



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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Sep 20, 2020

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREEN

## 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, Sep 19

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday, Sep 20

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

### Monday, Sep 21

6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study

### Tuesday, Sep 22

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

6:00 pm RCIA

### Wednesday, Sep 23

11:30 am Rosary

### Thursday, Sep 24

11:00 am St. Bellarmine Bible Study

4:00 pm Choir

### Decree

Please note the dispensation from the obligation to attend holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will end on October 4th. Please view the decree attached in your email.

Copies will be available in the narthex.

### SAINT ALPHONSUS

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### AVE MARIA

(just South of Highway 19 junction)

664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee



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# Mass Intentions



Saturday	09/19	4:30 pm	
Sunday	09/20	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	09/20	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	09/21	12:00 pm	+Ann Walters by Beth & Steve Teer
Tuesday	09/22	12:00 pm	
Wednesday	09/23	12:00 pm	+Sr. Doris Blum by Maureen Foust
Friday	09/25	8:30 am	+Jason Samuel Simpson by Levi Russell
Saturday	09/26	8:30 am	+Eileen Brady by Fritz Family

## Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

September 19th

*But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. for surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.*  
-Psalm 5:11-12

September 20th

*No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.*  
-Hebrews 3:13-14

## Readings for Sep 21 – Sep 27

Monday-St. Matthew, Apostle

Epg 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44  
Lk 8:1-21

Wednesday-St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163  
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Ecc 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Ecc 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday-Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Ecc 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:28-32

## September Birthdays

Ellen Daily 9/19

Linda Hallock 9/22

Hunter Buda 9/23

Rick Keenan 9/25



Consider offering or attending Mass, or visiting a church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for yourself or a loved one's birthday, thanking God for the gift of family and life.



Surviving Stormy Seas

When I shall have arrived at port, I will teach you how to travel, dear little brother of my soul, on the stormy sea of the world: with the surrender and the love of a child who knows his Father loves him and cannot leave him alone in the hour of danger... The way of simple love and confidence is really made for you. -from the book

[The Way of Simple Love: Inspiring Words from Therese of Lisieux](#) by Father Gary Caster

“Per direction from the diocese, the pews and other touchpoints should be sanitized between masses. We need parishioners willing to wipe down the pews after each weekend mass. It only takes a few minutes, but we need more willing hands to wipe end caps, tops of the pew backs and front edge of the seats to help lessen the chance of spreading COVID-19 in our church.”

**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 Pray*



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

Our Parishioners	
Kay Bergen	Lenny Lind
Jason Brower	Anna Matthews
Mike Brower	Stan Matras
Jerry Bryant	Maria McConnell
Peter Burkhardt	Christina Miller
Lottie Crofton	Jerry & Rose Mills
Kay & Gene Cross	David Moore
Dixie Duncan	Eleanor Nunn
Derek Durham	Elaine Perry
John Folden	Ginger Poteete
Natasha & Mark Gray	Fernando Romero
Evan Grueling	Lynda Rogers
Jack & Peggy Haywood	Holly Schaefer
Lois Hayden	Barbara Schneider
Pat Haynes	Joan Smith
Patsy Hoffman	Frank Stephens
Beverly Jiminez	Elizabeth Sullivan
Kathy Laxton	Irma Wilson-de Roze

Our Loved Ones	
James & Robin Barnett	Mode Jones
William Barrett	Laura Swope-Keller
Betty Jo Bennet	Phillis King
Mary Bixler	Judy Kovach
Virginia Bowden	Emile Latour
Darlene Brooks	Cindy Lavelli
Dave Buda	Jacob LeFils
Joe Bynum	Dietmar Linden
Christina Cahaly	Susana Linden
Angela Canady	Evelyn Lynn
Patrick Christy	Joe Marking
Bella Crosby	Debbie Marshall
Liz Crosslin	Linda Medford
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Beth McNeill
Heather Daniels	Sandra Pellegren
Michael Ellis	Beverly Pratt
Rob Engel	Joan Robertson
Karri Flannigan	Mary Schaefer
Melissa Flores	Cynthia Simmons
Ella Forkum	Carmen Sosa
Philip Galaska	Andrea Stafford
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Elizabeth Guntert	Sam Stitt
Robert E. Harbin	Jay St. John
James Phillip Harbin	Jennifer Tidwell
Kay Hernandez	Peter Vanderven
Lisa Hogan	Brad & Paige Warmath
Betty Hopper	Donna Williams
Wanda Hubicki	Steve Williams
Luanne Jergens	Coila Winters
Christie Johnson	Earl Yeomans
Ester Jones	



*The altar flowers at St. Alphonsus are provided by*

*Rosario Esquivel in memory of her son  
Kevin Michael Couch*

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

**September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

**Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

# Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans
Sep 19 4:30 pm	J. Terry	A. Calvet	M. Griffis
Sep 20 10:30 am	G. Buda	E. Teer	J. Buda
Sep 26 4:30 pm	D. Lombardo	K. Sass	A. Calvet
Sep 27 10:30 am	J. Lombardo	B. Ciesiolka	M. Griffis

# Attendance Last Week

Aug 30	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	24	2		
8:30 Mass			16	3
10:30 Mass	48	12		

**Sunday 2nd Collection:  
Capital**

Sept 13, 2020	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2019	Ave Maria 2019
Budget	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 2,224.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 1,672.00	\$ 381.00
Friends of the Poor	\$ 110.00	\$	\$ 110.00	\$
Catholic University	\$ 329.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 512.00	\$ 68.00

Volunteers				
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
Sep 19	Terry	Matthews	L. Flowers	Volunteers
Sep 26	Clark	Teer	L. Flowers	Volunteers
Oct 03	Calvet	Sass	J. Brower	Volunteers

## Did you know...

One parish ministry has been very busy! The Saint Alphonsus/Ave Maria Food Pantry & Friends of the Poor Committee have been serving needy clients throughout Tipton and Lauderdale Counties for many years due to generous donations from our parishioners. Additionally since May 2020 we have enjoyed a wonderful partnership with Catholic Charities of West Tennessee (CCWT). CCWT has provided our Food Pantry with:

1. over 500 prepared boxes of dried food,
2. thousands of pounds of frozen meats and,
3. over 500 dozen eggs.

During the month of August we were able to help 145 families (a total of 341 people) with basic food needs. Over half of these families have children and many of the remainder are quite elderly.

Our Friends of the Poor activity help families who are having trouble with sufficient funds to keep their utilities on or even paying their rent. We typically have limits on the amount given to an applicant and on rare occasions we will provide greater assistance based on our funds available. During the month of August, Friends of the Poor were able to help 8 families financially with rent or utilities. Furthermore, we assist the homeless with temporary shelter and other basic needs.

Continued support is still much needed and greatly appreciated from our parishioners to allow this ministry to assist those in our communities who are in need.

Our team recently welcomed two new members in Ellis Barrett and David Calvet. We can always use an extra set of hands if you're looking for something to do on Tuesday mornings from 9AM to 11AM. Please contact Dave Hessling at 901-497-2720 to volunteer. If you know of a family that is in need and could use some assistance ensuring they have food, please let them know about our Food Pantry. No one is turned away!!