



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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Dec 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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, Dec 26

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec 27

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am NO PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

Monday, Dec 28 NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 29 NO MASS

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

6:00 pm NO RCIA

Wednesday, Dec 30 NO MASS

10:15 am Legion of Mary

11:30 am Rosary

Thursday, Dec 31

4:00 pm Choir

4:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Alphonsus

Friday, Jan 01 No Daily Mass/No Adoration

8:30 am Mass at Ave Maria

10:00 am Mass at St. Alphonsus

Saturday, Jan 02 No Daily Mass/No Adoration

4:30 pm Vigil Mass at St. Alphonsus

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 | 12/26 | 4:30 pm | For Ella & Wayne Smith by Len and Kay Bergen |
| Sunday | 12/27 | 8:30 am | For the Parishioners of Ave Maria |
| Sunday | 12/27 | 10:30 am | For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus |
| Monday | 12/28 | 12:00 pm | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | 12/29 | 12:00 pm | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | 12/30 | 12:00 pm | NO MASS |
| Friday | 1/01 | 8:30 am | Mass at Ave Maria |
| Friday | 1/01 | 10:00 am | Mass at St. Alphonsus |
| Saturday | 1/02 | 8:30 am | NO MASS |

Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

December 26th

I close my letter with these last words: Be Happy, Grow in Christ. Pay attention to what I have said. Live in harmony and peace. And may the God of love and peace be with you. -II Corinthians 13:11

December 27th

The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.-Psalm 67:1



December Birthdays

Dave Hessling 12/31

Readings for Dec 28 – Jan 04

Monday-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

I Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8 Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday-

I Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday

I Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

I Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 44-13 Jn 1:1-18

Friday-Solemnity of Mary

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Lk 2:16-21

Saturday-Sts. Basil the Great Bsp, DOC &

Gregory Nazianzen, Bsp, DOC

I Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Sunday

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Mt 2:1-12

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.*

Due to the Holy Holiday Schedule

the Parish Office will be closed

December 21, 2019 thru January 3, 2020

the office will open on Monday, January 4



Amazing Opportunity: In honor of the recent Beatification of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, the K of C are offering *free online membership* (\$30 value) to all eligible Catholic men. To qualify, you must be at least eighteen years old, baptized and a practicing Catholic. Join at www.kofc.org/joinus and use the discount code: **MCGIVNEY2020**. Offer ends December 31, 2020. The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut and is a family, fraternal service organization dedicated to lives of charity, unity, and fraternity. Direct any questions to: Membership@kofc-tn.org.

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 | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Jerry Bryant | Lenny Lind |
| Peter Burkhardt | Stan Matras |
| Pat Butner | Maria McConnell |
| Bill Ciesiolka | Christina Miller |
| Lottie Crofton | Jerry & Rose Mills |
| Kay & Gene Cross | David Moore |
| Dixie Duncan | Eleanor Nunn |
| Derek Durham | Ginger Poteete |
| John Folden | Fernando Romero |
| Floanne Garrett | Lynda Rogers |
| Evan Grueling | Holly Schaefer |
| Jack & Peggy Haywood | Barbara Schneider |
| Lois Hayden | Joan Smith |
| Pat Haynes | Frank Stephens |
| Beverly Jiminez | Elizabeth Sullivan |
| Carmen Jones | Irma Wilson de Roze |

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

In Prayerful Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Elaine Perry,

St. Alphonsus parishioner

and mother of

Denise & Ellis Barrett



*Eternal rest grant unto her O' Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

Gracious God, inspire me this Advent to make straight my ways so that you can come to me and our world.

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Attendance Last Week

| Dec 20 | St. Alphonsus | | Ave Maria | |
|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | Adult | Children | Adult | Children |
| 4:30 pm | 24 | 2 | | |
| 8:30 Mass | | | 24 | 4 |
| 10:30 Mass | 38 | 4 | | |

Sunday 2nd Collection: None

Saint Stephen's Story



“As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained about the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry

of the word.’ The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 6:1-5).

Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

In his speech, Stephen recalled God’s guidance through Israel’s history, as well as Israel’s idolatry and disobedience. He then claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. “...you always oppose the holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors” (Acts 7:51b).

Stephen’s speech brought anger from the crowd. “But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ ... They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. ...As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ...’Lord, do not hold this sin against them” (Acts 7:55-56, 58a, 59, 60b).



O Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, well-beloved Son of the Blessed Virgin and foster Child of St. Joseph, we most fervently implore Thee, through [Mary](#) Thine ever-blessed Mother and [St. Joseph](#) Thy foster father, take our [children](#) under Thy special charge and enclose them in the love of Thy Sacred Heart. They are the [children](#) of Thy Father in Heaven, created after His own image; they are Thy possession, for Thou hast purchased them with Thy Precious Blood; they are temples of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified them in [Baptism](#) and implanted in their hearts the virtues of faith, [hope](#) and charity.

O most loving Jesus, rule and guide them, that they may live according to the holy [Catholic](#) Faith, that they may not waver in their confidence in Thee and that they may ever remain faithful to Thy love.

O Mary, [Blessed Mother](#) of Jesus, grant to our [children](#) a place in thy pure maternal heart! Spread over them thy protecting mantle when danger threatens their innocence; keep them firm when they are about to stray from the path of virtue; and should they have the misfortune of falling into mortal sin, oh, then raise them up again, reconcile them with thy Divine Son and restore them to Sanctifying Grace.

And thou, O holy foster father St. Joseph, do not abandon our children! Protect them from the assaults of the wicked enemy and deliver them from all dangers of [soul](#) and body.

O dear [parents](#) of the holy Child Jesus! Intercede for us [parents](#) also, that we may bring up our [children](#) in the love and fear of [God](#) and one day attain with them the Beatific Vision. Amen. Catholic Online