



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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March 3, 2019

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Green

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, Mar 02

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Mar 03-ST. KATHRINE DREXEL

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

8:45 am PRE

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

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Monday, Mar 04

6:00 pm 4 Doctors of the Church Study

Tuesday, Mar 05 - FAT TUESDAY

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

6:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, Mar 06

10:15 am Legion of Mary

5:00 pm Choir

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Friday, Mar 08

5:00 pm K of C Fish Fry Lenten Dinner

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 09

9:30 am Altar Server Training

A heads up! Next week March 9th, Daylight Savings Time Begins! Remember to spring forward 1 hour before going to bed so your not late for Mass



SAINT ALPHONSUS

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Mass Intentions



Please Pray for



Saturday	03/02	4:30 pm	
Sunday	03/03	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	03/03	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	03/04	12:00 pm	
Tuesday	03/05	12:00 pm	
Wednesday	03/06	12:00 pm	
Friday	03/08	8:30 am	+Dorothy Cammer
Saturday	03/09	8:30 am	

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
Patsy Hoffman	Julie Smith
Joe King	Frank Stephens
Nancy Lind	Elizabeth Sullivan

Our Loved Ones

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

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.

The Altar flowers at Ave Maria are provided by David and Elaine Ewing in memory of Mary Ellen Poynter

The altar flowers at St. Alphonsus are provided by Elaine Shelby

In Memory of Catherine Elizabeth Comella

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

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

Mode Jones	David Powell
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
Barbara McKay	Peter Vandervan
Linda Medford	Barbara Wasilewska
Pat Pankey	Donna Williams
Joe Pavletic	Steve Williams
Sandra Pellegren	Gale Wilson
Chris Plourde	Earl Yeomans

It's that time of year!
Please bring your last year's palm to the
parish hall and place in the labeled box.
We will collect palms until March 3rd

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims, of sexual abuse by a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers: Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline (1-877-237-0004) or Victim Assistance Coordinator (901-652-4066); or Director of Child and Youth Protection (901-359-2027). All reports are treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers programs of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.

Altar Servers-CURRENT & NEW

There will be altar server training for existing and new altar servers on Saturday, March 9th from 9:30 to 10:30. It will be a refresher for all existing servers and some extended training for new servers who need to practice altar server movements during mass. Please contact the church office to sign up or contact Anne Calvet at 901-387-8642.

St. Patrick Luncheon Tickets go on sale February 16th & 17th, space will be limited so don't procrastinate, get your tickets quickly.

Traditional Irish food, corned beef, potatoes, cabbage w/carrots, desserts and Irish beer.



Come & Join us on February 18th at 6:00
for a study on
"The 4 Doctors of the Church"
this week we are featuring
"St. Gregory The Great"

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.

Lenten Penance Service

A Penance Service will be held at St. Alphonsus on Monday, April 1, 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.

The Lord says, "Give and gifts will be given to you." As good stewards, we are called to give back our gifts of time, talent, and treasure for all we have been given by our living God.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

God, whose love is never-ending,
You care for us in all ways and at all times
By providing nourishment for our bodies,
minds, and souls.

You call us each by name to share
Your love with everyone we meet.

Awaken in us the desire to build our faith family, and
give us generous hearts and minds, so that we use
our gifts to show the Father's love to each other.

We ask this as through you Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.
1 Thessalonians 5:25: Brothers, pray for us!

St. Alphonsus Church and Garden Clean-up
March 16th at 9:30 am (see insert for details)
Contact: Beth Teer 901-605-7337

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

IN GIVING WE RECEIVE

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. If you do not have a card, please fill out a commitment card located in the Narthex.

It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

Readings for Mar 04-Mar 10

Monday-St. Casimir

Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 Mk 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday-Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday-St. John of God, Rel.

Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday-St. Frances of Rome, Rel.

Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Lk 4:1-13



Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Eucharistic	Loft	Servers	Ushers	Collections	Gifts
Mar 02	A. Calvet	M. Folden		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		S. Burkhardt		J. Schaefer			
				E. Teer			
Mar 03	S. Matras	J. Pavletic		J. Fritz	G. Hallock	Volunteer	G. & L. Hallock
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
Mar 03	C. Jones	K. Clark	B. Wellbrock	C. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am		J. Powell		G. Delisio			
				D. Gobellan			
Mar 09	E. Teer	S. Burkhardt		K. Sass	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
4:30 pm		J. Prizina		J. Schaefer			
Mar 10	J. Pavletic	S. Farris		J. Fritz	D. Williams	Volunteer	D. & K. Williams
8:30 am				M. Fritz			
				J. Fritz			
Mar 10	C. Clark	K. Cross	J. Terry	J. Daley	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30am		J. Powell		J. Walker			
				E. Moreno			
				H. Smith			

Feb 24, 2019	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2018	Ave Maria 2018
Budget	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 1,723.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 2,055.00	\$ 427.00
Food Pantry	\$ 60.00	\$	\$ 15.00	\$

***** 2nd Collection: Maintenance *****
NOTE: The collection for East Europe will be collected on March 10th
-Not March 3rd as stated on your envelope-

Volunteers				
	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens	Lawn
Mar 09	Volunteer	S. Harmon	A. Hessling	
Mar 16	J. Tankersley	T. Daley	A. Hessling	E. Teer

Happy Birthday!!



Gabrielo Moreno 02/05
 Judith Carreon 02/11
 Hadley Greuling 02/24
 Justin Walker 02/25
 Danielle Buda 03/04
 Stan Matras 03/05

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.

Attendance Last Week				
Feb 24	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Children	Adult	Children
4:30 pm	35	6	—	—
8:30 Mass	—	—	20	4
10:30 Mass	84	29	—	—

St. Alphonsus Spring Clean-up

for the



Church and Garden/Yards

on

Saturday March 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Many hands make light work!

Help to make our Parish beautiful for Archbishop Kurtz visit for Confirmation & upcoming Easter

Church: washing the pews, polishing brass, cleaning votive candle holders, etc

Parish Hall: cleaning hall, hallway and back parish room

Gardens/Yards: weeding, trimming bushes/trees, mulching and may include mowing

Points of Contact are: Anne Calvet or Beth Teer

Make it a FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENT!!!

Service hours available.

Lunch and drinks will be provided (pizza, sandwiches, snacks)

Saint Katharine Drexel

March 3rd

If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away millions of dollars. Katharine Drexel did that.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, she had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, Katharine also had a grand debut into society. But when she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, she saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound turn.

Katharine had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by what she read in Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*. While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities.

After three and a half years of training, Mother Drexel and her first band of nuns—Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored—opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed. By 1942, she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states.

Reflection

Saints have always said the same thing: Pray, be humble, accept the cross, love and forgive. But it is good to hear these things in the American idiom from one who, for instance, had her ears pierced as a teenager, who resolved to have "no cake, no preserves," who wore a watch, was interviewed by the press, traveled by train, and could concern herself with the proper size of pipe for a new mission. These are obvious reminders that holiness can be lived in today's culture as well as in that of Jerusalem or Rome.

Ash Wednesday-March 6th

Be Faithful to the Gospel

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

These are the words most often used as we are signed with ashes. It is a call to conversion, a call to follow Christ, a call to change our lives. No one heard this call and followed it more devotedly than Saint Francis of Assisi.

He began with the most basic interpretation of a text, but he didn't stop there. He began by throwing aside his tunic, shoes, and walking staff, but over time discovered the many ways in which possessions can keep us from seeking God. He began by carrying stones and fitting them into the crumbling walls of Assisi's churches, but over time he inspired his followers to reinvent the Church.

Pray with Saint Francis

Most High, Glorious God, bring light to the darkness of my heart, give me right faith, certain hope, and perfect charity. Amen.