

Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Sunday, April 28, 2024 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Easter



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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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 & Wednesday: 9am—4pm

Friday: 9am—12pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-4pm

Friday: 9am—12pm

The logo features a large, stylized red letter 'A' on the left. To its right, the words 'SAINT ALPHONSUS' are written in a black, serif, all-caps font. Below this, a thick red horizontal line spans the width of the text. Underneath the line, the words 'LIGUORI SCHOOL' are written in the same black, serif, all-caps font.

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI SCHOOL

Dear St. Alphonsus Catholic School and Parish Community,

Hello, I am Jack Shepherd, I am honored to introduce myself as the new principal of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic School. I am excited to be joining this award-winning National Blue Ribbon school.

As a lifelong educator, with 16 years as a classroom teacher and 19 years in school administration, I am thrilled to bring my experiences to St. Alphonsus Liguori School. I am committed to providing an engaging Catholic education that develops each student's faith while preparing them to be leaders in life.

I am excited to work collaboratively with Father Greg, dedicated staff, and wonderful families to continue building upon the strong tradition of academic excellence and spiritual growth. Together, we will inspire our students to become compassionate, responsible, and successful citizens who make a positive difference in the world through a dedication to serving others.

My journey with Catholicism began when my oldest son was preparing for his first Holy Communion. I was moved by the Holy Spirit and joined RCIA. I was welcomed into the Catholic church at that year's Easter Vigil. I am dedicated to teaching and learning more about our faith every day.

My wife and I have been married for 33 years, we have 5 wonderful children, my youngest daughter was born with Down syndrome. We often say she is the heart of the family (and the boss). In my free time, I enjoy fishing in my kayak and riding bikes with my daughter.

I look forward to getting to know everyone and working together to create outstanding members of the community long after their time at St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Sincerely,

Harold "Jack" Shepherd

Liturgy at St. Thomas Becket Church

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

4PM—FR. SK †MARZENA STOLARZ †JANET BOGACZ
†ED RECHNER †BILL MCGRATH
†JOE MARABOTTI †JOE LEWAND

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

7:30AM—FR. SK †MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA
†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO †ŁUCJA GIBAŁA
†JÓZEF DOBEK †HELENA MATŁĄG
†EUGENIUSZ FILIP †IRENA I STANISŁAW ROGÓZ
†STAŚ, KATARZYNA I WOJCIECH CIELOCH

SPECIAL: MARIA—URODZINY

9AM—FR. SD †KATHY & JOHN KEANE

10:45AM—FR. SK †ARTHUR KOSIBA

†MARIA KOGUT I ZMARLI Z RODZINY

SPECIAL: JÓZEF KOWALSKI—O ZDROWIE

SPECIAL: BARBARA I JÓZEF—38 ROCZ ŚLUBU

SPECIAL: JENNIFER—URODZINY

SPECIAL: MAREK MARCISZ—URODZINY

12:30PM—FR. SD

SPECIAL: LITURGICAL MINISTERS—GOD'S BLESSINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

9AM—FR. SK †DANIEL SOBCZAK

SPECIAL: FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

9AM—FR. SD †MARY WATKINS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

7PM —FR. SK SPECIAL: O MIŁOSIĘDZIE DLA AMERYKI

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

9AM—FR. GW SPECIAL: FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

9AM—FR. SD †ALETA NAWROT

SPECIAL: BLESSINGS FOR THE COUNTRY

7PM —FR. GW †ARTHUR KOSIBA †LESZEK KUBIŚ

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

4PM—FR. SK †MARZENA STOLARZ

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

7:30AM—FR. GW †MARIA I ANTONI ZAUCHA

†ADELA I WACŁAW POPIEŁUSZKO

†KRZYSTYNA I STANISŁAW STAWCZYK †HELENA MATŁĄG

†WŁADYSŁAW RUTKOWSKI †WACŁAW JAWOROWSKI

†STAŚ, KATARZYNA I WOJCIECH CIELOCH

†STEFAN TRACIAK †ZYGMUNTA I TADEUSZ GRZĘDA

†ADELA DYMON †CZESŁAWA GŁADYSZ

9AM—FR. SK †PATRICIA JASON

10:45AM—FR. GW †ARTHUR KOSIBA

†EMILIA GOLEC I ZMARLI Z RODZINY †STANISŁAW GIBAS

SPECIAL: LENA—O ZDROWIE

SPECIAL: STAŚ—O ZDROWIE

SPECIAL: JOHN JACKOWSKI—18 URODZINY

12:30PM—FR. SK

†DORIE OLINDAN



W miesiącu maju wierni swą uwagę poświęcają Matce Bożej. W każdy dzień maja - od poniedziałku do soboty - zapraszamy na godz. 6:30pm do kościoła Św. Tomasza Becketa na wspólną modlitwę.

MAY 5: FIRST FRIDAY — PIERWSZY PIĄTEK

5:30pm—6:45pm Adoration & Confessions

Adoracja i Spowiedź

7pm—Mass in Polish / *Msza Św. w jęz. polskim*

St. Thomas Becket



MAY CROWNING OF MARY

On Sunday, May 5th at the 9am Mass the Women's Guild will participate in the annual crowning of Mary at St. Thomas Becket. All Guild members are encouraged to attend.

During the month of May, the rosary will be prayed before the 9am daily Mass (at 8:30am) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at St. Thomas Becket—all are welcome.

RÓŻA ŻYWEGO RÓŻAŃCA—Wymiana tajemnic odbywa się w każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy Św. o godz 10:45am—kolejna wymiana 5-go maja.

MASS TIME MAY 4/5	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:00pm ENG	Fr. Sławomir Kurc	Jeff P	
7:30am POL	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Lidia J	Piotr J Halina S
9:00am ENG	Fr. Sławomir Kurc	Daisy K	
10:45am POL	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Michał M	Małgorzata P Halina W Wojciech G
12:30pm ENG	Fr. Sławomir Kurc	Sarah W	

Liturgy at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church

Masses / Observances	Mass Intentions	Presider	Readings
Saturday, 4/27, 8:30am	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish, †Tom Kelly, †Teresa Gallagher	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Saturday, 4/27, 5:00pm	†George Fine, †Ann Cozzone, †Kenneth R. Marcotte, †Joseph Boffa, †Albert & Mary Tuffey, †George Ryan	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	<i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i>
Sunday, 4/28, 8:30am 5 th Sunday of Easter	†Mary Kay Fischer, †Teresa Gallagher, †Fr. James Patrick Murphy, †Rosemary Moran,	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Sunday, 4/28, 11:00am	†Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks *Blessings for Carmen & Claudia Marchetti's 56 th Wedding Anniversary	Fr. Greg Wojcik	
Monday, 4/29, 8:15am St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Steve Dombrowski	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, 4/30, 8:15am St. Pius V, Pope	†Terry Gallagher	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday, 5/1, 8:15am St. Joseph the Worker	†Jean Perkowitz, †George Ryan, †Mary & Albert Tuffey	Fr. Slawomir Kurc	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, 5/2, 8:15am St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer	Parishioners of Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday, 5/3, 8:30am Sts. Philip and James, Apostles May Crowning Mass - School Students	†Peter Wisniewski	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday, 5/4, 8:30am Healing Mass w/Confessions	†Catherine Sefcik, †Kevin Doherty *For the Healing of Michaelangelo Gondolfi	Fr. Greg Fr. Slawomir Fr. Steven	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/ Jn 15:18-21
Saturday, 5/4, 5:00pm	†George Fine, †Ann Cozzone, †Joe Woods, †Kenneth R. Marcotte, †Joseph Boffa, †Martha White, †Bob Linhart	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	<i>See Sunday's Readings Below</i>
Sunday, 5/5, 8:30am 6 th Sunday of Easter	†Mary Schummer, †R. "Bud" Heinitz, †Kozmel & Turansky Families	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Sunday, 5/5, 11:00am May Crowning Mass - Religious Ed. Students	†Michael Whelan, †Irene Hendricks, †Rick Rice, †Karen Ralston, †Martha White	Fr. Steven Dombrowski	

This Weekend's Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Stewardship: Giving our Time, Talent & Treasure

Thank you for your consistent giving to Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish. We are grateful for your continued generosity. We will be launching our new giving platform starting June 3, 2024. Generosity of Time, Talent, and Treasure enables Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish to continue and grow in our mission to share our faith and form new disciples. We value our parish community and want to ensure everyone at Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish is aware of our exciting new giving platform, **Pushpay**, which allows for simple giving through a variety of ways, including mobile and online.

It is our goal to complete this transition process by June 3, 2024, so we need your help in moving your current online giving to **Pushpay**. Emails with instructions and reminders are going out to all current GiveCentral donors. Please do not disregard emails from **Pushpay**—they are not scam or junk. Please follow the easy directions to set up your donor account with **Pushpay**.

You can also use the below link to go directly to Pushpay and set everything up:

St. Thomas Becket: <https://pushpay.com/g/stalphonsusstthomas>

St. Alphonsus Liguori: <https://pushpay.com/g/stalphonsusliguori>

Anyone wishing to become a new on-line giver can use these links as well.

If you have any questions, please call Alyce (847-255-7452) or Liz (847-827-9220).

We are so blessed you have made the commitment to give in this way and are honored with your decision to continue to support Saints Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Parish.

Dziękujemy za ciągłe wspieranie Parafii Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori. Jesteśmy wdzięczni za wszelką hojność. Od 3 czerwca 2024 r. uruchomimy nową platformę składania ofiar na kościół. Hojność czasu, talentu i finansów umożliwi Parafii Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori kontynuowanie i rozwijanie naszej misji dzielenia się wiarą i formowania nowych uczniów. Ceniemy naszą wspólnotę parafialną i chcemy mieć pewność, że wszyscy w parafii Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori są świadomi naszej nowej platformy, **Pushpay**, która umożliwia proste składanie ofiar na różne sposoby, w tym w formie elektronicznej.

Naszym celem jest zakończenie tego procesu do 3 czerwca 2024 r. W związku z tym, potrzebujemy parafian pomocy w przeniesieniu obecnych elektronicznych donacji do **Pushpay**. Email'e z instrukcjami i przypomnieniami są wysyłane do wszystkich obecnych użytkowników GiveCentral. Prosimy nie lekceważyć wiadomości od **Pushpay** - nie są one oszustwem ani śmieciami. Łatwe instrukcje z **Pushpay** zapewnią sprawne przeniesienie informacji.

Można również skorzystać z poniższego linku aby przejść bezpośrednio do **Pushpay** i ustalić wszystko według swoich życzeń:

Św. Tomasz Becket: <https://pushpay.com/g/stalphonsusstthomas>

Św. Alfons Liguori: <https://pushpay.com/g/stalphonsusliguori>

Zapraszamy nowe osoby zainteresowane składaniem ofiar drogą elektroniczną do skorzystania z tych linków.

Na pytania odpowiadają: Alyce (847-255-7452) lub Elżbieta (847-827-9220).

Serdeczne Bóg zapłać za ciągłe finansowe wsparcie parafii Świętych Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori.

Sunday Donations

Saints Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori Parish Collections

Y-T-D Sunday Collection: \$ 838, 392.00
(For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023)

Weekly Collections: \$ 20, 004.00

School / RE Collections: \$ 2, 012.00

Next week will be our Maintenance Collection.



Pushpay Online Giving QR Codes

St. Thomas Becket



St. Thomas Becket Church

<https://ppay.co/NMv6vRurR3Q>

St. Alphonsus Liguori



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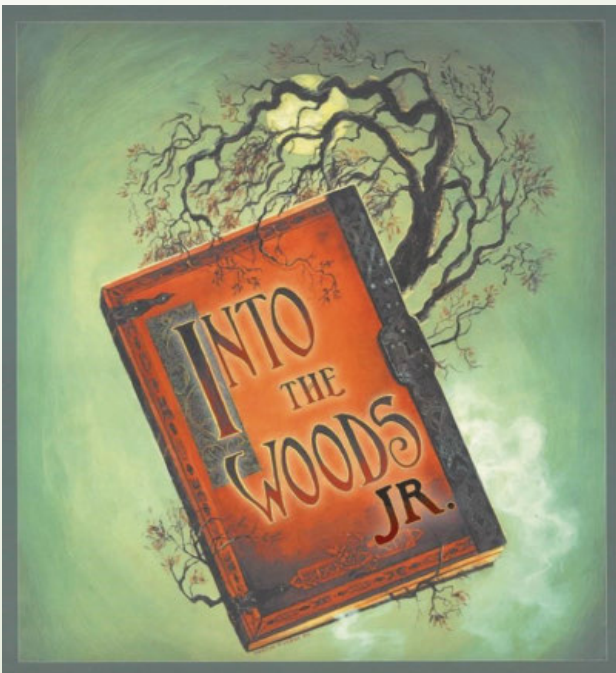
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**Saint Alphonsus Liguori School
Proudly Presents:**



Director:
Nesreen Duncan

May 17 * 7:00pm

May 18 * 7:00pm

May 19 * 3:00pm

St. Alphonsus Parish Center

\$10.00 Adults (*14 and older*)

\$5.00 Children (*under 2 free*)

Tickets on sale May 1
at the school office or online.

847.255.5538



Scan QR Code for Tickets!

Ministry News & Events

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 our Grief Group. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Upcoming Gatherings-
Tuesdays, April 30, May 14 & May 28
6:30pm—8:00pm
St. Thomas Becket Fellowship Room

Purpose: to be with you, to listen to you, to learn what we can do to support you. The gathering is hosted by Joni Fine, who is the assistant facilitator for *“To Be Joyful Again”* at *Holy Family Parish in Inverness*, and Doreen Kelly, STBAL Director of Parish Ministry and Evangelization.

Questions?
Contact Doreen Kelly, 847-255-7452 x 157

Senior Fun Club

Have you ever been envious of those people who could do beautiful floral arrangements? Well, envy no more!

Join us
Wednesday, May 8
9:00am

In the St. Alphonsus Meeting Rooms

Janine from Lurvey’s Garden Center will show us how it is done!



From the Ministry of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For the last several years we have shared our ministry of RCIA between St. Alphonsus, St. Thomas Becket, and St. Emily Parishes. This year at the Easter Vigil, four adults were received into the Catholic Church at St. Emily. They and their sponsors have journeyed together since September, meeting weekly at St. Alphonsus to learn about our faith and to share their experiences of how God is at work in their lives. This rich journey culminated in a very joyful celebration of Baptism for two of our candidates – Anthony and Phu – and Confirmation and First Communion for Anthony, Phu, Rebecca, and Estefany. We warmly welcome these new Catholics as their love of the Lord continues to deepen. We are truly grateful to our RCIA Team: Pam Platt and Fr. Steve Dombrowski from St. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori and Doreen Kelly from St. Emily.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry or know an adult who might be called by God to complete their sacraments of Initiation, please contact the Parish Office at 847-255-7452.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Together We Celebrate and Share the Joy of the Catholic Faith **Religious Education Registration for 2024/2025 School Year —** **Register Today!**

The Sts. Thomas Becket and Alphonsus Liguori Religious Education Program is ready to serve and assist you in your parenting role of sharing Catholic faith with your children. A program of this nature is meant to SUPPORT and NURTURE the faith that you share with your child at home. We can assist you in bringing your child to our faith by providing formal catechetical instruction, by modeling a Christian lifestyle, and by leading your child to experiences the faith in sacramental celebrations and stewardship.

Early online or in person registration is open!

The early registration with \$50 discount will continue through June 30th.

After that date the registration will continue through August 31st without any discounts.

For more information please call our RE office at: 847-255-9490 ext.116 or ext.104.

God bless!

Beata Bosak

Director of Lifelong Faith Formation



... to nowoczesna szkoła dla ambitnych

ZAPISY na nowy 2024/2025 rok szkolny

Nasza parafia sprawuje duchową pieczę nad Akademią języka Polskiego im Wandy Rutkiewicz. Akademia to szkoła polska, która prowadzi zajęcia w dwóch lokalizacjach w naszym sąsiedztwie: w Prospect Heights i w Arlington Heights.

Misją Akademii jest nauczanie kolejnych pokoleń młodych amerykańców języka polskiego, historii, tradycji i geografii Polski. Dzieci i młodzież są również przygotowywani w szkole do przyjęcia sakramentów Pierwszej Komunii Świętej i Bierzmowania, które otrzymują właśnie w naszej parafii, w kościele św Tomasza Becketa i Alfonsa Liguori.

Obecnie ruszyły zapisy do szkoły na nowy rok szkolny, dlatego prosimy rodziców z dziećmi w wieku już od lat trzech, o zainteresowaniu się szkołą. Szkoła cieszy się dobrą opinią i wysokim poziomem nauczania. Uczniowie kończący szkołę otrzymują certyfikaty językowe ważne w dalszym nauczaniu w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Wszystkie informacje i kontakt znajdują się na stronie internetowej szkoły: www.Rutkiewicz.org i pod numerem Tel.847 430-6777 - **Zapraszamy !!!**

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

With the fast approaching Mother's Day—May 12th—let us in a special way appreciate the work, sacrifice, and dedication of our mothers. A prayer is always welcomed and appreciated. At St. Thomas Becket, this is the 4th year, that a Novena will be offered in honor of all mothers, and we sincerely invite all to participate. Starting on Saturday, May 4th we will pray the Novena for nine consecutive days until May 12th. You are welcome to submit the names of the special women you want remembered. Their names will be placed on the Mary altar at St. Thomas Becket and in front of the Mary at Cana statue at St. Alphonsus Liguori. All names will also be published in the May 19th bulletin.

Using the form below, please submit the names of women you wish to honor, living or deceased, and return it to the office by May 8th or email to Liz: e.mika@stbal.org. A suggested offering of \$10 per name will be greatly appreciated.

NOWENNA Z OKAZJI DNIA MATKI

Z okazji zbliżającego się Dnia Matki (w USA 12go maja), w szczególny sposób chcemy docenić pracę, dedykację i poświęcenie naszych matek. Modlitwa jest zawsze mile widziana i jest najlepszym prezentem. Kościół Św. Tomasza Becketa, po raz czwarty, rozpocznie nowennę na cześć naszych matek i serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich do wzięcia udziału. Począwszy od soboty, 4-go maja, będziemy modlić się nowenną przez dziewięć kolejnych dni aż do 12-go maja. Zapraszamy do przesłania do nas godności szczególnych kobiet w naszym życiu. Imiona ich zostaną umieszczone na ołtarzu Maryi u Św. Tomasza Becketa i przed figurą Maryi w Kanie u Św. Alfonsa Liguori. Wszystkie nazwiska zostaną opublikowane w biuletynie 19-go maja.

Prosimy wypełnić poniższy formularz, wypisując żyjące lub zmarłe matki. Prosimy przesać je do biura do 8-go maja przez pocztę lub e-mail do Elżbiety: e.mika@stbal.org. Będziemy bardzo wdzięczni za ofiarę złożoną ku czci każdej matki, sugerowana ofiara to \$10 od osoby.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA: May 4—May 12

IN HONOR OF: _____

Ku czci: _____

DONATION MADE BY: _____

Ofiara złożona przez:

PLEASE PRINT NAMES—they will be published in the bulletin on May 19th.

Prosimy drukować—imiona i nazwiska będą w biuletynie 19-go maja.

Last Saturday, April 20th, at St. Thomas Becket, a very special SPRED Mass was held. SPRED stands for Special Religious Education for those with Developmental Disabilities. During that Mass, one friend: Jerry Anthony Joseph Nowak, received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The friends and their catechists were the focal point of that Mass. It was extremely moving and beautiful. SPRED meetings are held in a small group environment, on a one-to-one basis with no more than 6 friends. There are 4 age groups in SPRED: 6 - 10, 11 -16, 17 - 21 and 22+years of age. Our group here at Sts. Thomas Becket & Alphonsus Liguori is the 17-21 age grouping. We are in need of additional catechists for a second group of friends. Please consider becoming part of this amazing ministry. If you are interested in learning about this program please contact: Kathy Talken (847) 601-9823— Shirley Runge (224) 805-3451— Gloria Koney (847) 390-7180.



Last Sunday, at the parish Easter Celebration, 100 people had a grand old time! The food was delicious and plentiful, DJ kept everyone dancing, and much fun was had with the beautiful raffle prizes. THANK YOU to Smakowski Deli and DJ Wisniowski. Maria, Halina, Gosia, Lidia, Teresa, Piotr & Wieslaw - as always, you went above and beyond. THANK YOU to all who attended. The profit for the parish was \$2,000.

100 osób pięknie bawiło się podczas naszej parafialnej Świątynki w zeszłą niedzielę. Serdeczne podziękowania dla Smakowski Deli za pyszny obiad i DJ Wiśniowski za super zabawę. Specjalne podziękowania dla: Marii, Haliny, Gosi, Lidii, Teresy, Piotra i Wiesława - jak zawsze Wasza pomoc była bezcenna. DZIĘKUJEMY wszystkim, którzy wzięli udział. Zysk na korzyść parafii wyniósł \$2,000. Bóg zapłać.





WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

Join us for an 11-week bible study, *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Study Guide Cost: \$30.00

If you also want online access (to preview or review or in case you miss a class), the cost is \$35.00.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

For Information or to Register, contact Joe Cotugno at 847-650-4921 or j.cotugno@icloud.com, or Brad Vallem 847-714-2574 or bsvallem@aol.com, or register at either parish office.

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for grades 7th, 8th and High School

- Talks/Discussion (Rozmowy/Dyskusja)
- Prayer (Modlitwa)
- Interesting topics/ Opportunity to ask questions (Ciekawe tematy/ Możliwość zadawania pytań)
- Watching movies (Oglądanie filmów)
- Travel Together/ Mission Trips, etc. (Wspólne wyjazdy)
- Quality time among peers (Spędzanie czasu w gronie rówieśników)

Please contact:
Beata Bosak
Director of Lifelong Faith Formation



FOOD PANTRY NEWS...

Thanks to your generous donations, 15 families were provided food at the April 20 Food Pantry Distribution.



Please help the Food Pantry by donating the following items:

Canned Fruit
Canned Chicken
Canned Corned Beef
Bags or Boxes of Rice
Bags or Boxes of Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Spaghettios
Peanut Butter (regular size containers)
Jelly or Preserves
Toilet Paper

** Please NO cereal at this time, thank you!**

Thank you for your donations and support!

Dzięki hojnych donacji, 15 rodzin otrzymało żywność podczas dystrybucji w naszej Spizarni Żywności 20 kwietnia. Bóg zapłać.

Dla uzupełnienia spizarni potrzebne są następujących artykuły:

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Sos do makaronu
Spaghettios
Masło orzechowe (zwykle pojemniki)
Galaretki lub konserwy
Papier toaletowy

** W obecnej chwili NIE potrzeba cereal, dziękujemy!

Bardzo dziękujemy za wszystkie donacje i wsparcie!



Healing Mass

Join us for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing during Mass **Saturday, May 4 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!

**JOIN US
TUESDAY,
May 7!**

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 28, 2024



Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

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Register with our Parish

Call the Parish Office at 847-255-7452 or 847-827-9220, register on our website, or register in person.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

SENIOR FUN CLUB EVENT:

Chicago Cubs "SENIOR NIGHT"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

1:20pm GAME

\$40

Please Pray For:

~ Those Requesting Prayers ~

John Balzanto, Shirley Barker, Matthew Fitzgerald Batt, Henryk Bira, Jamal L. Carraway, Clayton Berrigan, Marie Berrigan, Donald Blickle, Lawrence Boesen, Thomas Boesen, Lola Bondzinski, Anna Braun, Jeanne Brown, Bernard Buchanan, Maria Budinger, Maria Cacucciolo, Harriett Ciesil, Jennifer Clyder, Terry Condon, John Doherty, Jack Dugan, Mary Dugan, Joan Fine, Heather Fischer, Tim Ford, Kevin Frei, Caryn Garber, Carol Glab, Peggy Gosch, Mary Graff, Johnny Gray, Brian Halpin, Kris Hansen, Liz Hardesty, David Hartman, Judy Hartman, Dale Hay, Kathleen Heinz, Salvina Hernandez, Jackie Hipelius, John Hipelius, Jessica Hough, Tom Huene, Jr., Itzy, Tom, Heune, Sr., Pam Jackstis, Mary Jo Johnson, RFK, Ann Kellerhals, Krzysztof, Mary Ann Kudjer, Carol Lange, Lucille Lay, Megan Lawler, Patti Lawler, Mary Margaret Lazich, Jim Leonard, Carol Lewandowski, Tony Lewandowski, Pat Linhart, Rick Lizars, Harper Lynn, Josephine Mallek, Claudia Marchetti, Mareena Mattison, Wendy Mattison, Michael McDonough, Kathleen McKenna, Jim McGowan, Brian Meschick, Joann Miller, Ann Michals, Gay Miezin, Cathy Moretti, Dick Moretti, Maeve Morgan, Dolores Murbach, Norine Naselli, John Naughton, Susan Naughton, Marilyn Olson, Bernie Olson, Susan Ostrowski, Michael Ricard, Mary Roseri, Michelle Roti, Ning Santos, Mary Jo Sheehy, John Shafer, Pat Schaefer, Stan Shafer, Ellie Schneider, Laura Schuerman, Robert "Bob" Smith, Stanley, Donna Tadda, Natalie Tadda, Barbara Teeple, Justin Thompson, Margaret Turansky, Steve Volkodav, Mickey Wallace, Martha Wieland, Michelle Zalewski

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



Sending Prayers

Baptisms

Franciszek Gadomski

Lukas Perkowski

Natalie Lukasik



~ 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*

Capt. Peter Straka, U.S. Army, *son of Timothy and Carol Straka*

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

Capt. Michael K. Yoshino, U.S. Army, *son of Keith & Kristine Yoshino*

Col Michael B. Sheridan, U.S. Army, *nephew of Anita Thomas*

Lt. Col Chiara Sheridan, U.S. Army, *relative of Anita Thomas*

Maj. Christina M. Rudolph, U.S. Army Reserves, *daughter of Julianne Henington*

LCpl. Tim Haerr, USMC, *great nephew of Joyce Patton*

LCDR Patrick Mitchell, USN, *son-in-law of Jean and Tom Spiegelhalter*

CPO, Matthew Lee, USN, *nephew of Patrick Lee*

Cpl. Jason Matker, USMC, *grandson of Donald (& Carol) Matker*

FCA2 Andrew Fonseca, USN, *parishioner*

Sgt. Eric Fonseca, USMC, *parishioner*

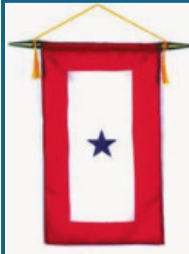
Sgt. Robert McKavanagh, USMC, *son of Deana McKavanagh*

Add a Person / Update Rank / Remove from List

Contact Deana: 847-255-7452 x 131

d.mckavanagh@stbal.org

Looking for Families of Active Duty Service Men and Women



Mount Prospect American Legion Post 525 would like to give Blue Star Banners to the immediate family members (son, daughter, father, mother, sister or brother, spouse) of those currently serving in the military.

Blue Star banners date back to World War I, and were hung in the windows of family members, to let everyone know they had a loved one in the service. The American Legion Family has brought this practice back in recent years.

We are having a ceremony and complimentary lunch Sunday, July 14th, 2024 at the Moose Lodge #660 (our American Legion Post 525 home), 602 N. Main St., Mt Prospect, IL, and would like to include you and your family.

Please contact us with the name, branch of service, and rank of your immediate family member currently serving in the military.

Deadline to register is July 1st.

To register please contact Marcie Kane at mfkane6@gmail.com.

Community Events and Support Groups:

SPRED Catechists Needed at St. Joseph the Worker-



Special Religious Education Catechists are needed for children with developmental disabilities ages 11-16. To learn more, please join us at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on **Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00pm**. For further information, please visit the SPRED website at www.queenofangelsspred.org. Questions? Contact Julia Hess at jhess@archchicago.org or 773-539-7510.

Summer 2024 Adult Confirmation—



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, June 3, 7-9 pm, at St. Edna Parish (Door #2), 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights. Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. **Registration closes on May 23**. Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration; lcrepeau@stedna.org, 847-398-3362, ext. 325.

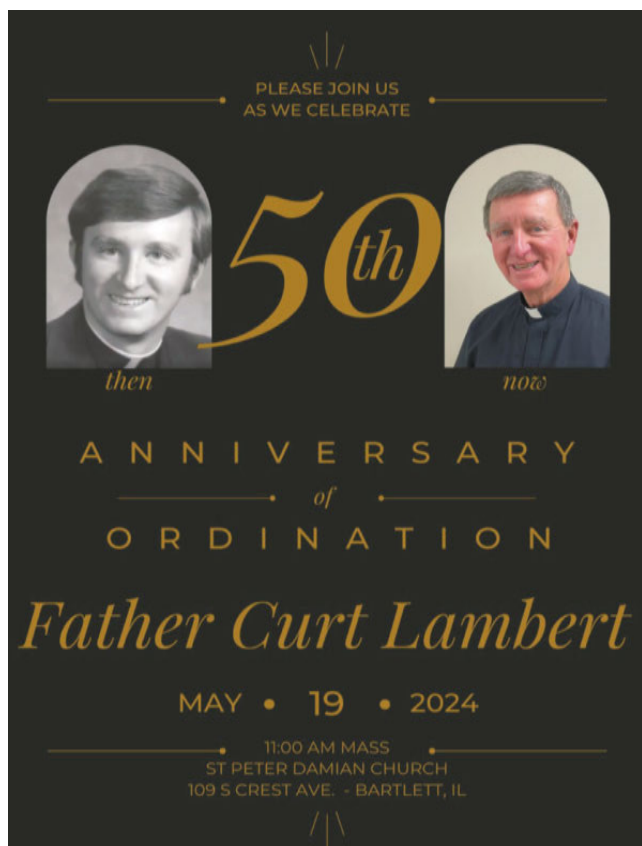
Panel Discussion: Teen Anxiety & Depression-

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Join us for a panel discussion on Teen Anxiety and Depression.

Wednesday, May 1 from 6:30pm-7:30pm at St. Viator Querbes Hall: 1213 E. Oakton St., Arlington Heights, IL

Presented by Grace Mental Health Ministry of St. James, St. Edna and Our Lady of the Wayside Parishes, in collaboration with St. Viator High School and Compass Health Center.



If you are a victim of domestic violence (male or female), or know someone who is, and need help, please contact one of these numbers: WINGS 24 hr. Hotline and Counseling Services and Emergency Shelter [847-221-5680](tel:847-221-5680) • National Domestic Violence Hotline 24 hr. [800-799-7233](tel:800-799-7233) • National Dating Abuse Helpline, (including teens) [866-331-9474](tel:866-331-9474) • Visit www.ndvh.org **In an Emergency dial 911**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends—

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Pregnant? Need help?—

Call Crisis Pregnancy at 1-800-662-2678. *St. Mary's Services* Offers **FREE** confidential counseling to assist women with an unplanned pregnancy, postpartum depression, grief and loss over a miscarriage, stillbirth, post abortion, and/or adjustment to motherhood. Our baby closet is available for all receiving counseling. For information call 847-870-8181.

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—

Family members of individuals living with mental health conditions are invited to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Family Support Group the **second Tuesday of each month 7:00-8:30pm** 1400 E. Central Road in Mt. Prospect. Questions? Contact Mary Rose at 847-496-1415

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