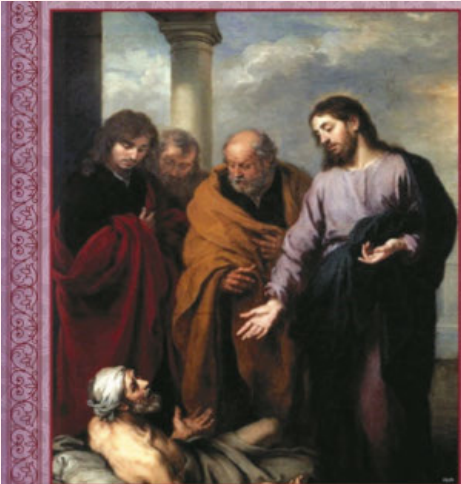


“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Luke 4: 18a



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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 23, 2022 •

St. Alphonsus Happenings

SATURDAY, January 22

Mass at 5pm

SUNDAY, January 23

Mass at 8:30am* & 11am

CCD, 9:45am

Confirmation Class, 12-2pm

No Spanish Mass

TUESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30am Morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, January 26

Mass at 6:30am & 8:30am

Youth Ministry, 5:30pm

THURSDAY, January 27

RCIA, 6pm

Choir Practice, 6pm

SATURDAY, January 29

Mass at 5pm

SUNDAY, January 30

Mass at 8:30am* & 11am

CCD, 9:45am

1st Reconciliation Workshop, 2-4pm

No Spanish Mass

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 22

5:00pm †Jerry Lorenc, †Claudia Puntini

SUNDAY, January 23

8:30am †Diane Blackmon, †Jerry Lorenc

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

4:00pm No Mass

TUESDAY, January 25

8:30am Int. of Phylis Griley

WEDNESDAY, January 26

6:30am Celebrant's intentions

8:30am †Joan Hall

THURSDAY, January 27

8:30am Int for infirmed of the Parish

FRIDAY, January 28

8:30am Intentions for Frank Vormohr

SATURDAY, January 29

5:00pm †Deloris Diehl

SUNDAY, January 30

8:30am †Norma Loehr

11:00am Our Parish Family

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

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.....Deacon Peter Minneci

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.....Pauline O'Keeffe

Assistant Director of Faith Formation

.....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



Welcome

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

Readings for the week of 1/23/2022

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/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Observances for the week:

**indicates Saint or Blessed highlighted in this bulletin*

Sunday: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Frances de Sales, Bishop of Geneva
Next Sunday: St. Martina, Martyr; St. Mutien Marie Wiaux, Teacher & Brother of Christian Schools
(1.c; 2.a; 3.a; 4.b; 5.e; 6.f; 7.i)



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

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Southern Stars Symphonic Brass

Spring Concert: Sun., Feb. 20, 3pm at Stone Memorial High School Auditorium; FREE admission

Crossville Community Band— Spring Concert: Thurs, Mar. 17, 7-9pm; Stone High School: Free

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

Bishop's Appeal 2022 Dates:

January 29–30: Announcement Weekend

February 5–6: Commitment Weekend

February 12–13: Follow-up Weekend



Is it Right to Sue?—Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge? **Answer:** Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing. —LPI

Plant Your Works in the Word- One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in." We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver,





St. Thomas Aquinas- One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could

shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ^{©LPi} Attributes-The Summa theologiae, a model church, the sun on the chest of a Dominican friar; Patronage-Academics; against storms; against lightning; apologists; book sellers; Catholic academies, schools, and universities; chastity; learning; pencil makers; philosophers; publishers; scholars; students; theologians; many cities and towns, as well as many universities.

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God.

But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ^{©LPi}

Confession—En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you’ve done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven’t done anything bad to the priest."

~Saints and Popes~

1. Who said, “My soul magnifies the Lord?”
2. Legend has it that if the Czech Republic is in trouble the statue of _____ will come to life and raise an army to save the country.
3. This saint was only in his 20s when he was murdered by his brother Boleslaus the Cruel (or Boleslaw the Bad) on September 28, which became his saint’s day.
4. Catholic Folk tradition has people burying a statue of this saint (upside down) to sell their home quickly.
5. Which 20th century pope was the first pope to be canonized since the 17th century?
6. This saint was the first recorded person to receive the stigmata in 1224 after 40 days of fasting. He received the stigmata frequently during the last two years of his life (before dying in 1226).
7. Which Pope wrote the famous encyclical title *Quadragesimo Anno*, reaffirming the Church’s commitment to labor?
 - A. St. Wenceslaus; B. St. Joseph; C. BVM (Blessed Virgin Mary); D. JP II; E. Pius X; F. St. Francis of Assisi; G. St. Patrick; H. St. Ivan; I. Pope Pius XI

"Pray Without Ceasing" will focus on finding new, different ways to integrate prayer into the schedule of our young adults (ages 18-25), as well as how we can continue growing in our relationship with God. This is an overnight retreat.

When: February 5th – 6th, 2022; **Cost:** \$45;

Where: Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center (Benton, TN)

Visit the Eventbrite page for sign up:
yaretreat22.eventbrite.com. Contact Paola Wolaver at pwolaver@dioknox.org or at 865-584-3307 ext. 5768.



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 for more information.

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