SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Martin Orjianioke, Pastor

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May 13, 2018 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — WHITE

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil	4:30 pm
Sunday	10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday	8:30am

SAINT ALPHONSUS Daily

Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am
Saturday	8:30 am

SACRAMENTS

SAINT ALPHONSUS Confession

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday	8:00 am
Or by appointment	

Baptism or Marriage preparation

Call for appointment

DEVOTIONS

SAINT ALPHONSUS Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday and First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass

Rosary

First Saturday	8:00 am
Sunday morning	10:05 am

ST. ALPHONSUS & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Alphonsus & Ave Maria Parishes is to proclaim and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church through liturgy, education, community service, social events, and witness for Christ who has blessed our lives in the larger community of Tipton & Lauderdale Counties and beyond. Our parish life is centered on the Eucharist during which we celebrate, in joy, the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

What's Happening this Week!

Saturday, May 12	
4:30 pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, May 13	
8:30 am	Mass - Ave Maria
8:45 am	PRE-St. Alphonsus
10:05 am	Rosary - St. Alphonsus
10:30 am	Mass - St. Alphonsus
Monday, May 14	
6:00 pm	Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron
Tuesday, May 15	
10:00 am	Friends of the Poor
6:30 pm	Evening Prayers followed with Mass
Wednesday, May 16	
10:15 am	Legion of Mary
Saturday, May 19	
8:00 am-12:00 pm	1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Retreat

The Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal. St. Alphonsus is at 32% participation and Ave Maria is at 48% participation. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the narthex. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

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(just South of Highway 19 junction)
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Mass Intentions

Saturday	05/12	4:30 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus & Ave Maria
Sunday	05/13	8:30 am	+Juanita Moore by Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Hallock
Sunday	05/13	10:30 am	For Sr. Doris Blum by Steve & Beth Teer
Tuesday	05/15	7:00 pm	+Revs. John Jackson & Msgr. John Batson
Wednesday	05/16	12:00 pm	In Thanksgiving
Thursday	05/17	12:00 pm	+Jose Miguel Ortiz by Jose & Jana Ortiz
Friday	05/18	8:30 am	For Chibuanuli Uzuegbu for Healing
Saturday	05/19	8:30 am	+Rhoda Ojiokekochie

Please Pray for

Our Ill Priests

Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello

Our Loved Ones

Rosemarie Aird	James & Robin Barnett
Eva Adams	Patti Butner
William Barrett	Mary Bixler
Virginia Bowden	Christina Cahaly
Joe Bynum	Patrick Christy
Paul Casagrande	Liz Crosslin
Elizabeth	Cass Douglas
Michael Ellis	Leslie Finn
Norita Fegere	Philip Galaska
Karri Flannigan	Lackey Gilmore
Tamara Gardner	Christie Johnson
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Jackson Hughey
Lisa Hogan	Lauren/Faith Holloway
Luanne Jergens	Beverly Jiminez
Mode Jones	Judy Kovach
Laura Swope-Keller	Cindy Lavelli
Gloria Louimet	Jacob LeFils
Emile Latour	Diane Maness
Debbie Marshall	David McConnell
Barbara McKay	Sandra Pellegren
Kevin Matras	Pat Panky
David Powell	Jody Rodriguez
Joan Robertson	Betty Owen
Mary Schaefer	Chris Plourde
Sam Stitt	Beverly Pratt
Mibong Shin	Carmen Sosa
Ray & Yelba Stevenson	Frank Salvaggio
Michael Sedinger	Donna Williams
Peter Vanderven	Earl Yeomans
Gale Wilson	

Our Parishioners

Mike Brower	Jason Brower
Jerry Bryant	Peter Burkhart
Mary DiBiasi	Dixie Duncan
John Folden	Joe Francis
Marge Knight	Joe King
Nancy Lind	W. D. Knight
Jerry & Rose Mills	Maria McConnell
Elaine Perry	Eleanor Nunn
Barbara Schneider	Lynda Rogers
Frank Stephens	Holly Schaefer
Irma Wilson-deRoze	Vasanta Wilson-deRoze

The altar flowers at Ave Maria are from the garden of

Mrs. Mary Ellen Poynter

The altar flowers at St. Alphonsus are provided by Elaine Shelby in Honor of Heather Murphy's Birthday

If you are interested in providing the altar flowers as a memorial, or for another special occasion, please sign-up in the narthex.

Please notify the church office if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or to update our prayer list.

cont.... 7 things Pope Francis wants you to know about Jesus' Ascension

5) What is the second point? A second element: St Luke says that having seen Jesus ascending into heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem "with great joy." This seems to us a little odd. When we are separated from our relatives, from our friends, because of a definitive departure and, especially, death, there is usually a natural sadness in us since we will no longer see their face, no longer hear their voice, or enjoy their love, their presence. The Evangelist instead emphasizes the profound joy of the Apostles. But how could this be? Precisely, because, with the gaze of faith they understand that although he has been removed from their sight, Jesus stays with them forever, he does not abandon them and in the glory of the Father supports them, guides them and intercedes for them.

6) How does Luke's other book--the book of Acts--record the Ascension? St Luke too recounts the event of the Ascension — at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles — to emphasize that this event is like the link of the chain that connects Jesus' earthly life to the life of the Church. Here St Luke also speaks of the cloud that hid Jesus from the sight of the disciples, who stood gazing at him ascending to God (cf. Acts 1:9-10). Then two men in white robes appeared and asked them not to stand there looking up to heaven but to nourish their lives and their witness with the certainty that Jesus will come again in the same way in which they saw him ascending into heaven (cf. Acts 1:10-11). This is the invitation to base our contemplation on Christ's lordship, to find in him the strength to spread the Gospel and to witness to it in everyday life: contemplation and action, ora et labora [Latin, "pray and work"], as St Benedict taught, are both necessary in our life as Christians.

7) What does the Ascension imply about Jesus' presence with us? Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: We have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: The Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, May 31st
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendars get your walking shoes ready and be prepared for the first
St. Alphonsus/Ave Maris
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
Sunday, June 3rd
More detail information to follow next week

Sacramental Celebrations

All are invited and encouraged to attend these sacramental celebrations. Receptions will immediately follow in the parish halls.

First Holy Communion

Please keep our first communicants in your prayers as they receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, May 20, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Michael Buda ***Chloe Miller*** ***Kaitlynn Miller***

May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Ave Maria Coffee & Donuts / Food Pantry

Coffee and donuts will be served after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, May 20th at Ave Maria Mission. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. All are welcome!

May Crowning Ceremony

On Sunday, May 13, a ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church for the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The ceremony will be held at the grotto, followed by the rosary and Mass in the church.

Happy Mother's Day
For all our Mothers and Grandmothers.
May the blessings of our Lord be with you today and always

Readings for May 14-May 20

Monday
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday
Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday
Acts2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34; Jn 20:19-23

Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Eucharistic	Eucharistic Loft	Servers	Ushers	Collections	Gifts
May 12	J. Prizina	M. Folden		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		M. Griffis		A. Calvet			
				J. Schaefer			
May 13	S. Farris	S. Poltrock		J. Fritz	D. Williams	Volunteer	D. & K. Williams
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
May 13	J. Terry	K. Cross	K. Ferguson	J. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am		J. Powell		Ju. Walker			
				D. Gobellan			
				L. Marquez			
May 19	J. Prizina	S. Burkhardt		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		M. Folden		J. Schaefer			
May 20	J. Pavletic	S. Matras		J. Fritz	P. Fritz	Volunteer	P. & L. Fritz
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
May 20	J. King	J. Dwyer	J. Dwyer	C. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am	M. Moreno	K. Clark		H. Smith			
				L. Marquez			
				A. Garcia			

***** 2nd Collection Catholic Communication Campaign *****

May 6, 2018	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2017	Ave Maria 2017
Budget	$ 2,000.00	$ 365.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 365.00
Regular	$ 2,527.00	$ 372.00	$ 2,623.00	$ 270.00
Maintenance	$ 707.00	$ 126.00	$ 787.00	$ 89.00
Food Pantry	$ 270.00	$ —	$ 110.00	$

Volunteers

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
May 19	J. Brower	A. Hessling	M. Stephens	B. Wellbrock
May 26	E. Teer	L. Pesnell	M. Stephens	B. Wellbrock

Attendance Last Week

May 6	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm Vigil				
8:30 Mass	—	—	24	4
10:30 Mass	96	42		

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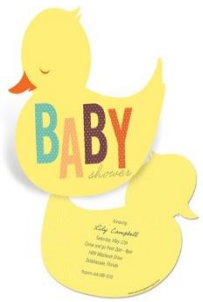
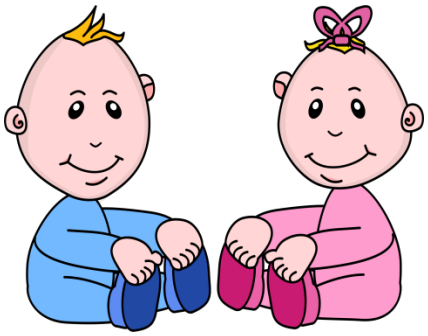
During the Month of May

Collecting items to fill Baby Baskets





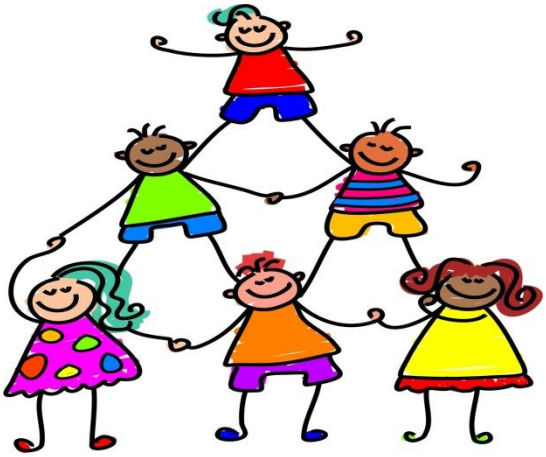
to Welcome New Babies with Parents to OUR PARISH FAMILY

Items needed include:

Diapers	Baby clothes	Bibs
Baby wipes	Receiving blankets	Toys
Wash clothes	Onesies	Socks

Please place in the baby baskets in the Parish Hall
Point of Contact is: Beth Teer @ 901-605-7337
Or email @ elizabethteer@yahoo.com

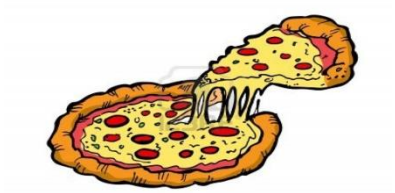
YOUTH EVENING LOCK-IN



Friday June 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME**

Pizza, SNACKS & FUN ACTIVITIES



With Prayer time and Reciting the Rosary

*Children ages 4- 6 years must have a parent stay with them

SIGN UP sheet in Parish Hall

Points of Contact are Beth Teer @ 901-605-7337 or Jean Terry @ 901-283-1553