

ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN

FOR

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 2, 2010

Saint Alphonsus

Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Established September 9, 1901 Church Dedicated September 5, 1926

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MASS: Sat. 5:00 P.M. and Sun. Morn. at 8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY: Mass held in Chapel next to Church. See bulletin each week or call Rectory for schedule of the 8:00 A.M. Mass which is not held every day (never on Sat morn).

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: these days vary in time and obligation from year to year. See bulletin or call Rectory each time for details.

CONFESSIONS: Sat. from 3:30 to 4:30, and anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE, BAPTISM: call parish office (six months before marriage).

COMMUNION CALLS AND OTHER SERVICES: call office for information.

PARISH OFFICES & STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER (RECTORY: former Convent building)

(724) 274-5084

Marsha Etzrodt, Secretary

Office Hours: Mon. - Thur.: 8 to 4, Fri.: 8 to Noon

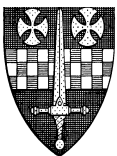
LIGUORI CENTER OFFICES (school building side entrance)

(724) 274-2547

CCD & Youth Min. - Karen Mueller

Social Services - Cathy Moxie

Music Director/Organist – Vickie Roof



New Parishioners: We welcome new parishioners whether newly moved into the area or those who have fallen off through inactivity. Welcome! Register by calling or coming to the parish office. Become an active, attending and supporting member of the parish. And please let us know if you move away or have your telephone or address changed. Thank you.

Church Hall Telephone: (724) 274-2547

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 1-888-808-1235

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HOW CAN THIS BE? HOW CAN THAT BE?

Recently, we celebrated First Holy Communion Sunday for five young girls who received Holy Communion for the first time. As they advanced in knowledge and maturity, building upon the grace

given to them in their Baptism, they learned all kinds of important truths: prayers, that Jesus loves them very much, that he would always be there for them to help them and forgive them if they strayed, and that Our Lord would be with them always in the Sacrament of Holy Communion which makes them one with the Lord and one with each other.

And they always wonder and ask about “**HOW?**” **HOW** can Jesus be in that bread? **HOW** can Jesus be in that cup?

We cannot explain this to them, for we cannot understand it ourselves. It is a mystery. Even more, it is a supernatural mystery. The **HOW** is God’s business, the business of him who made all things and who knows all things, some of which we will never understand, even when we see God face to face.

What did we expect when we began to think and study about God? Did we think that we could know everything that God knows? Did we think that we could do or be everything that God does and is? No, of course not. We are happy and content to know that our Creator and Friend is greater and better than we are. It is more than enough for us, to know that this all-powerful and all-knowing God, the true God, loves us and cares for us so much that he gave us his only-begotten Son.

Remember the story of Nicodemus? He was the man who asked Jesus **HOW** someone could be “born again.” He wondered if a man was supposed to go back to his mother’s womb and be “born again.” Jesus was talking about coming alive in Baptism through water and the Holy Spirit. So it is with the question of **HOW** in Communion.

Chapter six of St. John’s gospel tells about Jesus’ teaching that he is the Bread of Life. He says over and over again, “I am the living Bread come down from heaven. Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you.”

Our response is, “Thank you, Lord. We believe you. Whatever you say, we will believe and we will do. It is enough that you tell us. We don’t need to know **HOW**, for we couldn’t understand, anyway. We will not walk

away from you because we don’t understand, for it is the very fact that we cannot understand that makes it possible for us to believe.”

-- Fr. Saladna

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 3 – SS Philip and James
8:00 AM John and Mary Leskovic

TUESDAY, MAY 4 – Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Joseph Ciamacco (Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 – No Mass scheduled for today

THURSDAY, MAY 6 -- Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Sophia Tady

FRIDAY, MAY 7 – Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Joseph Parise

SATURDAY, MAY 8 – No Mass on Saturday morning

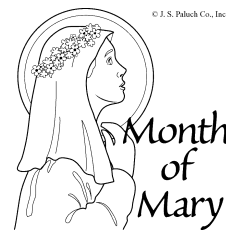
5:00 PM [For Sunday] Jennie Ciamacco

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)

8:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

11:00 AM George and Maryellen Simpson (Anniv.)

Note: May Crowning on Mother’s Day, May 9, at 11 AM Mass.



OUR LITTLE MAY DEVOTION for today, Sunday, May 2, will be the Litany of Loretto. On each of the five Sundays in this month of May this year we will have a special Marian devotion/prayer, to honor the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Next Sunday at the 11:00

AM Mass, the First Communion girls will have the May Crowning.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES:

To our **Anthony Zurisko** who will be married to Brigit McGuire on Saturday, May, 15, at St. Louis Cathedral, St. Louis, MO.

LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING – Monday, May 3 (first Monday of the month) at 7 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 9, IS MOTHER'S DAY.

Our Parish Social Services Department is planning a "Diaper Drive" for W.I.N. (Women in Need). If you would like to help, please bring items listed below to the Church vestibule on Mother's Day: Diapers in small sizes (especially sizes 2 7 3), baby wipes, baby care items like Desitin, baby oils, baby bath items and shampoo. These items will be much appreciated by Women in Need and, above all, by their dear little babies. Thank you.



AN OPPORTUNITY for Adult Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be this Fall (exact date to be determined by the Bishop's Office when we will have Confirmation for our parish and Our Lady of Victory Parish at OLOV. If anyone would like to get information about getting into this group, please call Fr. Saladna as soon as possible.

LOOKING AHEAD: Please mark your calendars.

1. **Our next Parish Council meeting** will be held at 7 PM on Monday, May 17, in the Church Hall.
2. **The Seniors' Breakfast for our Parish Graduates** will be held on Sunday, May 30, after the 8 AM Mass.
3. **Our annual Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday, August 1, the Feast of St. Alphonsus, our Patron.



Graduation

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PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' BREAKFAST –

Our parish traditionally hosts a breakfast for our graduating Seniors around graduation time. This year we have selected Sunday, May 30. Seniors will attend the 8:00 AM Mass and the breakfast will be served in the Church Hall after Mass. We ask all parish seniors to give us a call or drop us a note so we can send invitations to you with more details about the event and so we can determine who will attend.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Thank you for the following donations to the St. Alphonsus Memorial Fund:

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE IN MEMORY OF ANNA EVANS by children, Chuck and Millie Evans.

LOOKING AHEAD – ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 13



After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in many and various places, as recorded in the scriptures. They are witnesses to the fact of his glorious resurrection, and we believe because of their testimony.

This period of post-resurrection appearances ends after 40 days, on Ascension Thursday, when the Lord ascended to his Father in heaven.

We celebrate the Ascension as a Holy Day of Obligation. We have three Masses for holy days of obligation:

- THURSDAY, MAY 13 - 6:30 AM**
- THURSDAY, MAY 13 - 12 Noon**
- THURSDAY, MAY 13 - 7 PM**

All Catholics are bound by the same obligation to attend Mass on Ascension Thursday as they are for a Sunday.

The Apostles looked up in amazement as they saw the Lord being taken up into heaven. We look up also, waiting eagerly for that day when we shall see him again in all his glory, as he comes as King and Judge of the living and the dead.

Your Ministry of Support

Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish for Sunday, April 25, 2010

Offertory	\$3,234.25
Parish Share	\$723.00

PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

Today, Sunday, May 2, the SECOND COLLECTION is the monthly collection for Capital Improvements to our Parish. We thank you for your support of our Parish and our Diocese.