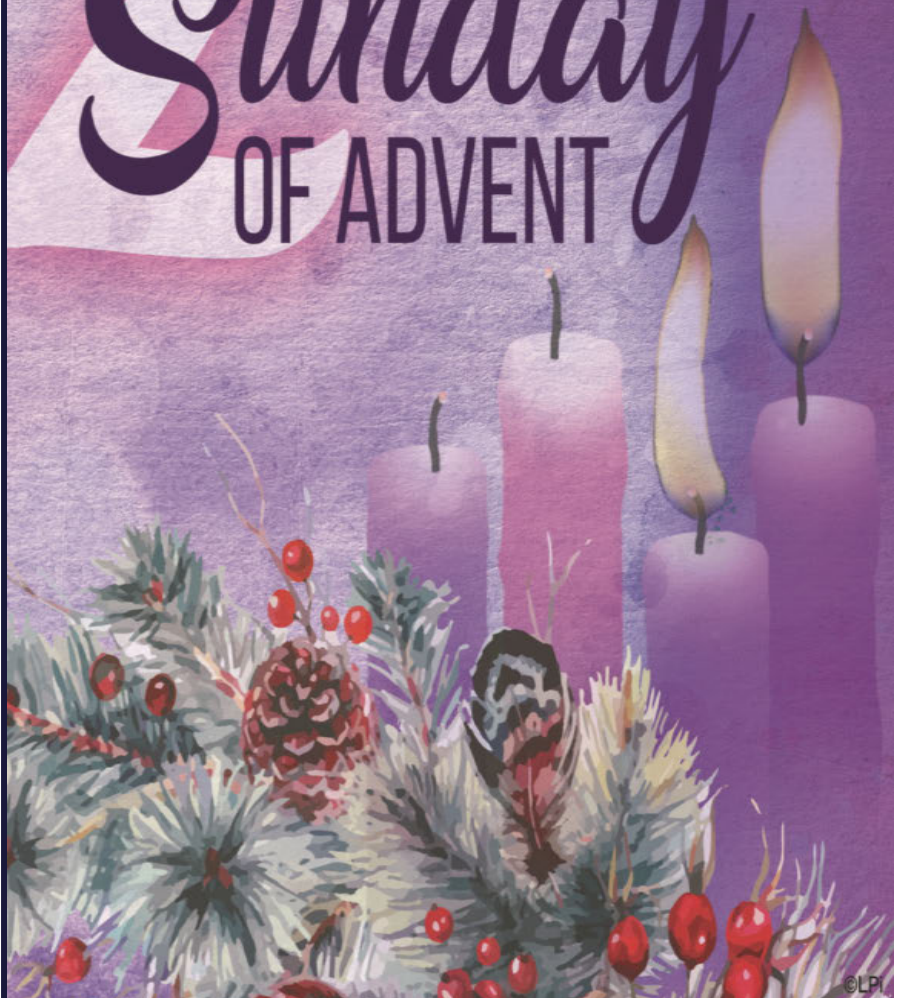
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December 8, 2024

2nd
Sunday
OF ADVENT



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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.

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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.
 or call the Parish Office for more information.

Contact Us- Parish Office 630-257-2414

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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 8th 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 8th is the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*, this year it falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent and its celebration is transferred to December 9th. Thus, it **is not** considered a Holy Day of Obligation. However, we will still celebrate Mass for the Immaculate Conception on **Monday, December 9th 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 14th & 15th**, 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 17th 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 15th**.

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. The annual observance of Advent transforms classrooms into sanctuaries of reflection and spiritual growth.

Schedule a tour today!
Call or email Mike Bruno
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 Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

DECEMBER

SUN 8
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.

MON 9
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.

TUE 10
Make Christmas cookies and share them together. Thank God for the gifts of food and family.

WED 11
Choose family prayer partners. Print each family member's name on an index card; decorate it; fold it in half and place it in a basket. Pass the basket around and have each family member pick a name. Pray for that person during Advent.

THUR 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Read the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sing a favorite hymn that honors Mary.

FRI 13
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.

SAT 14
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 6:00pm Children's Choir St. Pat Ministry Building	7:00 pm Choir St. Alphonsus Ministry Building			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

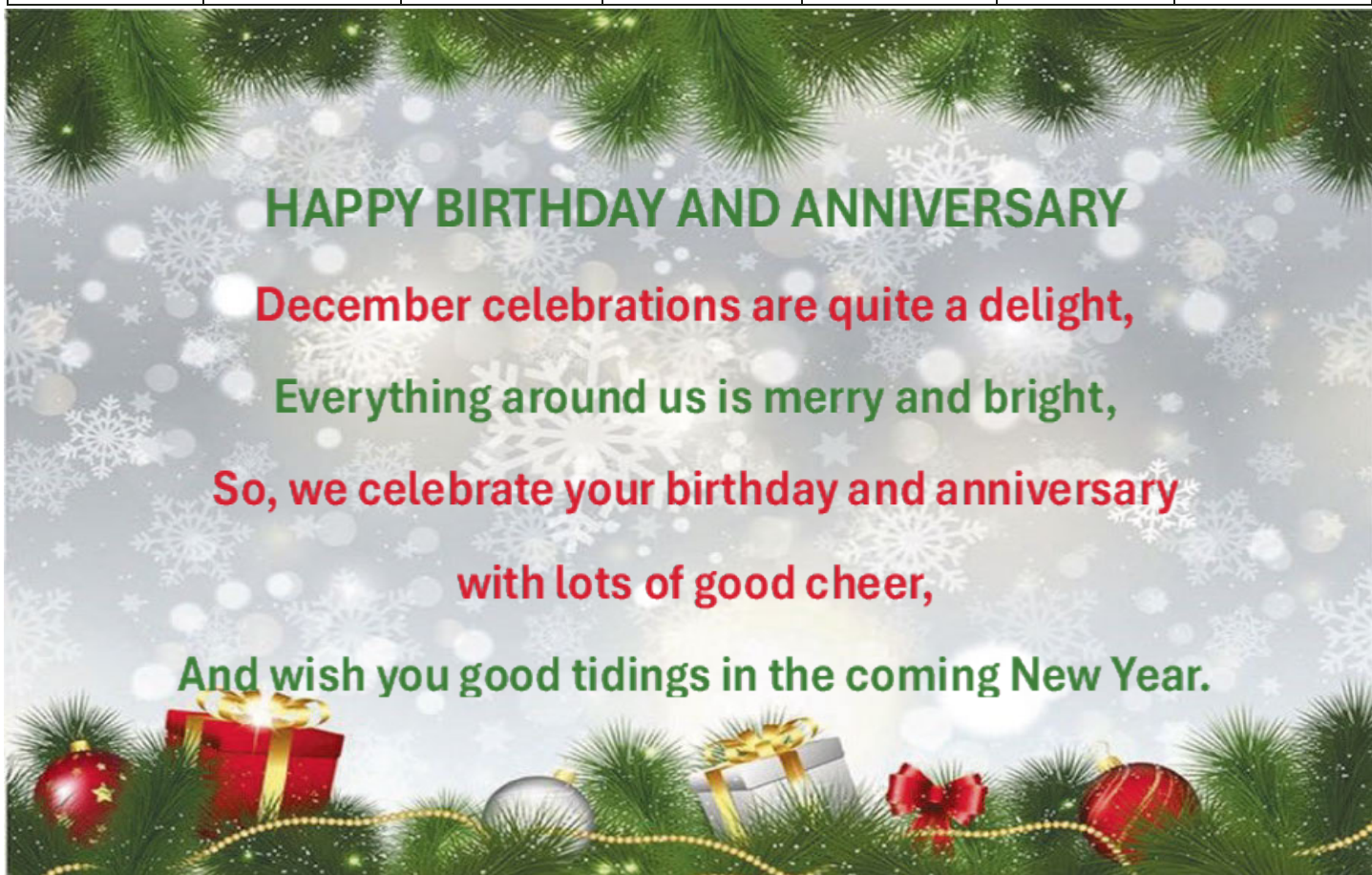
December celebrations are quite a delight,

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.



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, 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

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

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

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

Monday, December 9

7:30am Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

7:30am Charles Walker-Family
Stanley Kopera (Healing)-Maria Malewski & Theresa Hoptman

Friday, December 13

7:30am Joanne Brady-The Noonan Family
Daniel Sobczak-Mary Anne & Bill Doherty

Saturday, December 14

4:00pm Katherine Malhas-Family
Leonard Heinz-Pat & Jim Frank
Patricia Vagena-Family
Jack McCarthy-Family

Sunday, December 15

7:30am Gene Bozych-Bev & Paul Malak
Gene & Gerry Malak-Bev & Paul Malak
Rita, Stanley & Gerry Pytlewski-Bonnie Pytlewski

9:00am Michael Swiec-Family
Gloria Devience-Family
Senon Hirsekorn-The Mars Family

11:00am Edward Horyza-Loving Family
David Nenn-Wife
Tom Begeske-Family
Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Parish

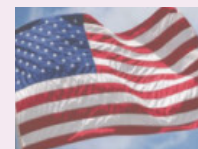
**"Let us Pray for Healing" — Names will remain on the prayer list for two months.
Please contact the office if you need to change, add, or extend a prayer request.**

Brayden Edward	Bev Malak	Carol Nenn	Jenny, Michael, Richard	Rosilind Gorski
Jack Counter	Lee Villagomez	Susan Domino	and Stanley Kopera	Robert Fricka
Carol Zagorski	Fr. Blasco Fonseca	Dcn. Joe Winblad	Pete Malewski	Stanislaw Kopera
Paula Byrnes	Bob Kaufman	Fr. Lou Zake	Zepplyn Kilmer	Mark Malewski
Eva Ricci	Rita Kaufman	The Singer Family	Kay Quinn	
Ed Schafer	Dan Malak	Jennifer Bracken	Maggie Driscoll	
Spencer Costa	Brynn Plachy	Randy Merzdorf	Katie Darcy	
Joelee McMaster	Dee Sullivan	Marie McClafferty	Zach Ochromowicz	
Greg Hoger	Pat Bracken		The Annarino Family	

"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
Andrew J. Bosko, Jr., Great Lakes Naval Base, IL
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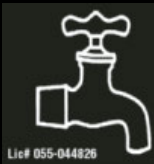
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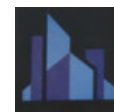
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