



Welcome to
ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH

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Alphonsus
Liguori*

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For Us*

*Saturday
August 1*



17th Sunday In Ordinary Time • July 26, 2020

From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

(Part 5: This is a continuation of last weekend's bulletin.)

No matter how hard we try, there is always room for growth and improvement. As I prepare to leave you, I think of some unfinished business. Rather, it might be better to say hopes for the future of St. Alphonsus Parish.

One dream for our parish that has not yet been realized is a reconfiguration of the sanctuary in the main Church. We are blessed with a large, well-maintained, and functional space. Thanks to the efforts of our parishioners, we have a beautiful space to worship God. One important improvement that could be made would be to move the tabernacle from the chapel to the main church. It was my hope to do that, but upon further study it was decided that what was really needed is a redesign of the altar area, to highlight the altar and make that the true focal point of the space, along with the tabernacle situated in the sanctuary. This is a bigger project, and to do it right, it will take further study, prayer and discernment. It is not something that can be done overnight. However, I do strongly think that it is worthy of further consideration. Saint Alphonsus is a welcoming parish, and, hopefully, one day our Eucharistic Lord in the tabernacle can be welcomed in, as well.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being pastor here was all the fun we were able to have together. I so appreciate the chance to come together with parishioners and guests alike at our annual Parish Auction and our Feast Day, as well as the many other fun social events. If our parish is really a spiritual family, we need to make opportunities to bring our parish family together. My deep thanks to all those who made these events possible. It is no small effort! My hope here is simply that the great social events in the life of our parish continue (and maybe even expand). These events are how we get to know one another and build up the bonds of faith and friendship.

(This reflection will continue in next weekend's bulletin.)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

-Fr. Aaron Esch

Father Britto's Thanksgiving Masses On August 1/2, 2020

Dear Friends,

This is the season of transition, not only for priests, but for the parishioners they have served. As I prepare myself to move on to my new assignment as Pastor of St. Kilian, Hartford, and St. John, Rubicon, I must acknowledge that, you too, will be transitioning and *"saying goodbye to the old and welcoming the new."* While I am excited and ready to transfer to my new assignment, I admit that I feel a wee bit of stress and sadness. Added to this, COVID 19 has impacted the way we are able to worship, congregate in support groups and conduct parish business. Together we will embrace the transition and welcome new beginnings. We will continue to adjust and move forward on our different paths. Mister Rogers once said, *"Transitions are almost always signs of growth, but they can bring feelings of loss. To get somewhere new, we may have to leave somewhere else behind."*

In my four years here at St. Alphonsus (2016-2020), I've traveled and grown along with you as your priest. Before I depart from you, I would like to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your priest (*favorite priest!*). As the years go by, I will look back fondly on our journey together; I trust the same will be true for you. The Merciful lord has blessed me in more ways than I can count. This is not my *"thank you note"* to you. Please look in future bulletins, as I plan to write that a little later. I will move to my new assignment on Monday, August 3.

In order to show my gratefulness and thankfulness, I would like to invite you to join me as I celebrate **ALL Masses on the weekend of August 1/2.**

Most sincerely,

-Fr. Britto Suresh



Now Hiring At St. Alphonsus

The Associate Director of Christian Formation (ADCF) position is a ten month, part-time, salaried professional member of the Pastoral Staff, accountable to the Pastor and directly reporting to the Director of Christian Formation (DCF), and is responsible for working with the DCF in the areas of Christian Formation pertaining to Kindergarten through 5th grade. The hours per week called for in this position vary according to the demands of the day and season, but average 25 to 28 hours per week. Typically, the position has concentrated weekend hours with regular office days. Evening and weekend work is necessary.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, salary requirements and any references to barb@st-alphonsus.org, prior to July 31, 2020.

-Julie Lobitz, Director of Christian Formation

Just So You Know

This weekend is Deacon Ted's retirement celebration. He will preach at all Masses.

Raffle Tickets! Raffle Tickets!

Raffle tickets for our Winner's Circle, Cash Raffle and Chocolate Basket will be available for pick-up after every Mass starting this weekend at the Auction table in the Gathering Space. It's not too late to get in on the action, as tickets will be available until our drawing on September 13, at noon, in the Community Room. You could be the lucky winner!

Purchased tickets can be mailed to St. Alphonsus or returned via the church collection basket or to the parish office when it reopens. The purchase of raffle tickets is a great way to support St. Alphonsus and is important to the success of our parish!

Advertiser of the Week Gahn

Meat Company, Inc.

3329 N. 35th Street

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Parish Members

Parish Giving Results

Envelope and Offertory Contributions:

July 1, 2019 through July 21, 2020 *

This Past Weekend's Contributions	\$ 16,640
This Month's Contributions (to date)	\$ 50,182
Last Year Same Month Contributions (to date)	\$ 48,891
Budgeted Amount for July	\$ 105,002

*Our parish's fiscal year runs from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

**The total fiscal year contributions needed from envelopes and offertory collections to support parish operating expenses are \$1,513,000.

For more detailed information on the Operations Budget and Balance Sheet, see the Monthly Financials at www.st-alphonsus.org/financecouncil.cfm.

Thank you for your generosity.

SEEKING: Unconfirmed Adult Catholics

Sometimes Catholics reach adulthood without completing the Initiation Sacraments. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes and *confirms* us as baptized Christians. If you or your friends have reached adulthood without celebrating this Sacrament, **now** might be the time to consider preparing for this Sacrament. Sessions are respectful of *who you are—adults—and already baptized Catholics. We'll meet on Thursday evenings for nine calendar sessions, starting October 15.* If you wish to begin this process and are *post-high school age, please contact Sister Eileen: eileen@st-alphonsus.org; 421-2442.*

Question Of The Week

Theme: The kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.

Question for Youth: Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "*The reign of God is _____.*"

Wedding Banns

Please pray for this couple who is about to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony:



I - Joseph Robb & Brittany Cisler

Christian Formation Registration

Register your children now for the 2020-21 Christian formation classes (grades 5K-11/Confirmation). Go to the Faith Formation page of the St Alphonsus website (<https://www.st-alphonsus.org/faith-formation/faithformation.cfm>) to register. Information about classes, tuition and a class schedule are also available on the website. Please email christianformation@st-alphonsus.org if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing your children in class!

Christian Formation Needs Volunteers

The Christian Formation office is looking for volunteer catechists for their 2020-21 Christian Formation classes. If you are interested in a rewarding experience helping children grow in their faith, this is a great opportunity! Catechists for all grades (5K-11th Grade) are needed – classes meet 10-13 times, and all teaching materials are provided. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAEAD2FAA8-catechist1>. If you want more information or have questions, please email christianformation@st-alphonsus.org.

Face Mask Sale

Saint Alphonsus School is selling face masks that feature the St. Alphonsus logo. Each mask sells for \$7.00, and all proceeds benefit the St. Alphonsus Home and School. The masks will be delivered to the St. Alphonsus School Office when they are ready. Once they arrive in the office, you will be contacted so that arrangements can be made for you to pick up your order. To order masks, go to: [Facebook.com/stalsgreendale/posts/1102837653419878](https://www.facebook.com/stalsgreendale/posts/1102837653419878).

Laudato Si - "Praise Be To You," From The Care For Creation Committee

We continue in the year 2020 to face the challenge Pope Francis' encyclical letter has given us. Each month, we will offer "*One Simple Act*" suggestions to incorporate into our daily lives. Two weeks of doing something can make it a habit.

From Pope Francis' encyclical letter: "*A person who could afford to spend and consume more, but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment.*" This pertains to air conditioning also.

ONE SIMPLE ACT: In the summer, turn up your thermostat at night a few degrees. In the winter, lower your thermostat 5-8 degrees at night and when the house is unoccupied for several hours.



Please Note the New Capital Improvement Fund Envelope



The name on our pink envelope has been changed from *Building & Grounds Maintenance* to *Capital Improvement Fund*. Any contributions made with this envelope will be restricted and used solely for capital improvements and maintenance of our aging facilities; e.g., updates to the remaining School bathrooms, upgrades to LED light fixtures, new carpeting in the Community Room, etc.

We continue to be good stewards of the precious financial resources you provide, and we operate with a balanced budget. We are sometimes faced with unanticipated needs to maintain our facility, and your contributions using this envelope is a way to maintain our balanced budget through the assistance of our parish community when the need arises. As projects are completed, we will communicate those via the parish bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

-Kathy Jaeckels, Director of Finance

St. Alphonsus Directory and Calendars

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Neighborhood Outreach Program.....488-6500

Emergency Food Pantry.....514-4400

Prayer Network

If you have a Special Intention for which you would like prayers, please call one of the St. Alphonsus Prayer Networks:

St. Ann (Geri).....281-4507

St. Patrick (Holly).....282-0485

The networks are confidential; please feel free to contact them with your requests.

Do you know that St. Peregrine is the cancer saint?

Temporary Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekend Saturday 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Daily at 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

For Baptismal arrangements, call the Parish Office, 421-2442.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday3:30 pm or anytime by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to be anointed

New Membership

You can register online at www.st-alphonsus.org

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW STAFFED FOR
PHONE CALLS MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
10:00 AM—4:00 PM; FRIDAY 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICES ARE
NOT OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT THIS TIME.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July • 25 St. James

4:00 pm † Larry Pierzchalski (Jo Anne & Family)

6:00 pm † Leonard Cook (Cook Family)

Sunday, July • 26 Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Anthony Burbach (Relatives & Friends)

10:00 am For the Parishioners

† Wayne Goldbach (Wife, Joan)

12:00 pm † Tom Frohna (Family)

Monday, July • 27 Weekday

8:00 am † Ed Szews (Karen Szews)

Tuesday, July • 28 Weekday

8:00 am † Edward & Mary Warkoczewski (Terry & Cory Hoffman)

6:30 pm Rosary-Devotions in the Chapel

Wednesday, July • 29 St. Martha

8:00 am † All Souls (Family & Friends)

Thursday, July • 30 Weekday

8:00 am † Jean Szews (Karen Szews)

4:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, July • 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 am † All Souls (Family & Friends)

Saturday, August • 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm † Thomas Rassel (Wife & Children)

6:00 pm † James Cyganiak (Audrey Sessner)

Sunday, August • 2 Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Regina Myers (Family & Friends)

10:00 am For the Parishioners

Intention of Fr. Wally Vogel (89th Birthday)

12:00 pm † Edward Warkoczewski (Terry & Cory Hoffman)

Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
[97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21

Observances for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Martha

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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