



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil	4:30 pm
Sunday	10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday	8:30am
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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
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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 14

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 15

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

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Monday, May 16

6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study

Tuesday, May 17 NO DAILY MASS

9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 18

10:15 am Legion of Mary

Thursday, May 19

10:30 am No St. Robert Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir



Quote by St. Alphonsus:

Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.

SAINT ALPHONSUS

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Mailing Address • PO Box 430 • Covington, Tennessee 38019

Parish Office 901.476.8140 • FAX 901.476.9650 • Rectory 901.501.6105

AVE MARIA

(just South of Highway 19 junction)
664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee



www.stalphonsuscovington.org

Saint Isidore the Farmer's Story-May 15th



Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His

devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals.

He died May 15, 1130, and was declared a saint in 1622, with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri. Together, the group is known in Spain as "the five saints."

Reflection

Many implications can be found in a simple laborer achieving sainthood: Physical labor has dignity; sainthood does not stem from status; contemplation does not depend on learning; the simple life is conducive to holiness and happiness. Legends about angel helpers and mysterious oxen indicate that his work was not neglected and his duties did not go unfulfilled. Perhaps the truth which emerges is this: If you have your spiritual self in order, your earthly commitments will fall into order also. "Seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness," said the carpenter from Nazareth, "and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).

Save the Dates: Vacation Bible School

July 26th thru July 29th

5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Contact Beth Teer 901-605-7337

The children have asked for a vacation bible school, please help make this possible for them.

Your help is needed please prayerfully consider serving the Lord and making a difference in our children's world in this important ministry.

Dinner, dessert, games, music and crafts will be provided

Attendance Last Week

May 8	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	35	8		
8:30 Mass			23	2
10:30 Mass	54	10		

Readings for May 16-May 22

Monday

Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday-St. John I, Pope, M

Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday-St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday-St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest

Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 14:23-29

The parish office will be closed next week

Monday, May 16th thru Thursday May 19th and will reopen on Monday, May 23rd at 9:00 am

Prayer for the sick and those in need:

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.

Please



Our Ill Priests	
Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello

Our Parishioners	
Leonard Bergen	Lenny Lind
Jerry Bryant	Maria McConnell
Peter Burkhardt	Jerry & Rose Mills
Florinda Clark/Family	Eleanor Nunn
Kay & Gene Cross	Doloris Pfountz
Ellen Daily	Lynda Rogers
Jack Duff	Holly Schaefer
Derek Durham	Barbara Schneider
John Folden	Joan Smith
Jack Haywood	Cyburn Sullivan
Jim & Lois Hayden	Elizabeth Sullivan
Pat Haynes	Annette Tustin
Billie Hutchins	Patton Williams
Beverly Jiminez	Irma Wilson de Roze

Our Loved Ones	
Shirley Arnold	Christie Johnson
James & Robin Barnett	Ester Jones
Tim Baltz	Mode Jones
William Barrett	Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick
Lula Belue	Phillis King
Joe Bergen	Judy Kovach
Daniel Borrego	Emile Latour
Virginia Bowden	Cindy Lavelli
Jane Bringle	Jacob LeFils
Darlene Brooks	Dietmar Linden
Dan Browers	Susana Linden
Daniel Buda	Linda Medford
Dave Buda	Danny Miller
Joe Bynum	Ronnie Nipp
Christina Cahaly	Sally Paulus
Angela Canady	Tom Pavletic
Patrick Christy	Sandra Pellegren
Lottie Crofton	William Perry
Bella Crosby	Beverly Pratt
Liz Crosslin	Joan Robertson
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Allan Rose
Heather Daniels	Russom Family
Lillie Daves	Mike Sadler
Dixie Duncan	Mary Schaefer
Michael Ellis	Kerry Short
Rob Engel	Andrea Stafford
Willie Ferrell	Yelba Stevenson
Karri Flannigan	Sam Stitt
Ella Forkum	Jay St. John
Tammy Freeman	Cathy Stowers
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Toni Swindell
Elizabeth Guntert	Jennifer Tidwell
John Haywood, Jr.	Peter Vanderven
Shannon Heindel	Meredith Veeder
Kay Hernandez	Mr. & Mrs. J. Watkins
Gunther Hitchcock/family	Donna Williams
Lisa Hogan	Steve Williams
Betty Hopper	Coila Winters
Lisa Hutton	

In Prayerful Remembrance

*Please pray for the repose
of the soul of*



Robert Harbin
husband of



St. Alphonsus Parishioner
Lana Harbin

*Eternal rest grant unto him O' Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

May-Pope's Prayer Intention: *For faith-filled young people*



We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Liturgical Ministers				
	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
May 14	A. Calvet	K. Sass	M. Griffis	B. Wellbrock
		E. Teer		
		J. Schaefer		
May 15	G. Buda	G. Winters	A. Calvet	J. Buda
	C. Jones	EP Moreno		J. Terry
		M. Buda		C. Clark-Loft
May 21	L. Pesnell	K. Sass	E. Teer	B. Wellbrock
		E. Teer		
		J. Schaefer		
May 22	C. Clark	N. Gogel	M. Griffis	K. Clark
	J. Terry	M. Buda		R. Tankersley
		A. Moreno		G. Buda-Loft

Sunday 2nd Collection: Capital
May 22nd NEXT WEEK'S 2nd Collection: None

Volunteers				
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
May 21	K. Brumley	B. Matthews	J. Buda	Tankersley/Teer
May 28	E. Teer	A. Calvet	J. Buda	Wellbrock/Weaver
Jun 04	K. Clark	E. Teer	A. Hessling	Hessling/Brown

May 8, 2022	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2021	Ave Maria 2021
Budget	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 5,397.00	\$ 1,346.00	\$ 3,497.00	\$ 820.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Apr) 43 wks.	\$ 7,842.00	\$ 3,725.00	\$	\$
Friends of the Poor \$1,000 CCWTN grant	\$ 1,150.00	\$	\$ 580.00	\$
Food Pantry	\$ 150.00	\$	\$	\$

 Mass Intentions 			
Saturday	5/14	4:30 pm	For Special Intention
Sunday	5/15	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	5/15	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	5/16	12:00 pm	+Rev. Msgr. John R. Batson
Tuesday	5/17	12:00 pm	NO DAILY MASS
Wednesday	5/18	12:00 pm	+Carmen Sosa by Carmen Jones
Friday	5/20	8:30 am	+Rev. Joseph L. Tagg III
Saturday	5/21	8:30 am	+Rev. Richard Gantert

*With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,
the Diocese of Memphis
joyfully announces and invites you to the
Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
of*

REVEREND MR. REVEREND MR.
GABRIEL BOUCK SCOTT BAHRKE

*through the Imposition of Hands
and Prayer of Ordination by*

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REVEREND DAVID P. TALLEY
BISHOP OF MEMPHIS

SATURDAY, THE FOURTH OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO
AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
1695 Central Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, 38104



Masses of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated

REVEREND
GABRIEL BOUCK

SUNDAY, THE FIFTH OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO
AT ELEVEN IN THE MORNING

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
190 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

REVEREND
SCOTT BAHRKE

SATURDAY, THE FOURTH OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO
AT FOUR IN THE EVENING

ST. BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH
7801 Lowrance Road, Memphis, Tennessee

Holy Father, who, by no merit of his own, chose Fr. Gabe for communion with the eternal priesthood of your Christ and for the ministry of your Church, grant that he may be an ardent yet gentle preacher of the Gospel and a faithful steward of your mysteries. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Please pray for

FR. GABE BOUCK

Ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ on
June 4, 2022

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Memphis, Tennessee

Image: Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt (1620-69)

Ave Maria needs volunteers
for our
Church Cleanup!



A new ministry is starting at Ave Maria
to help the needy in Lauderdale County.
Help is needed to clean the storage rooms, closets,
and the kitchen.

Saturday, June 11th at 9:00 am

Please signup in the Narthax at Ave Maria

or

The parish hall at St. Alphonsus

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Thank you!