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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 16, 2022 •

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” John 2: 1-3

## St. Alphonsus Happenings

**SATURDAY, January 15**

Mass at 5pm

**SUNDAY, January 16**

Mass at 8:30am\* & 11am

CCD, 9:45am

Spanish Mass, 4 pm

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY:** 8:30am Morning Mass

**WEDNESDAY, January 19**

Mass at 6:30am & 8:30am

Youth Ministry, 5:30pm

**THURSDAY, January 20**

RCIA, 6pm

Choir Practice, 6pm

**SATURDAY, January 22**

Mass at 5pm

**SUNDAY, January 23**

Mass at 8:30am\* & 11am

CCD, 9:45am

Confirmation Class, 12-2pm

No Spanish Mass

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 15**

5:00pm †Jerry Lorenc & †Marzellus Hoffmann Sr.

**SUNDAY, January 16**

8:30am †Anne Perella

11:00am †Leona Dolfie Bolton

4:00pm Our Parish Family

**TUESDAY, January 18**

8:30am For parish communities damaged by vandalism or natural disaster

**WEDNESDAY, January 19**

6:30am Celebrant's intentions

8:30am †David Boarman

**THURSDAY, January 20**

8:30am †Anne Herbort

**FRIDAY, January 21**

8:30am Intentions of Frank Vormohr

**SATURDAY, January 22**

5:00pm †Claudia Puntini

**SUNDAY, January 23**

8:30am †Jerry Lorenc

11:00am Int. for Tom Kelly on his 99th Birthday

4:00pm No Mass

## Holy Father's prayer intention for January:

### 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.



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

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.....Sara Carey

### Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30am\*, 11:00am

Mass in Spanish: 4:00pm on 1st & 3rd Sunday

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am, Wednesday: also 6:30am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

First Friday & First Saturday Mass & Devotion: 8:30am

\*- Streaming Mass on You Tube

### 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.)

#### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

##### **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, 3pm at Stone Memorial High School Auditorium; FREE admission

Check out the calendar of the Crossville Chamber of Commerce:  
<https://crossvillechamber.com/>

#### **Did You Know?— Post-Christmas Edition**

1. How fast must Santa's sleigh go in order to deliver packages to (approximately) 700 million children in the world?
2. How many Americans buy artificial Christmas trees?
3. What two things made red and green popular Christmas colors?
4. True or false: George Washington loved eggnog.
5. Was Christmas ever outlawed in America?
6. True or false: "Jingle Bells" was always a Christmas song.
7. How many packages does USPS deliver during the holidays?
8. When was the term "Xmas" invented?
9. How many U.S. households put up a Christmas tree?
10. When were gingerbread houses invented?



#### **Readings for the week of 1/16/2022**

- **Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- **Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- **Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- **Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- **Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
- **Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- **Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- **Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

#### **Observances for the week:**

*\*indicates Saint or Blessed highlighted in this bulletin*

- **Sunday:** Five Franciscan Protomartyrs; St. Marcellus
- **Monday:** St. Anthony, Abbott
- **Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- **Wednesday:** St. Canutus (Canute), King & Martyr
- **Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian\*, Martyr
- **Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- **Saturday:** St. Anastasias, Martyr; St. Vincent of Saragozza,
- **Next Sunday:** St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

**God delights in you!** How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting on the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of delight for us. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here! Isn't it great?" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful, too. His promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

**St. Sebastian**—Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256–287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

Sebastian is frequently portrayed in art, especially in the iconic paintings of Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna, and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that the beloved saint joined the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian, and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes. ©LPi



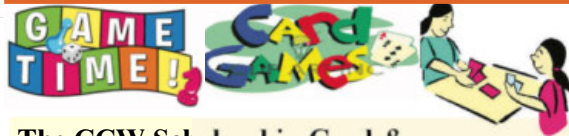


Parishioners, once again your generosity and support during this season of Christmas has been incredible! Thank you for thinking of me and my family, and for supporting not only my ministry but our new church building. I am looking forward to our 2022 Christmas celebration in our new worship space! *Deacon Peter*

**LIBRARY CORNER**



January 22, 2022 is the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the momentous U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*. “Won By Love” was written by Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe of *Roe v. Wade*. While we hear a lot of information about the “rights of women,” we’ve heard little about Norma McCorvey. In this book, she speaks out for the unborn as she shares her new conviction for life. Another book you may find interesting is “Hearts of Fire” by the Voice of the Martyrs. It provides the true stories of eight courageous women whose mission it is to tell the world that He is risen, and with that resurrection comes love, grace, and forgiveness. The temporary location for these books is behind the door, third shelf from the top, on the right-hand side, labeled “library picks.” The St. Alphonsus library offers lots of material not only in book form but also DVD. Take some time to peruse the shelves and find something that will interest you!



**The CCW Scholarship Card & Game Party has been postponed. It will be rescheduled as soon as possible.**

**Faithful Departed—Question:** How can we pray for the dead throughout the year? **Answer:** We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, most of us will not be saints...yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that is Purgatory. It’s the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we’re getting in the house, but we’re not quite ready to go all the way in. There’s rain to shake off our coats and dirt that’s clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific deceased loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It’s also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

**It Takes All Kinds--**“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.” Who is God asking you to be today? There is one obvious answer: God wants you to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today. Today, God wants you to be a saint. But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers—do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word? Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then, and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

with the Brothers Grimm’s *Hansel and Gretel* story. letter in the Greek word for Christ: *Xp̄st̄os*; 9. more than 95 million. 10. In Germany during the 16th century, and rose in popularity more than 28 million every day between 12/16 and 12/19; 8. mid-1500s; the Greek letter  $\chi$ , which is the first 6. It was written for a Thanksgiving program in the mid-19th century by James Pierpont. 7. USPS estimates

<i>Financial Stewardship</i> St. Alphonsus Parish Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 December Income Report	
Contributions Received	\$ 41,642
Monthly Offertory Budget	\$ 37,000
Monthly Surplus/Deficit	\$ 4,642
YTD Offertory Received	\$ 219,599
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 222,000
YTD Surplus/Deficit	\$ (2,401)
Pledges Cash Received	\$ 35,786
YTD Pledges Receipts	\$ 458,165

**St. Alphonsus Resources and Organizations**

**Faith Formation/Youth Ministry:** Pauline O’Keeffe  
**Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation:** Sara Carey  
**RCIA (joining or returning to Catholicism):** Sara Carey

**Marriage:** Our diocese mandates a minimum six-month period for marriage preparation, and attendance at an Engaged Encounter is required. Visit [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org) for more information. Contact the Office

**Anointing of the Sick/Communion to homebound:** Contact the Office

Knights of Columbus (K of C)  
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1. 6 million mph; the reindeer would break the speed of sound and travel in 31 times zones. 2. more than 80%. 3. holly, and Coca-Cola (when they advertised using a jolly Santa dressed in red. 4. T-his recipe included ‘taste frequently’. 5. yes—from 1659 to 1681, the Puritans did not allow Christmas to be celebrated.

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