



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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December 2, 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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, Dec. 01

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec. 02

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 04

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

6:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, Dec. 05

10:15 am Legion of Mary

5:00 pm Ave Maria F/C Mtg

Thursday, Dec. 06

4:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, Dec. 07 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:00 pm Advent Study

6:00 pm Vigil Mass at Ave Maria

Saturday, Dec. 08 SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 am Holy Day of Obligation-Mass at St Alphonsus

Christmas Ticket Sales

following the Masses on Saturday/Sunday. Children 12 and under are FREE, yet require a ticket. Ticket prices are \$10.00 each. Saturday see Lynda Rogers and Sunday Diana Lombardo.

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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Please Pray for



 Mass Intentions 			
Saturday	12/01	4:30 pm	+Sylvester Bellow by Jerry Bellow
Sunday	12/02	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	12/02	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	12/03	12:00 pm	Ryleigh Deeley by Fr. Rob
Tuesday	12/04	12:00 pm	+Mr. Emeka Odinwankpa (brother of Fr. Fausta Odinwankpa) by Fr. Rob
Wednesday	12/05	12:00 pm	+Rev. Joseph L. Paolozzie
Friday	12/07	8:30 am	+Ursula Courtnage by Dianna Glover
Friday	12/07	6:00 pm	For Joel Rivera for sleep & mercy
Saturday	12/08	8:30 am	+The Most Rev. Carroll T. Dozier, DD

Our Ill Priests

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

Our Parishioners

Jason Brower	Joe King
Mike Brower	Nancy Lind
Jerry Bryant	Maria McConnell
Sandy Burkhardt	Jerry & Rose Mills
Harriet Cooper	Elaine Perry
Gene Cross	Lynda Rogers
Mary DiBiasi	Holly Schaefer
Dixie Duncan	Barbara Schneider
John Folden	Frank Stephens
Joe Francis	

*The altar flowers at Ave Maria
are from the garden of*

Mrs. Mary Ellen Poynter

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

*Diana Lombardo * Kathy Laxton
In Remembrance of*

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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



Happy Birthday!

Angela Price 12/03
Frank Stephens 12/05
Kyle Wright 12/07

If you would like to have your name added to the birthday list please call the parish office.

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

Our Loved Ones

Eva Adams	Michael Ellis
Rosemarie Aird	Norita Fegere
James & Robin Barnett	Leslie Finn
William Barrett	Karri Flannigan
Betty Jo Bennet	Melissa Flores
Mary Bixler	Ella Forkum
Virginia Bowden	Doug Foust
Patti Butner	Philip Galaska
Joe Bynum	Kathy & Ronda Gentry
Christina Cahaly	Patsy Hoffman
Paul Casagrande	Timothy Hoffman
Chuck Casagrande	Lisa Hogan
Patrick Christy	Wanda Hubicki
Liz Crosslin	Jackson Hughey
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Luanne Jergens
Cass Douglas	Beverly Jiminez
Kenneth Duncan	Christie Johnson
Elizabeth	Kathleen Jergens

Our Loved Ones

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



Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

December Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday, it is still a Holy Day of obligation. However, all Saturday evening Masses need to be celebrated for the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Therefore, Immaculate Conception Masses should be celebrated Saturday before the first Vespers for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, or Friday evening, Dec. 7th, after the 1st Vespers for the Immaculate Conception. To fulfil this obligation St. Alphonsus/Ave Maria Mass schedules are:

Friday, December 7th at Ave Maria at 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 8th at St. Alphonsus at 8:30 am



St. Alphonsus on
Friday Evenings
4 weekly classes

November 30th thru December 21st
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Cost for Advent Reflections Booklet: \$4.00
PLEASE RSVP
Contact: Beth Teer: 901-605-7337 or
Kay Bergen: 901-476-6614



A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity. Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

In Prayerful Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Sylvester Bellow,

Brother of St. Alphonsus parishioner

Jerry Bellow



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

May he rest in peace.

Amen.

K of C Christmas Cards Sale

The Knights of Columbus will once again be sponsoring a Christmas Cards Sale in cooperation with St. Paul's Books & Gifts. A nice collection of Catholic books, statues, Bibles, pins, scapulars, and rosaries will be available. If you want something, the Knights will do everything they can to get it for you. The sale will be held after Mass every Saturday & Sunday from November 3rd to December 18th, in the St. Alphonsus parish hall.

Contact Dave Hessling (901) 497-2720.

Christmas Party



The Bald Butcher will be catering the dinner with Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, and 2-Sweet Potato Casseroles, one with nuts

and one without nuts. Parishioners are asked to bring your favorite desserts and dinner rolls for the Christmas Party on December 9th. Also, vegetarian casseroles and vegetables are needed for those who do not eat meat.

Readings for Dec 03 - Dec 09

Monday-St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-St. John Damascene, Priest

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday-St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday-St. Ambrose, Bishop, DOC

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday-Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 3:1-6



Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Eucharistic	Loft	Servers	Ushers	Collections	Gifts
Dec 01	A. Calvet	M. Folden		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		J. Prizina		C. Jacobs			
Dec 02	J. Pavletic	S. Matras		J. Fritz	P. Fritz	Volunteer	P. & L. Fritz
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
Dec 02	C. Jones	K. Clark	B. Wellbrock	C. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am		F. Stephens		G. DeLisio			
				T. Daley			
				H. Smith			
Dec 08	E. Teer	M. Folden		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		J. Prizina		R. Keenan			
Dec 09	S. Matras	J. Pavletic		J. Fritz	G. Hallock	Volunteer	G. & L. Hallock
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
Dec 09	J. Terry	K. Clark	G. Buda	J. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am		K. Cross		J. Walker			
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Nov 18, 2018	Saint Alphonus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonus 2017	Ave Maria 2017
Budget	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 1,827.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 2,469.00	\$ 336.00
Human Development	\$ 461.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 452.00	\$ 62.00
Food Pantry	\$ 60.00	\$	\$ 60.00	\$
Friends of the Poor	\$ 50.00	\$	\$	\$

***** 2nd Collection: Maintenance *****

Volunteers

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
Dec 01	Volunteer	Volunteer	J. Buda	
Dec 08	Volunteer	Volunteer	J. Buda	

Attendance Last Week

Nov 25	St. Alphonus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	43	4	—	—
8:30 Mass	—	—	20	6
10:30 Mass	74	14	—	—

COMING SOON!

St. Alphonus & Ave Maria Annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday December 9th at the First United Methodist Church Christian Life Center. Make your plans to be there for a delicious dinner, great entertainment and wonderful fellowship with family and friends. Anyone interested to help with planning and execution of this joyful celebration please contact Beth Teer at 901-605-7337 call or text or email: elizabethteer@yahoo.com