

**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH BULLETIN**

**FOR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

CHRIST THE KING – NOVEMBER 22, 2009

# 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.

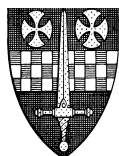
**WEEKDAY:** Mass held in Chapel next to Church. See bulletin each week or call Rectory for schedule of the 8:00 A.M. Mass which is not held every day (never on Sat morn).

**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.



**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

### 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

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**SO THEN, YOU ARE A KING?**  
(Words of Pontius Pilate to Jesus)

By word association we are reminded of other things when we hear a certain word, for example, bread-butter, salt-pepper, etc.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, and when we hear the word "King" our mind immediately conjures up ideas like "power, strength, exalted position, riches," etc.

However, when we think about Christ Our King, the opposite is true. The reason we love Jesus Our King and why we celebrate today's feast honoring Him as King of the Universe is because He does not "lord it over" us.

Jesus is truly God Almighty. He is equal to the eternal Father and the Holy Spirit. He is the Creator and Lord of the Universe. He will be the Judge of the living and dead, but, in spite of all that, He came to us not as a prince but as a pauper. He was born in an insignificant place of humble people, largely unnoticed except by shepherds. He grew up in a place people were fond of making fun of. He had all kinds of trouble in His life. That life ended in the shameful death of crucifixion, and there are hundreds of other ways that show how Jesus did not have the attitude of an earthly King.

St. Paul expresses all this beautifully when he writes, in Philipians II, 5-11:

"Christ Jesus is divine, and yet he did not see, in the rank of Godhead, a prize to be coveted. No, he dispossessed himself, and took the nature of a slave, fashioned in the likeness of men, and presented himself in human form. And then he lowered his own dignity, accepting an obedience which brought him to death, death on a cross."

That is why we celebrate today's Feast of Christ the King, for (continuing with the words of St. Paul),

"God has raised him to such a height and given him that name which is greater than any other name; so that everything in heaven and on earth and under the earth must bend the knee before the name of Jesus, and every tongue must confess that **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, DWELLING IN THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.**"

-- Fr. Saladna




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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

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#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Olive Lukac

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Mary Pulliam

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25** – Weekday Celebration

8:00 AM Joseph Kobolka

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27** – No Mass scheduled for today

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28** – No Mass on Saturday morning

5:00 PM [For Sunday] Delta Casasent

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29** – First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Sophia Dzik

11:00 AM For all Parishioners, Liv. & Dec.

**NOTE:** on this **Feast of Christ the King**, in order to make special devotions available to the greatest number of people, we will incorporate Christ the King features into each of our three weekend Masses. There will be no special afternoon hour today, due to very poor response in the past.

#### **ST. ALPHONSUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Rev. George E. Saladna, Administrator

**REMEMBER THAT THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** in our Church on Thursday, November 26, is at **9:00 AM**. Please come and give thanks to God through Jesus and for Jesus. The "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving," and the greatest gift from God is his only Son, Jesus, to whom we are eternally grateful.

**TURKEY VOUCHERS** – Our parish has a fine tradition of helping the poor and needy during the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season. "Turkey Voucher" gifts, used for food purchases, are given to the clients of the local Food Bank. If you would like to help continue this tradition, we ask you to take a "Turkey Voucher" envelope (found near the Church doors). Your donation (any amount), dropped in the collection basket in these envelopes, will be used to assist the Food Bank in their holiday distribution. Again, thank you.



**A CHRISTMAS TREE ALREADY?** – Today, in the Church lobby, you will see a Christmas tree with tags all over it. This is our way of announcing the

annual **GIFTS FOR THE POOR** campaign. Through the Food Bank, we are invited to get a gift for someone this Christmas season. If you do, the recipient will not know who you are, nor will you know who gets your gift. Only the Lord knows of your generosity and thoughtfulness. The tags on the tree indicate, in a general way, the person who would get your gift: adult male, teenage girl, etc., etc.

If you would like to help in this worthy holiday endeavor, please take a tag or tags from the tree, whichever one you wish. The gift you get should be returned to the Church lobby on or before Sunday, December 13<sup>TH</sup>, so that the gift can be given on the Food Bank's distribution day. If you can help, someone will be blessing their "secret benefactor."

**OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)** – Oplatky will again be available this year through our Parish Social Services. A colorful packet of 10 wafers (8 white, 2 pink) is sold for \$5.00, with proceeds going to Social Services in their outreach to the elderly and sick. They will be sold in the Activity Room after all Masses each Sunday before Christmas, beginning next weekend, November 28/29.

**DECEMBER "VACATION SWEEPSTAKES"** – **DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.** In December we will again be participating in the Sweepstakes, which benefits Catholic parishes, schools and institutions that join together in this fundraiser operated by the Capuchins.

**NO CCD CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, November 29, Thanksgiving vacation.**

**HOLIDAY DECORATION OFFERING ENVELOPES** – In your envelope packets you will find the traditional envelope for Holiday Decorations, with a place to mark the name of someone you would like to remember by your offering. Our special Christmas Day bulletin insert for December 25 will contain the names of these "memorials." In order to be published, they must be received here no later than Friday, December 18. Please mark the names clearly (print rather than script).

**SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS IN OUR CHURCH** – Parishioners who may be celebrating special events like **SILVER** or **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** or some similar special family occasion, and who may wish to celebrate it at a parish Mass are reminded to contact us NOW to arrange a date, since Mass dates are quickly gobbled up and there will be no room for your celebration if you call at the last minute.

**ENTERTAINMENT DISCOUNT/COUPON BOOKS** for 2010 are being sold by the Parish Social Services (Ladies of Charity). They are available at \$20 after Sunday Mass in the Activity Room, or at the Parish House during office hours. There is a limited number for sale this year, so if you are really interested it would be wise to get them early. Proceeds from the sale go toward the works of the Ladies of Charity.

**Our Ministry of Support**  
Thank you for your offerings to Saint Alphonsus Parish for Sunday, November 15, 2009

Offertory .....	\$4,327.50
Parish Share .....	\$1,239.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER SAINT ALPHONSUS CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

**COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND** – Today, we have the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which means, practically speaking, for the beloved Sisters who labored so long and so lovingly for our children in the schools they staffed.

Our parish school benefited from their labor for 90 years, and this collection is an opportunity to pay them back and thank them for what they gave us.