

Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Sunday, February 18, 2024 ◆ First Sunday of Lent

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTO THE DESERT.

MARK 1:13



WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF SAINTS THOMAS BECKET & ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

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MASS TIMES

ST. THOMAS BECKET CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Tuesday
Thursday—Friday: 9am
Wednesday & Friday: 7pm—Polish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm
Sunday: 9am & 12:30pm
7:30am & 10:45am—Polish

CONFESSiON
Friday: 5:30pm—6:45pm

ADORATION
Friday: 5:30pm—6:45pm

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CHURCH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Thursday: 8:15am
Friday & Saturday: 8:30am

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

1st Saturday Healing Mass: 8:30am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

CONFESSiON
Saturday: 4pm—4:45pm

ADORATION
Tuesday: 6pm—7pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday:
9am—4pm

Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday:
9am—4pm

Dear Friends of Sts. Thomas and Alphonsus,

As we begin Lent, and on this First Sunday, follow Jesus into the desert, I recall past Lenten experiences in a few parish assignments. Once a week, we gathered to celebrate the "Holy Places of Lent," which meant starting with evening prayer, and having a parishioner reflect on the previous weekend's Gospel.

I am sure we have heard many wonderful homilies on joining Jesus in the desert – a place of quiet, a place to listen for God's voice. In each parish we reflected on the difficulties of desert experiences – times in which life was challenging for us.

I wanted to share with you a bit of a desert experience of my own. A few people have asked about my health situation, so I thought it would be better for you to hear it "from the horse's mouth" as it were.

The day I received news that I was being assigned to Sts. Thomas and Alphonsus, was also the day I learned that I was to begin dialysis in the near future. My mother and grandmother died of kidney disease; but neither went through dialysis. I knew that I was on the same track, but did not expect it to begin at such a young age. I spoke with Fr. Greg, to let him know the situation. He said that this did not change his mind about my becoming his associate. With that, though, came the blessing of the Archdiocese offering Fr. Sławek as a second associate for our parish. I began this assignment knowing that I was considered part-time, and that I would start treatment soon after.

I had surgery to form a fistula (a vein is connected to an artery) to enable dialysis. Since this takes a while to mature, I also had a catheter placed in my chest in order to begin dialysis beforehand.

I began dialysis on September 15 (Feast of the Sorrowful Mother). I am currently doing different tests to determine if I am a viable candidate for a kidney transplant. There are two options for this: a living donor, and a deceased donor. I have two friends who are willing to be tested to learn if they may be considered donors. The wait in our area for a deceased donor is five to six years, so hopefully I will be able to find a willing living donor. Most days I feel pretty good, though there are times that I am quite tired. Sometimes my balance can be off. And of course, I need to watch my food and liquid intake.

I am overwhelmed by the care and concern from the medical professionals, from our pastor and parish staff, and my friends. I have a good friend who went through dialysis, then a replacement. I have another who was a social worker at a treatment facility. I feel extremely blessed that we have this technology available.

Part of my reasoning for this letter is to inform you of what is going on. I also wanted to offer if anyone is facing the possibility of dialysis, I am more than willing to have a conversation with them. The best decisions are made when we are well-informed.

So... as companions on the journey, as companions during this Lent, let us continue to pray for each other, especially those who face their own, personal desert experiences.

-God Bless, Fr. Steve Dombrowski

Drodzy Przyjaciele Parafii Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori,

Kiedy rozpoczynamy Wielki Post, w tą Pierwszą Niedzielę podążamy za Jezusem na pustynię, przypominam sobie minione doświadczenia wielkopostne z kilku innych parafii. Raz w tygodniu zbieraliśmy się, aby celebrować "Święte Miejsca Wielkiego Postu", rozpoczęliśmy zebranie wieczorną modlitwą i zapraszaliśmy parafian do podzielenia się refleksją z Ewangelii z poprzedniego weekendu.

Jestem pewien, że słyszeliśmy wiele wspaniałych homili na temat dołączenia do Jezusa na pustyni - miejsca ciszy, miejsca słuchania głosu Boga. W każdej parafii zastanawialiśmy się nad trudnościami związanymi z doświadczeniami na pustyni – nad czasami kiedy życie było dla nas wyzwaniem.

Chciałem podzielić się z Wami moim własnym doświadczeniem pustyni. Kilka osób pytało o mój stan zdrowia, więc pomyślałem, że lepiej będzie jeśli usłyszycie to z moich ust.

Dzień, w którym otrzymałem wiadomość, że moją następną placówką jest parafia Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori był również dniem, w którym dowiedziałem się, że w najbliższej przyszłości rozpocznę dializę. Moja mama i babcia zmarły na chorobę nerek, ale żadna z nich nie przeszła dializy. Wiedziałem, że jestem na tej samej drodze, ale nie spodziewałem się, że zacznie się to w tak młodym wieku. Rozmawiałem wtedy z ks. Grzegorzem, aby poinformować go o swojej sytuacji. Powiedział, że to nie zmienia jego zdania abym został jego współpracownikiem. Wraz z tym przyszło błogosławieństwo ze strony diecezji, która zaproponowała ks. Sławomira jako drugiego współpracownika dla naszej parafii. Rozpocząłem więc pracę, w niepełnym wymiarze godzin, i wiedząc że wkrótce rozpocznę leczenie.

Przeszedłem operację utworzenia przetoki (żylą połączona z tętnicą) aby umożliwić dializę. Ponieważ dojrzewanie tej żyły zajmuje trochę czasu, założono mi również cewnik w klatce piersiowej, aby szybciej rozpocząć dializę. Dializę zacząłem 15-go września (Święto Matki Bożej Bolesnej).

Obecnie przechodzę różne testy aby ustalić czy jestem kandydatem na przeszczep nerki. Istnieją dwie opcje: żywego dawca i zmarły dawca. Mam dwóch przyjaciół, którzy chcą poddać się testom czy mogą zostać moimi dawcami. W naszym regionie czas oczekiwania na zmarłego dawcę wynosi od pięciu do sześciu lat, więc mam nadzieję, że uda mi się znaleźć chętnego żywego dawcę.

W większości czuję się całkiem dobrze, choć czasami jestem bardzo zmęczony. Czasami mam problemy z utrzymaniem równowagi. I oczywiście muszę bardzo uważać na diety.

Jestem bardzo przyjemnie zaskoczony opieką i troską ze strony personelu medycznego, naszego proboszcza i pracowników parafii oraz moich przyjaciół. Mam dobrą przyjaciółkę, która przeszła dializy a następnie przeszczep. Mam innego, który pracował jako social worker z pacjentami w mojej sytuacji. Czuję się niezwykle błogosławiony, że mamy dostęp do tej technologii.

Za posługą tego listu pragnę poinformować Was o tym co się dzieje ze mną i również zaoferować, że jeśli ktoś stoi przed możliwością dializy, jestem więcej niż chętny do rozmowy z nim. Najlepsze decyzje podejmuje się gdy jesteśmy dobrze poinformowani.

Tak więc... jako towarzysze w podróży, jako towarzysze podczas tego Wielkiego Postu, módlmy się nadal za siebie nawzajem, a zwłaszcza za tych, którzy stoją w obliczu własnych, osobistych doświadczeń pustyni.

-Niech Wam Bóg błogosławi, Ks. Steve Dombrowski

Liturgy at St. Thomas Becket Church

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

4PM—FR. SD

†STEVEN DAUER

†JOAN E SMITH

†MARZENA STOLARZ

†TRICH & GREG KLECZYNSKI

†ŁUKASZ LAZARSKI

†PAULA CASTANEDA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

7:30AM—FR. GW

†MARIJA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†MIECZYSŁAW PASIEWICZ

†EUGENIUSZ FILIP

†JANINA I MACIEJ SZAL

†JOANNA SZKARŁAT

†ŁUCJA GIBAŁA

9AM—FR. SD

†WALLY ROBBINS

10:45AM—FR. GW

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

†STANISŁAW KUŽBIEL

†JÓZEFIA I WŁADYSŁAW PORZECKI I ZMARLI Z RODZINY

†MARIJA JAMIŃSKA

†EMILIA GOLEC I ZMARLI Z RODZ

†MARIJA KOT I ZMARLI Z RODZ

†JADWIGA I JÓZEF LUTO

†WALERIA I JÓZEF MISZKIEL I ICH ZMARŁE DZIECI

†JÓZEF WIELOBÓB

†ZMARLI Z RODZINY KRÓLICKI I WIELOBÓB

SPECIAL: ANNA BOCHENEK—46 URODZINY

12:30PM—FR. SD

†KEVIN O'CALLAGHAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

9AM—FR. SD

†ANNA BETZ

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

9AM—FR. SK SPECIAL: FOR THE CHURCH AND PRIESTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

7PM—FR. GW

SPECIAL: RODZINA WILCZEK, MAJEWSKI, NOWAK, HEFLIN & TAŃCULA - BOŻE BL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

9AM—FR. GW

†STEVEN BAUER

SPECIAL: FAMILIES WILCZEK, MAJEWSKI, NOWAK, HEFLIN & TAŃCULA - GOD'S BLESSINGS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEB ST. THOMAS BECKET - FEB 24/25

MASS TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
4:00pm ENG	Fr. Greg W Dcn Dan M	Scott S	Kathleen S Diane M Dcn Dan M
7:30am POL	Fr. Sławek K Dcn Jacek S	Dorota P	Dorota P Piotr J Dcn Jacek S
9:00am ENG	Fr. Steve D Dcn Dan M	Brian W	Dcn Dan M
10:45am POL	Fr. Sławek K Dcn Jacek S	Beata K	Beata K Jan K Dcn Jacek S
12:30pm ENG	Fr. Steve D Dcn Dan M	Gail L	Gail L Bogdan Z Dcn Dan M

SFRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

9AM—FR. SK

SPECIAL: FOR THE CHURCH AND PRIESTS

SPECIAL: FAMILIES WILCZEK, MAJEWSKI, NOWAK, HEFLIN & TAŃCULA - GOD'S BLESSINGS

7PM—FR. GW

†MARZENA STOLARZ

†MARY ERHARDT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

7:30AM—FR. SK

†MARIJA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†MIECZYSŁAW PASIEWICZ

†JÓZEF DOBEK

†EUGENIUSZ BRONIEK

†EUGENIUSZ FILIP

†ŁUCJA GIBAŁA

9AM—FR. SD

†KATHY & JOHN KEANE

10:45AM—FR. SK

†ARTHUR KOSIBA

†ANTONI KOMOSA

†MARIJA JAMIŃSKA

†ZOFIA KUBAS

12:30PM—FR. SD

†HELEN LASCOLA

†ANNA LUPA

Liturgy at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

Masses / Observances	Mass Intentions	Presider	Readings
Saturday, 2/17, 8:30am Saturday, 2/17, 5:00pm The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish †Kenneth R. Marcotte, †George Fine, †Ann Cozzzone, †Joseph Boffa, †Amico & Petro Families	Fr. Greg Wojcik Fr. Greg Wojcik	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 <i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i>
Sunday, 2/18, 8:30am 1 st Sunday of Lent	†Maria Turansky, †Tom Ure Jr. †Joe Minieri, †Pat Balog Fortman, †Gary Scott, †Mary Erhart, †Alex Munroe	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Sunday, 2/18, 11:00am	†Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks, †Gloria Parypinski	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	
Monday, 2/19, 8:15am Presidents' Day	†Connie & Harry Mishlove For the Church & Priests	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 5/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, 2/20, 8:15am	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, 2/21, 8:15am Mass St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	†Jean Perkowitz, †George Hawel, †Albert Hawel, †Phyllis Rossbach For the Church & Priests	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, 2/22, 8:15am The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	†Leticia Tibudan For the Church & Priests	Fr. Greg Wojcik	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday, 2/23, 8:30am St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	†Peter Wisniewski, †John T. Garrity	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, 2/24, 8:30am	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48
Saturday, 2/24, 5:00pm	†Kenneth R. Marcotte, †George Fine, †Jeanne Pawlowski, †Joseph Boffa, †Anne Cozzzone, †Conchita Mamalio, †Kristine Gilarski	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	<i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i>
Sunday, 2/25, 8:30am 2 nd Sunday of Lent	†Grace Valenziano, †W & J Gengler, †Pedro Antonio Alfaro, Jr.	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Sunday, 2/25, 11:00am	†Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks, †Walter Friese	Fr. Greg Wojcik	

This Weekend's Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Stewardship: Giving our Time, Talent & Treasure

FOOD PANTRY NEWS...



Please help the Food Pantry by donating the following items:

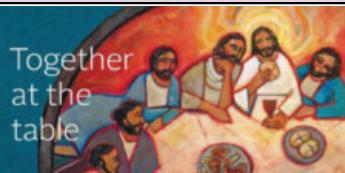
Bags/Boxes of Rice
Canned Beans
Mac and Cheese
Spaghettios
Pasta Sauce
Toilet Paper

Thank you for your donations and support!

Następujące artykuły są ciągle potrzebne:

Ryż
Fasola w puszkach
Mac and Cheese
Spaghettios
Sos do makaronu
Papier toaletowy

Bardzo dziękujemy za wszystkie donacje i wsparcie!



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Together at the table," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

W naszej parafii prowadzona jest aktualnie kampania na rzecz Dorocznego Kwesty Katolickiej. Prosimy pamiętać, że Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka jest czymś zupełnie innym niż jednorazową specjalną kolektą. Jest to kampania, podczas której składane są zobowiązania finansowe, które mogą być spłacane w ratach. Temat Dorocznnej Kwesty Katolickiej „Przy wspólnym stole” jest ważnym tematem, kiedy rozważamy w modlitwie nasze wsparcie dla Kwesty, ale także ważnym dla podjęcia życia, którego Pan pragnie dla nas. Każde zobowiązanie ma znaczenie! Wszystkie parafie archidiecezji uczestniczą w kampanii i to dzięki darom złożonym przez wiele osób parafie, szkoły i wiele duszpasterstw może zapewniać wiernym potrzebne posługi i dzieła duszpasterskie. Dziękujemy za rozważanie swojej odpowiedzi na modlitwie i za hojną odpowiedź. Aby złożyć ofiarę, prosimy o wypełnianie zobowiązania znajdującego się na kopercie (koperty dostępnych w kościele) lub złożenie ofiary przez Internet pod adresem: annualcatholicappeal.com.

Sunday Donations

Saints Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish Collections

Y-T-D Sunday Collection: \$ 640,581.00
(For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023)

Weekly Collections: \$ 19,777.00



We Are Looking For
Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers

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RICE BOWL - LENT ALMSGIVING

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are “elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity.”

Please join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with **CRS Rice Bowl**.

Each year, CRS highlights stories from three different countries, which will receive aid — this year, we will learn more about **El Salvador, Uganda, and Indonesia**.

Please pick up the CRS Rice Bowl for your family at the back of the church hall. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our brothers and sisters impacted by this injustice. At the conclusion of Lent, our parish and school will collect Rice Bowl contributions and will send it to the **Catholic Relief Services**.

25% of Rice Bowl donations collected within the Archdiocese of Chicago stay local to fund projects that emulate the mission and vision of Catholic Relief Services. Please visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family and for your donation.

Beata Bosak

Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

MISECZKA / PUDEŁKO ZWANE - RICE BOWL – WIELKOPOSTNA JAŁMUŻNA

Rozpoczynając naszą wielkopostną podróż, zastanów się, w jaki sposób Twoje modlitwy, post i jałmużna mogą Cię prowadzić. Jak wyjaśnia papież Franciszek, są to "elementy, które - jeśli są przezywane szczerze - mogą przemienić życie i zapewnić pewny fundament godności i braterstwa."

Przyłącz się do naszej wspólnoty - oraz do ponad 12 000 wspólnot katolickich w całych Stanach Zjednoczonych - w przemieniającej wielkopostnej podróży z **CRS Rice Bowl**.

Każdego roku CRS przedstawia historie z trzech różnych krajów, które otrzymają pomoc - w tym roku dowiemy się więcej o **El Salvador, Uganda i Indonesia**.

Prosimy o odebranie z tyłu w holu kościoła miseczkę/ pudełka zwanego RICE BOWL CRS dla swojej rodziny. Przez 40 dni Wielkiego Postu będziemy zastanawiać się nad problemem głodu na świecie i podejmować działania mające na celu pomoc naszym braciom i siostram dotkniętym tą niesprawiedliwością. Na zakończenie Wielkiego Postu, nasza parafia i szkoła będzie zbierać pudełka RICE BOWL z datkami, które zostaną przyniesione i prześle je do **Katolickiej Służby Pomocy**.

25% darowizn zebranych w ramach Rice Bowl w Archidiecezji Chicago pozostaje na miejscu, aby finansować projekty, które naśladują misję i wizję Catholic Relief Services. Aby dowiedzieć się więcej prosimy odwiedzić stronę crsricebowl.org Pudełko "CRS Rice Bowl" będą zbierane pod koniec Wielkiego Postu, termin zostanie podany.

Dziękujemy za Wasz udział wraz z rodziną w programie "Miska Ryżu" i za waszą ofiarę.

Beata Bosak

Director of Lifelong Faith Formation



Sunday Family Youth Mass

On Sundays, the Mass is the place of God's special relationship with man. Every word, every gesture has a meaning, stands for something.

On February 11, 2024, at St. Alphonsus Liguori church, we had our monthly Family Youth Mass concelebrated by Father Steven Dombrowski, assisted by Deacon Mike Platt.

The Mass was attended by children and youth from our Religious Program and St. Alphonsus School along with their families. The music for the Mass was provided by the school children's choir under the direction of Mrs. Nesreen Duncan. At the end of the Mass, Deacon Mike Platt gave a special blessing to **Carlos and Ivelisse Gomez**, who were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary, and to whom we wish many of God's graces for the years to come in their life together.

John Paul II's encyclical "Ecclesia de Eucharist" says at the very beginning that the Church lives the Eucharist. This truth not only expresses the daily experience of faith, but contains the essence of the mystery of the Church. In various ways, the Church Experiences with joy that the promise of Jesus is constantly being fulfilled:



"And behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).
Thanks to the Holy Eucharist, in which bread and wine are transubstantiated into the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, everyone who believes in the Real Presence rejoices in this presence in a special way and receives spiritual and vital strength for the next days of his life.
One of the fruits of the Mass is the transformation of man into Christ.

The Eucharist is food, but food with which something different happens than with any other food. It is not the food that becomes us, but vice versa: it is we who become Him.



St. Albert the Great wrote: "Every time two things unite, the stronger one wins. The stronger one transforms into itself the weaker one. Since the Eucharist has greater power than man, this food, that is, Jesus, transforms into itself the one who eats it," and we wish this transformation for everyone.

God bless!

Beata Bosak
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

Ministry News & Events

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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To honor the Sacrament of Marriage, we would like to highlight Wedding Anniversaries in the bulletin quarterly. Return this form to the Church Office, or call 847-255-7452 x 157.

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Questions? Call Beata Bosak
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Senior Fun Club Membership 2024

We invite all members to renew their membership for the year. And we would like to invite all seniors 55+ to join the Fun! We meet on the **Second Wednesday** of the Month at 9:00am at St. Alphonsus Liguori, in the Meeting Rooms off the Narthex. Casino Trips...Shrine Trips...Wonderful speakers and topics...Bingo....and much more!
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Lent & Easter Schedule

STB = St. Thomas Becket | SAL = St. Alphonsus Liguori

FRIDAYS IN LENT: English: Rosary 8:30am (M,T,TH,F) | Mass 9am, Followed by Stations of the Cross (STB)

Bilingual Confessions 5:30pm-6:45pm | Polish Stations 6:30pm | Polish Mass 7pm | Gorzkie Žale w/ Adoration 7:30pm
(NOTE: Bilingual Confessions, Stations, Mass and Gorzkie Žale WILL NOT be held March 15 & 22)

FRIDAYS IN LENT: Morning Prayer 7:45am | Mass 8:30am, followed by Stations of the Cross (SAL)

SATURDAY, FEB 17 - Adoration 11:30am—3:30pm (SAL) - Hosted by American Heritage Girls

FRIDAY, MAR 8 - Stations of the Cross 5:30pm, Followed by Soup & Bread Meal (SAL)

SATURDAY, MAR 9 - Passion Play: English 6pm | Passion Play: Polish 8pm (SAL)

SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY, MAR 10-13 - Polish Lenten Mission 12pm & 7pm (STB)

FRIDAY, MAR 15 - Bilingual Mass 6pm Followed by Outdoor Walking Stations of the Cross (STB)

FRIDAY, MAR 22 - Lenten Reconciliation 9:15am—11:30am & 5:30pm—8pm (SAL)

PALM SUNDAY, MAR 24 - Palm Sunday Masses - English (Sat. 4pm) Sunday 9am & 12pm and Polish 7:30am & 10:45am (STB)

PALM SUNDAY, MAR 24 - Palm Sunday Masses - (Saturday 5pm) Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am (SAL)

HOLY THURSDAY, MAR 28 - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm in Polish, Followed by Adoration until 12am (STB)

HOLY THURSDAY, MAR 28 - Morning Prayer 8:15am | **Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7pm & Prayer until 10pm (SAL)

GOOD FRIDAY, MAR 29 - Bilingual Stations 12pm | **Lord's Passion:** 3pm | **Lord's Passion Polish:** 5pm & 7pm (STB)

GOOD FRIDAY, MAR 29 - Morning Prayer 8:15am | **Stations of the Cross** 3pm | **Lord's Passion** 7pm (SAL)

HOLY SATURDAY, MAR 30 - Blessing of the Food Baskets 9:30am, 10:30am & 11:30am (STB)

HOLY SATURDAY, MAR 30 - Morning Prayer 8:15am & **Blessing of the Food Baskets** 11am & 12pm (SAL)

EASTER VIGIL, MAR 30 - Bilingual Parish Vigil Mass 7pm (St. Thomas Becket ONLY) NO Mass at St. Alphonsus

EASTER SUNDAY, MAR 31 - English 9am & 12:30pm | **Polish** 5:30am w/procession, 7:30am & 10:45am (STB)

EASTER SUNDAY, MAR 31 - Masses 8:30am & 11:00am (SAL)

EASTER MONDAY, APR 1 - Easter Monday Mass - English 9am & Polish 7pm (STB)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APR 7 - Adoration at 2:45pm & Divine Mercy Chaplet sung at 3pm (STB)



PALM BURNING 2024



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We extend a great big THANK YOU to SMAKOWSKI'S DELI in Palatine for the 1,400 delicious paczkis for our sale last weekend. They were so good—we ran out... We promise to place a bigger order next year. The profit for the parish was in the amount of \$1,700. Thank you to all our volunteers and of course to all of you for supporting our parish by your purchase.

Składamy serdeczne PODZIĘKOWANIA dla pana Mirosława, właściciela sklepu SMAKOWSKI'S DELI w Palatine za dostawę 1,400 pączków w ostatni weekend. Były tak pyszne, że nam zabrakło..... obiecujeśmy złożyć większe zamówienie w



przyszłym roku aby wszystkim wystarczyło. Zysk dla parafii wyniósł \$1,700. Dziękujemy wszystkim wolontariuszom za pomoc i oczywiście wszystkim za wsparcie naszej parafii poprzez zakup.

PIĄTKI W WIELKIM POŚCIE:

ŚW. TOMASZ BECKET:

W JĘZ ANGIELSKIM: 8:35am Różaniec—9am Msza Św

9:30am Stacje Drogi Krzyżowej

W JĘZ POLSKIM: 5:30-6:45pm Spowiedź—6:30pm Stacje
7pm Msza Św—7:30pm Gorzkie Żale

STACJE: 23 luty dla mężczyzn

1 marzec dla młodzieży

8 marzec dla kobiet



SOBOTA, 9 MARZEC

Misterium Męki Pańskiej w jęz angielskim 6pm w jęz polskim 8pm—u Św. Alfonsa Liguori

NIEDZIELA-ŚRODA, 10-13 MARZEC prowadzi Ks Misjonarz Tomasz Wajdzik

Rekolekcje Wielkopostne w jęz polskim 12pm + 7pm—u Św. Tomasza Becketa

PIĄTEK, 22 MARZEC

Spowiedź Wielkopostna (dwujęzyczna) 9:15am-11:30am | 5:30pm-8pm - u Św. Alfonsa Liguori



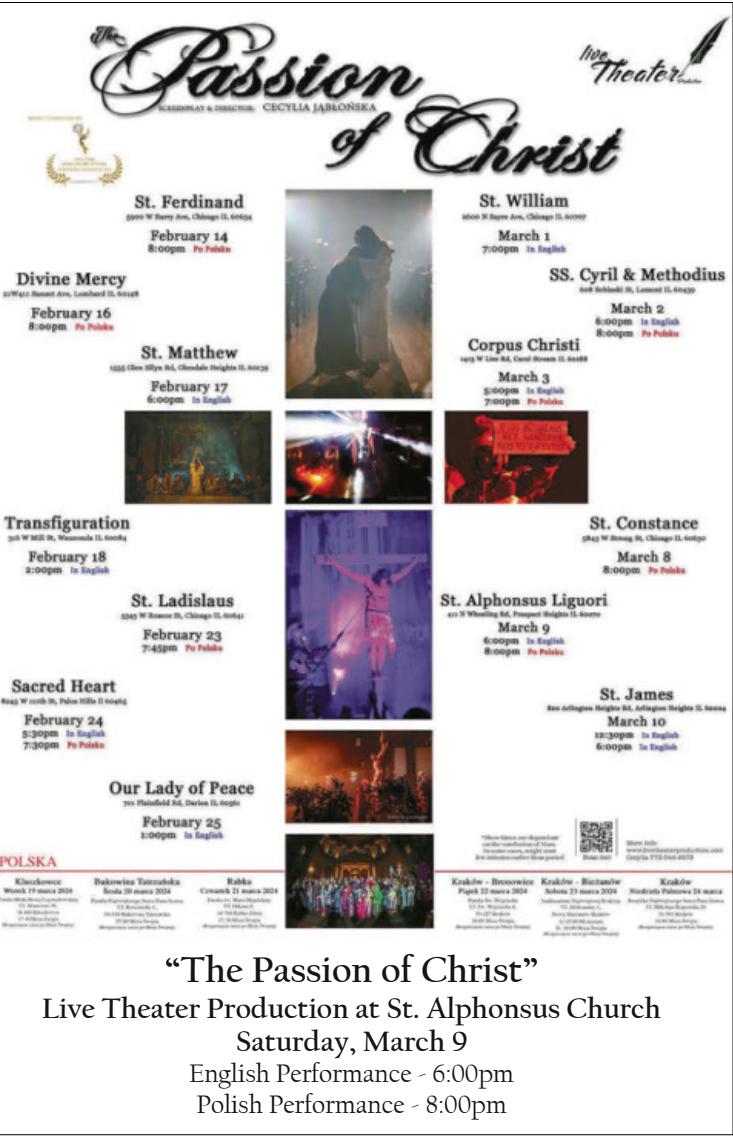
Grief Group

As much as happiness is a part of life, so is loss, and its burden may feel a little lighter when it is shared. If you have experienced a loss recently or even long ago, we would like to journey with you. Please consider being part of one of our Grief Gatherings.

Anyone is welcome to join us
Tuesday, February 27 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
 in the St. Thomas Becket Fellowship Room

Purpose: to be with you, to listen to you, to learn what we can do to support you. The evening will be hosted by Joanie Fine, who is the assistant facilitator for "To Be Joyful Again" at Holy Family Parish, and Doreen Kelly, Pastoral Minister.

Questions?
 Contact Doreen Kelly, Pastoral Minister,
 847-255-7456 x 157



The Passion of Christ

Theater

St. Ferdinand
5900 W Barry Ave, Chicago IL 60629
February 14 8:00pm **Po Polsku**

Divine Mercy
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February 16 8:00pm **Po Polsku**

St. Matthew
5555 Glen Ellyn Rd, Glen Ellyn Heights IL 60138
February 17 6:00pm **In English**

Transfiguration
308 W Mill St, Waukegan IL 60085
February 18 2:00pm **In English**

St. Ladislaus
5345 W Racine St, Chicago IL 60642
February 23 7:45pm **Po Polsku**

Sacred Heart
845 W North St, Palos Hills IL 60654
February 24 5:30pm **In English**
7:30pm **Po Polsku**

Our Lady of Peace
300 Plainfield Rd, Darien IL 60542
February 25 1:00pm **In English**

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Poznań 14 kwietnia 2024
Gdańsk 15 kwietnia 2024
Kraków - Bronowice
Piątek 19 kwietnia 2024
Poznań 20 kwietnia 2024
Gdańsk 21 kwietnia 2024
Kraków - Bielany
Sobota 23 kwietnia 2024
Poznań 24 kwietnia 2024
Gdańsk 25 kwietnia 2024

"The Passion of Christ"
 Live Theater Production at St. Alphonsus Church
 Saturday, March 9
 English Performance - 6:00pm
 Polish Performance - 8:00pm



GARDEN PLOT RESERVATIONS

Spring is coming soon! The Joseph Le Garden had a successful first summer. Home Depot donated raised beds, garden soil, picnic tables and man power to make this all happen. Reserve a spot in the garden for your vegetables now! Plots of 4x10 or 4x20 feet size will be available. I am asking for a donation of \$30 to go towards improvements (improved fencing, additional soil). **Please text Stas Maslanka at 773-620-3876 with your name to reserve a plot.**



Healing Mass

Join us for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing during Mass **Saturday, March 2 at 8:30am.**

Pierwsza Sobota Miesiąca—podczas Mszy Św. o godz. 8:30am sakrament pojednania i namaszczenia chorych—zapraszamy do kościoła Św. Alfonsa.

The Rosary will be led by AHG after Mass.



Monthly Birthdays

The Daily Mass community invites all parishioners to celebrate birthdays the **first Tuesday** of each month **following the 8:15 Mass** in the meeting rooms.

Celebrants are invited for coffee & cake and a special blessing. Even if it's not your birthday come and enjoy the coffee and conversation!

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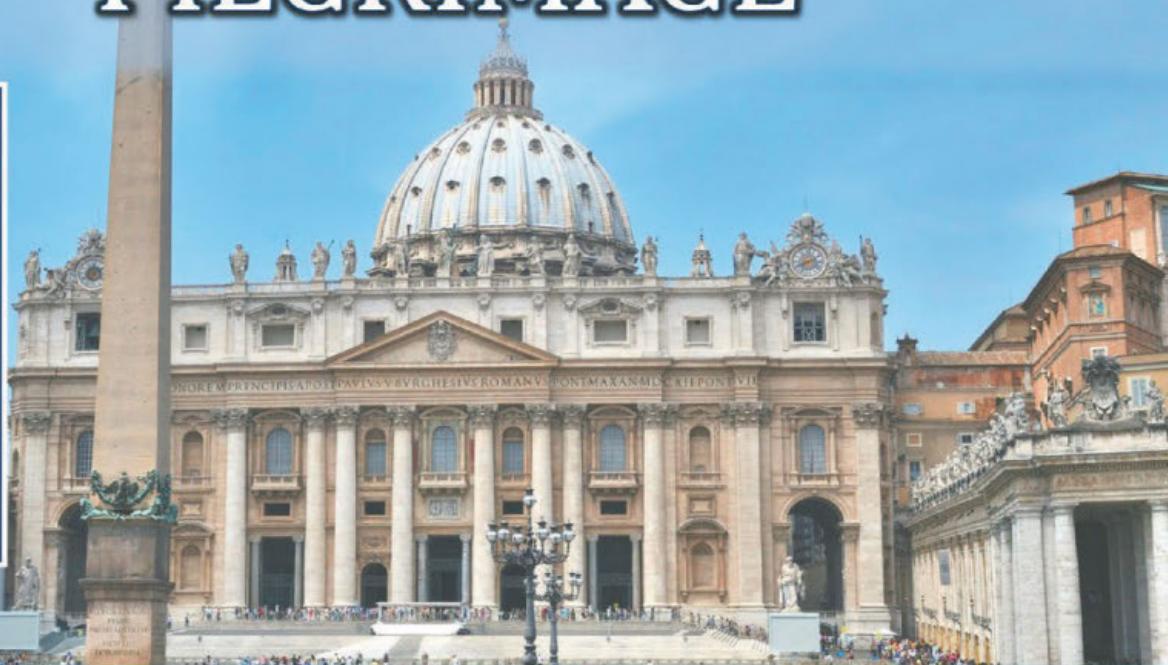


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To be added to this prayer list, or have your name removed, please call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.



Sending Prayers

Register with our Parish
Call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452 or 847-827-9220,
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~ Those in the Military ~

We would like to keep Active Duty Military who proudly serve our country in our prayers.



SMSgt. Bobby Yarnes, U.S. Space Force, *nephew of Gail & Pat McGeever*

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Lt. Ryan Pattullo, USN, *grandson of Maria Wirth*

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Sgt. Robert McKavanagh, USMC, *son of Deana McKavanagh*

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d.mckavanagh@stbal.org

Prayer Circle

Ministers offer spiritual and moral support to those experiencing serious concerns in their lives. They want to pray with you for special intentions, such as a serious illness or emergency situation. When called upon, these ministers pass your prayer request to all members. Prayers are kept within the Prayer Circle and are not announced at Mass unless you wish.

If you are in need of this prayer support,

please call:

Diane Kachigian

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If you would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or have an emergency requiring a priest, please contact us at 847-255-7452 or 847-827-9220.

Community Events and Support Groups:

Spring 2024 Adult Confirmation for Vicariate I

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? **Preparation for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on Mondays beginning Monday, April 8, 7-9pm, at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights.** Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. **Registration closes on March 15.** Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration; lcrepeau@stedna.org, 847-398-3362, ext. 325

ACCW Seeks Prayer for Women Ministries—

Welcome all women who make the best of everything they have putting to use their talents, prayers and skills ministering to the needs of our parish. During Lent, under the patronage of Our Lady of Good Counsel the **Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women Vicariate I** board of directors encourages us to pray for these women who exemplify the spirit of our faith community, as we celebrate the **40th Anniversary of Women of the Year award in 2024.**

Lunches by Catholic Charities--

Luncheons are served M-Fri for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of \$4.00 on a reservation basis only. Call 847-797-5354 for more info & reservations.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends—

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LOSS: Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide—

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) is a non-denominational program that supports individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one by suicide offered by Catholic Charities. LOSS offers a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors of suicide can openly talk about feelings, and find resources for healing. Call 312-655-7283 or visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss

Support for Loss of a Loved One—

Grief and Loss Services at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care offers one-on-one counseling, support groups and education for anyone who has lost a loved one. For more information visit www.RainbowHospice.org or call 847-653-3141

Widowed Men & Women's Monthly Support Group—

To Be Joyful Again, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone who has lost a significant other, meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm** at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness. Get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Peggy Emerson at 224-595-3613 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

Joyful Again! Support for Widowed Men & Women—

For upcoming Retreats and Workshops please check us out at www.joyfulagain.org, or call 708-354-7211

NAMI Support Group at St. Emily Parish—

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