SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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March 31, 2019 | **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** | **Violet**

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil	4:30 pm
Sunday	10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday	8:30am

SAINT ALPHONSUS Daily

Monday	12:00 pm
Tuesday	12:00 pm
Wednesday	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, Mar 30	
4:30 pm	Vigil Mass-Confirmation
Sunday, Mar 31	
8:30 am	Mass - Ave Maria
8:45 am	NO PRE-Spring break
10:05 am	Rosary - St. Alphonsus
10:30 am	Mass - St. Alphonsus
Monday, Apr 01	
6:00 pm	Lenten Gospel Reflection
Tuesday, Apr 02	
10:00 am	Friends of the Poor
6:00 pm	RCIA
Wednesday, Apr 03	
10:15 am	Legion of Mary
7:00 pm	K of C Meeting Council 10641
Thursday, Apr 04	
5:00 pm	Choir
Friday, Apr 05	
5:00 pm	KofC Fish Dinner
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

Knights of Columbus Council 10641 will have a meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm in the parish hall at St. Alphonsus.

Want your children involved in good healthy fun & activities bring them to:
Youth Nite-April 10th, 5:30-7:30
See flyer insert for details.

Mass Intentions

Please Pray for

Saturday	03/30	4:30 pm	For the Confirmandi
Sunday	03/31	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	04/01	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	04/02	12:00 pm	
Tuesday	04/03	12:00 pm	
Wednesday	04/04	12:00 pm	+Sr. Roselle by Sr. Doris
Friday	04/05	8:30 am	
Saturday	04/06	8:30 am	For Barbara Wasilewska by Julie Weber

Our Ill Priests

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

Our Parishioners

Jason Brower	Brandon Lovelace
Mike Brower	Maria McConnell
Jerry Bryant	Jerry & Rose Mills
Juanita Buda	Eleanor Nunn
Harriet Cooper	Elaine Perry
Gene Cross	Fernando Romero
Mary DiBiasi	Lynda Rogers
Dixie Duncan	Holly Schaefer
John Folden	Barbara Schneider
Joe Francis	Jack & Joan Smith
Terry Guy	Julie Smith
Peggy Haywood	Frank Stephens
Patsy Hoffman	Elizabeth Sullivan
Joe King	Irma Wilson-deRoze
Nancy Lind	

March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Evangelization – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Our Loved Ones

Eva Adams	Elizabeth
Rosemarie Aird	Michael Ellis
James & Robin Barnett	Norita Fegere
William Barrett	Karri Flannigan
Betty Jo Bennet	Melissa Flores
Mary Bixler	Ella Forkum
Virginia Bowden	Philip Galaska
Dave Buda	Kathy & Ronda Gentry
Patti Butner	Mickey Hartman
Joe Bynum	Timothy Hoffman
Christina Cahaly	Lisa Hogan
Paul Casagrande	Wanda Hubicki
Bonnie Coltrane	Jackson Hughey
Patrick Christy	Luanne Jergens
Liz Crosslin	Beverly Jiminez
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Christie Johnson
Heather Daniels	Ester Jones
Kenneth Duncan	Mode Jones

Our Loved Ones-(cont.)

Laura Swope-Keller	Beverly Pratt
Judy Kovach	Maria Refujio Flores-Estrada
Emile Latour	Joan Robertson
Cindy Lavelli	Jody Rodriguez
Jacob LeFils	Mary Schaefer
Dietmar Linden	Cynthia Simmons
Evelyn Lynn	Carmen Sosa
Diane Maness	Andrea Stafford
Debbie Marshall	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Kevin Matras	Sam Stitt
Stan Matras	Peter Vanderven
Barbara McKay	Barbara Wasilewska
Linda Medford	Donna Williams
Pat Pankey	Steve Williams
Sandra Pellegren	Gale Wilson
Chris Plourde	Earl Yeomans
David Powell	

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross provides us with an opportunity to meditate on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. This devotion will be held at St. Alphonsus at 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent. On Good Friday, Stations will be held at 3:00 p.m.

St. Basil the Great

In A.D. 368 when Cappadocia was stricken with a dire famine, the suffering was intense. Basil distributed the entirety of his inheritance to the poor. He also used Church funds to open soup kitchens where he was often found serving food, girded with an apron. Some of the people in his social class, however, both held on to their money and enjoyed profit from the higher prices resulting from decreased supply and increased demand. We are fortunate to still possess the text of a homily he preached to his peers during this crisis: "You refuse to give on the pretext that you haven't got enough for your own need. But while your tongue makes excuses, your hand convicts you—that ring shining on your finger silently declares you to be a liar! How many debtors could be released from prison with one of those rings! How many shivering people could be clothed from only one of your wardrobes? And yet you turn the poor away empty-handed."
—from the book When the Church Was Young: Voices of the Early Fathers

Eucharistic Fast

Canon law states, "One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion" (CIC 919). The elderly, the sick, and their caretakers are excused from this obligation. *Chewing gum breaks the Eucharistic fast, and therefore should not be used an hour before Mass. Also, one should NEVER receive Holy Communion with chewing gum in one's mouth, and food or drink should not be brought into the Church.*

For anyone interested in watching the installation there will be a link on the homepage of the CDOM website which will be made available for everyone to view, live as of Monday, April 1. Programs will be made available as well.

Lenten Penance Service UPDATE

A Penance Service will be held at St. Alphonsus on Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. *Canon law states that "After they have reached the age of discretion, all the faithful are obliged to confess serious sins at least once a year."* Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good way to prepare for Easter.

Lenten Secret Prayer Angels: Do you have a prayer request this Lent? Do you want to be a Lenten Secret Prayer Angel? We have the solution! This Lenten season St. Alphonsus and Ave Maria will place in each church a Prayer Bowl. If you have a prayer request fill out a card and place in the bowl. If you want to be a Secret Prayer Angel take one of the cards and pray for that person's needs this Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday and Saturday devotions are held each month at St. Alphonsus. On Friday, April 5th, Eucharistic Adoration will immediately follow the 8:30 a.m. Mass. On Saturday, April 6th, the Rosary will be recited at 8:00 am, followed by Mass at 8:30 and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for all those who wish to spend a quiet, contemplative hour with the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Robert Szczechura will be leading a Eucharistic Minister Training class at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, April 6th from 9am - 3pm. Pre-Registration, including the participant's pastor approval, is required. Please pick up a registration form in the parish office.

Readings for Apr 01 -Apr 07

Monday
Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13 Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday-St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday
Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30
Thursday-St. Isidore, Bsp, DOC
Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
Friday-St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday
Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53
Sunday
Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Eucharistic	Eucharistic Loft	Servers	Ushers	Collections	Gifts
Mar 30	C. Clark	M. Folden		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		J. Prizina		A. Calvet			
				E. Teer			
Mar 31	S. Matras	J. Pavletic		J. Fritz	D. Williams	Volunteer	D. & K. Williams
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
Mar 31	J Buda	K. Cross	B. Wellbrock	J. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am		J. Terry		Jacob Walker			
				K. Miller			
				G. Delisio			
Apr 06	A. Calvet	S. Burkhardt		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		M. Folden		J. Schaefer			
Apr 07	Volunteer	Volunteer		J. Fritz	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
Apr 07	C. Jones	K. Clark	G. Buda	C. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am		J. Powell		K. Miller			
				H. Smith			
				EP. Moreno			

Mar 24, 2019	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2018	Ave Maria 2018
Budget	$ 2,000.00	$ 365.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 365.00
Regular	$ 1,988.00	$ 310.00	$ 1,779.00	$ 232.00
Food Pantry	$ 60.00	$	$ 160.00	$

******** 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief ********

Volunteers

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
Apr 06	K. Clark	E. Teer	P. Haynes	B. Wellbrock
Apr 13	J. Terry	L. Pesnell	P. Haynes	B. Wellbrock

Attendance Last Week

Mar 17	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	38	4	—	—
8:30 Mass	—	—	21	6
10:30 Mass	81	14	—	—

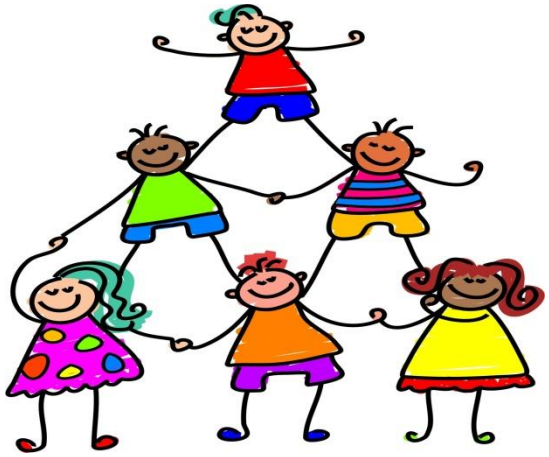
This week's Birthday-Happy Birthday!!

Carmen Jones 03/31

Consider offering or attending Mass for yourself or a loved one's birthday.
If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list please contact the parish office.

All those who celebrate their birthday in the month of March will receive a special blessing at the Masses on March 30th and 31st.

YOUTH GATHERING



ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME*

WEDNESDAYs APRIL 10th and APRIL 24th

From 5:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. with Dinner and Snacks

COME and ENJOY

FOOD, GAMES & ACTIVITIES

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

MUST SIGN UP in the Parish Hall for planning purposes

CALLING ALL GRASS MOWERS!!!

With the coming of spring the lawns are starting to green up and it won't be long before we will need to start mowing to keep our grounds neat and clean.

Commercial lawn care is very expensive. So, to keep costs under control, a team of volunteers is used for this task. We have all the equipment, all we need is a little of your time. The goal is to have enough volunteers (2 per weekend) so that it will only be necessary for each person to help no more than 2-3 times for the season (April through September). If you were on the team last year—THANK YOU! and please join us again.

We need new members as well.

Many use' this as a great opportunity for family parish participation. If you can spare just a little of your time this summer, please call

Bryan Wellbrock 901-482-1554