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Parish Office Hours: Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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

• JANUARY 30, 2022 •

St. Alphonsus Happenings

SATURDAY, January 29

Mass at 5pm

SUNDAY, January 30

Mass at 8:30am* & 11am

CCD, 9:45am

No Spanish Mass

TUESDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30am Morning Mass

WEDNESDAY, February 2

Mass at 6:30am & 8:30am

Youth Ministry, 5:30pm

THURSDAY, February 3

RCIA, 6pm

Choir Practice, 6pm

SATURDAY, February 5

Mass at 8:30am & 5pm

SUNDAY, February 6

Mass at 8:30am* & 11am

CCD, 9:45am

1st Reconciliation Workshop, 1:30-3:30pm

Spanish Mass, 4pm

February 19th– The CCW is hosting a retreat; the guest speaker is Fr. Mark Schuster

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 29

5:00pm †Deloris Diehl

SUNDAY, January 30

8:30am †Norma Loehr

11:00am Our Parish Family

TUESDAY, February 1

8:30am †Carole Corrado

WEDNESDAY, February 2

6:30am Celebrant's intentions

8:30am †David Boarman

THURSDAY, February 3

8:30am †Twyla McConnell

FRIDAY, February 4

8:30am Intentions for Frank Vormohr & for A.P.

SATURDAY, February 5

8:30 For the Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm †Mildred Faupel, †Lorraine Matthews

SUNDAY, February 6

8:30am †Norma Loehr

11:00am Our Parish Family

4:00pm Spanish Mass

Holy Father's prayer intention for January:



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

Director of Business & Finance

.....Karen Otuonye

Director of Music

.....Marian Sullivan

Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

.....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



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

Southern Stars Symphonic Brass

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

Snowflake Counting: Count the number of snowflakes in a given 10-inch square. Documentation will be required, including drawings of individual flakes. Team competition. Prizes awarded for accuracy and creativity.

FACS (For Arts, Crafts & Sports): Open every Wednesday, 10:30am-1:30pm. Bring your own project. \$5 use fee. Located inside outlet mall. www.facstn.com or 931-210-5599

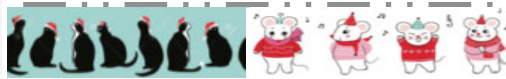
Adult Winter Reading Club: Sponsored by Art Circle Public Library. Register at the Adult Services Desk, or call 931-484-6790, ext. 235. Weekly contest through March 31; prizes awarded. Good luck, and happy reading!


Check the Crossville Chamber of Commerce events calendar for more:
<http://business.crossville-chamber.com/events/>



Readings for the week of 1/30/2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/ Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11



 Our **Automated External Defibrillator** is in the main hallway across from the St. Alphonsus statue. On top of the AED 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

Observances for the week:

**indicates Saint or Blessed highlighted in this bulletin*

- Sunday:** St. Martina, Martyr; St. Mutien-Marie Wiaux, Teacher & Brother of Christian Schools
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Brigid of Ireland
- Wednesday:** Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise*, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Friday:** St. Andrew Corsini
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

2021 End-of-Year Contribution Statements are available from the office upon request.

Bishop's Appeal 2022 Dates:

- January 29–30:** Announcement Weekend
- February 5–6:** Commitment Weekend
- February 12–13:** Follow-up Weekend

1. The first Christian in the New Testament, as well as the first evangelist, was Mary. 2. Paul describes Jesus as the new Adam. 3. There are at least three righteous people mentioned in the Gospel of Luke: Elizabeth, Zechariah, and Simeon. 4. According to the Bible, Satan is the prince of the air. 5. Adam and Eve's third son was named Seth.

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written just for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms available (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division, whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else, is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen, especially when accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree, even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us, even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before you post anything online again, give First Corinthians a read, and remember—love never fails. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, @LPI

GOSPEL MEDITATION—St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our own simple and humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi

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.

Contact the Office

Anointing of the Sick/Communion to homebound:

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Council of Catholic Women (CCW)
Hispanic Ministry
SACS Community Services: 931-484-8074

How Catholic are you?

1. The first Christian in the New Testament, as well as the first evangelist, was _____.
2. Paul describes Jesus as the new _____.
3. There are at least 3 righteous people mentioned in the Gospel of Luke: _____, _____, and _____.
4. According to the Bible, _____ is the prince of the air.
5. Adam and Eve’s third son was named _____.

LIBRARY CORNER



There is a box of **FREE** items in the main hallway.

Please take anything you like, but **do not return the items to the library.** We are doing our spring cleaning. Thank you!

Question: I’ve heard people say that Jesus’ conception by the Holy Spirit was “immaculately conceived.” Is that what the Immaculate Conception is? **Answer:** While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrate the conception of Jesus on March 25th with the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn’t what we refer to as the “immaculate conception.” The Immaculate Conception is Mary’s conception, celebrated on December 8th. (If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th.) It is a holy day of obligation. But why does the Church consider it so important?

Mary’s conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as “full of grace” (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new “ark”—the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies about a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil’s head. Christ is the “New Adam.” This passage sets up Mary, then, as the “New Eve.” Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God’s love is more “original” than our sin! ©LPi

St. Blaise | February 3

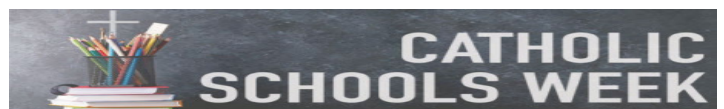
Most Catholics are familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that occurs on or near the feast of St. Blaise, but do you know why?

St. Blaise lived in fourth-century Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the backcountry in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend says that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by crossing two candles against the throat and saying the following prayer: *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.* ©LPi

Attributes: wool comb, tending to choking boy or animals **Venerated** not only in the Catholic Church, but in the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Anglican Communion Churches.



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