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As disciples of Jesus Christ, the Catholic community of St. Alphonsus is committed to knowing, loving, and serving God, and His creation.

• JANUARY 2, 2022 •

St. Alphonsus Happenings

SATURDAY, January 1

First Saturday Mass & Devotion (Mary, Mother of God) at 8:30am
Mass at 5pm

SUNDAY, January 2

Mass at 8:30am* & 11am
No CCD
Spanish Mass, 4pm

TUESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30am Morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, January 5

Mass at 6:30am
Youth Ministry, 5:30pm

THURSDAY, January 6

RCIA, 6pm
Choir Practice, 6pm

SATURDAY, January 8

Mass at 5pm

SUNDAY, January 9

Mass at 8:30am* & 11am
CCD, 9:45am
No Spanish Mass

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 1

8:30am Our Parish Family
5:00pm Our Parish Family

SUNDAY, January 2

8:30am Our families near and far
11:00am †Delores Diehl
4:00pm Our Parish Family

TUESDAY, January 4

8:30am Immaculate Conception (Indiana) parishioners whose church was damaged

WEDNESDAY, January 5

6:30am Celebrant's Intentions
8:30am Intentions of Dr. Frank Vormhor

THURSDAY, January 6

8:30am For all recovering from illness

FRIDAY, January 7

8:30am †Ann Donovan

SATURDAY, January 8

5:00pm †Lorraine Matthews

SUNDAY, January 9

8:30am †Stephen J Smith
11:00am Intentions of Father J. Orr & Our Parish

Holy Father's January prayer intention: For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution. May their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30am*, 11:00am
Mass in Spanish: 4:00pm on 1st & 3rd Sunday
Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

First Friday & First Saturday Mass & Devotion, 8:30am
*- Streaming Mass on You Tube



Administrator/Pastor

.....Rev. Mark Schuster

Deacon

.....Deacon Peter Minneci

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.....Karen Otuonye

Director of Music

.....Marian Sullivan

Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

.....Pauline O'Keeffe

Assistant Director of Faith Formation

.....Sara Carey

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily, 30-45 minutes before each Mass
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm
Sunday: 7:45 - 8:15am & 10 - 10:45am



Whether you are just visiting or are new to Crossville, we welcome you to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church!

People often attend Mass at a parish for months or even years without officially registering. Parish registration is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration also simplifies the process for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and for serving as sponsor or godparent for a sacramental candidate. Parish registration can be easily accomplished by contacting the parish office.

(We also need your help in keeping our records current. Whenever there is a move, birth, death, or marriage in your family, please notify the parish office.)



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774–January 4, 1821), patron saint of Catholic schools, was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPI

Patronage: seafarers, widows, State of Maryland, Shreveport, Louisiana

Attributes: usually depicted as an elderly woman with a

Readings for the week of 1/2/2022

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week:

**indicates Saint or Blessed highlighted in this bulletin*

- Sunday:** Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Gudla, religious devotion
- Next Sunday:** Baptism of the Lord

Bishop's Appeal 2021-November

Goal: \$36,800 **Pledged:** \$40,462

Received: \$36,066

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Intermediate Level Wire-Wrapped Heart-Shaped Earrings: Sat., Jan. 8, 10:30am to 1:30pm at FACS in the Crossville Outlet Mall, Suite 122; \$25 for tools & supplies; www.facstn.com or 931-210-5599.

Toilet papering the rectory: TBD
How to Paint Trees in Watercolor: Thurs., Jan. 20, 10am-1pm at Plateau Creative Arts Center, Fairfield Glade
Southern Stars Symphonic Brass Spring Concert: Sun., Feb. 20 at 3pm at Stone Memorial High School Auditorium; FREE

Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five." ©LPI



Our Automated External Defibrillator is located in the main hallway, across from the St. Alphonsus statue.

On top of the AED, there is an emergency container for **diabetics** (juice, crackers with peanut butter or cheese). These **should not** be used for snacks; they are for emergency purposes only. Please let the office know if you use something from the box so it can be replenished.

1. What is the meaning of the Hebrew word "Emmanuel"?
2. The story of the Magi appear in which Gospel?
3. What is the time period called between December 25 and January 6, when Epiphany is traditionally celebrated?
4. When children receive small gifts on Epiphany, where do they find the presents?
5. Where did Epiphany originate?
6. Epiphany is one of three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church. What are the other two?

- Options:** **A.** God is with us; **B.** Mighty King; **C.** Christ Child; **D.** Luke; **E.** John; **F.** Mark; **G.** Matthew; **H.** Twelve Days of Christmas; **I.** Immaculate Conception; **J.** Advent; **K.** Lent; **L.** their shoes; **M.** under their pillow; **N.** under the Christmas tree; **P.** Eastern Orthodox Church; **Q.** Western Orthodox Church; **R.** Catholic Church; **S.** Christmas; **T.** Easter; **U.** Pentecost; **V.** Assumption of Mary

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground? **Answer:** This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

The Epiphany of the Lord—In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

LIBRARY CORNER

Library Corner will resume after the Christmas break.



The Light of the Moon—If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure—but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals, won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?” That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary. In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember—the Magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

St. Alphonsus Resources and Organizations

<u>Faith Formation/Youth Ministry:</u>	Pauline O’Keeffe
<u>Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation:</u>	Sara Carey
<u>RCIA (joining or returning to Catholicism):</u>	Sara Carey
<u>Marriage:</u> Our diocese mandates a minimum six-month period for marriage preparation, and attendance at an Engaged Encounter is required. Visit dioknox.org for more information.	Contact the Office
<u>Anointing of the Sick/Communion to homebound:</u>	Contact the Office

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