



# SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

# AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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**April 14th, 2024**

**3rd Sunday of Easter/3° Domingo de Pascua**

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## 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.

## DEVOTIONS/DEVOCIÓN at ST. ALPHONSUS

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucaristía

First Friday and First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass  
Primero Viernes y Sábado de cada mes despues 8:30 am Misa

Rosary/Rosario

First Saturday/Primero Sábado 8:00 am  
Sunday morning/Domingo por la mañana 10:05 am

MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO de MISAS	
<b>SAINT ALPHONSUS</b>	
Saturday/Sábado	4:30 pm
Sunday/Domingo	10:30 am
Misa en español	12:15 pm
<b>Sunday/Domingo</b>	
<b>AVE MARIA</b>	
Sunday/Domingo	8:30am
<b>ST. ALPHONSUS Daily/Diario</b>	
Monday/Lunes	12:00 pm
Tuesday/Martes	12:00 pm
Wednesday/ Miercoles	12:00 pm
Friday/Viernes	8:30 am
Saturday/Sábado	8:30 am

## SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

**SAINT ALPHONSUS**  
Confession/Confesión

Saturday/Sábado 4:00 pm  
Sunday/Domingo 10:00 am

**AVE MARIA**

Sunday/Domingo 8:00 am  
or by appointment/Llame para pedir cita

Baptism or Marriage preparation  
Bautismo o Matrimonio preparacion

Call for appointment/Llame para pedir cita



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



### SAINT ALPHONSUS

1225 Highway 51 South (at Tatlock) • Covington, Tennessee  
Mailing Address • PO Box 430 • Covington, Tennessee 38019

### AVE MARIA

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

Parish Office 901.476.8140 • FAX 901.476.9650



[www.stalphonsuscovington.org](http://www.stalphonsuscovington.org)

## Announcements/Anuncios

First Holy Communion Will be on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 and 12:15 Masses.

Our Communicants are:

Haleigh Buda  
Elum Gogel  
Kathy Lugo



La Primera Comunion será el domingo 14 de abril en las misas de las 10:30 y 12:15.

Nuestros comulgantes son:

Haleigh Buda  
Elum Gogel  
Kathy Lugo

Spanish/English Class to be offered at St. Alphonsus. If you are interested to learn to speak Spanish/English please contact Beth Teer at the parish office or cell phone at 901-605-7337. A minimum of 5 people are required for the class. It will be 2 hours and cost \$15.00



Clase de español/inglés que se ofrecerá en St. Alphonsus. Si está interesado en aprender a hablar español / inglés, comuníquese con Beth Teer en la oficina parroquial o por teléfono celular al 901-605-7337. Se requiere un mínimo de 5 personas para la clase. Será de 2 horas y costará \$15.00

Vacation Bible School Registration for July 22-26 will begin next Sunday 4/21/2024. All youth from ages 3 years old to 17 years old are encouraged to join in this food, fun, faith and games time. Older youth will assist as Youth Leaders for the groups.

Cost is \$20.00/child which includes drinks, snacks, dinner and crafts. For families with 3 or more youth the max is \$50



La inscripción para la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones del 22 al 26 de julio comenzará el próximo domingo 21/4/2024. Se anima a todos los jóvenes de 3 a 17 años a unirse a este tiempo de comida, diversión, fe y juegos. Los jóvenes mayores asistirán como líderes juveniles de los grupos.

El costo es de \$ 20.00 / niño que incluye bebidas, bocadillos, cena y artesanías. Para familias con 3 o más jóvenes, el máximo es de \$50.

How do you want to get involved in the parish?

-Choir - Sacristan - Lector -PRE  
-Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
-Garden Maintenance -Cleaning our Church  
And Hall -Liturgy Scheduling, -& Other areas

Contact the Parish Office: 901-476-8140

¿Cómo quieres involucrarte en la parroquia?

-Coro - Sacristán - Lector -PRE  
-Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión  
-Mantenimiento del jardín -Limpieza de nuestra iglesia y Hall -Programación de la liturgia, -Otras áreas

Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial:  
901-476-8140

Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

Maria McConnell 04/21

Nathan Greuling 04/23

Holly Schaefer 04/22

Ellis Barrett 04/30



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*. If you would like to have your name added to the birth day list please call the parish office at 901-476-8140

**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.

Our Ill Priests/Nuestros Sacerdotes Enfermos		
Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby	Fr. Burke
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello	



**Pray for all  
of our loved  
ones and for  
those who  
are ill**



Our Parishioners/Nuestros Feligreses	
Leonard Bergen	Jerry & Rose Mills
Jerry Bryant	Michael & Margaret Nailor
Peter & Sandy Burkhardt	Doloris Pfountz
Gene Cross	Elaina Prizina
Ellen Daily	Lynda Rogers
Virginia & Jack Duff	Holly Schaefer
Derek Durham	Joan Smith
Donna Ewer	Cyburn Sullivan
George Hallock	Elizabeth Sullivan
Evan & Jen Greuling	Janine Tankersley
Jim & Lois Hayden	Annette Tustin
Pat Haynes	Dottie Wellbrock
Billie Hutchins	Patton Williams
Beverly Jiminez	Irma Wilson de Roze
Josephine King	
Nancy Koleas	Kathy Laxton
Maria & David McConnell	Maryana Leon
Rebecca Medford	Maria Vasquez

Our Loved Ones/Nuestras Seres Queridos	
Shirley Arnold	Christie Johnson
Willaim Armstrong	Ester Jones
James & Robin Barnett	Anna & Jerry Kay
Tim Baltz	Cynthia/Ed Kilpatrick
William Barrett	Phillis King
Joe Bergen	Judy Kovach
Jane Bringle	Janice Kuyoth
Darlene Brooks	Cindy Lavelli
Dan Browsers	Sondra Lewis
Randy Eastwood	Dietmar Linden
Joe Bynum	Louanne Little
Christina Cahaly	Kelly Mayfield
Angela Canady	Nancy McClanahan
Alissa Chandler	The McCully Family
Patrick Christy	Linda Medford
Bella Crosby	Alex Medford
Liz Crosslin	Danny Miller
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Ronnie Nipp
Dell Daves	Dr. Mark Olson
Danny Duff	Sally Paulus
Peter DuFau	Tom Pavletic
Dixie Duncan	Sandra Pellegren
Michael Ellis	William Perry
Rob Engel	Beverly Pratt
Willie Ferrell	Joan Robertson
Karri Flannigan	Diane Robinson
Tammy Freeman	Russom Family
Luke Garza	Mike Sadler
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Andrea Stafford
Elizabeth Guntert	Jay St. John
Pam Grimsley	Toni Swindell
Guy & Julie Hassan	Jennifer Tidwell
Shannon Heindel	Peter Vanderven
Kay Hernandez	Bobby Ray Vaught
Gunther Hitchcock & family	Mr. & Mrs. J. Watkins
Lisa Hogan	Donna Williams
Betty Hopper	Steve Williams
Chris Huffman	Lee Ward
Larry & Jane Isome	Virginia/Richard Whitehorn
Terry Jergens	Beau Younger

**April-The Pope's Prayer Intention: For the Role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world**

**Abril - La intención de oración del Papa: Por el papel de la mujer: Oramos para que se reconozca la dignidad y el inmenso valor de la mujer en todas las culturas, y por el fin de la discriminación que experimentan en diferentes partes del mundo .**

# SACRAMENT REQUIREMENTS/ REQUISITOS PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

## BAPTISM

Registered 3 months with Parish  
Parents/Godparents attend 1 hour class within the past 2 years;  
Letter or document for attending a class is required from the parish  
Two godparents & One godparent (preferably both) must be Catholic in "good standing"



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

## BAUTISMO

Registrado 3 meses con Parroquia  
Los padres / padrinos asisten a clase de 1 hora en los últimos 2 años;  
Se requiere una carta o documento para asistir a una clase de la parroquia  
Dos padrinos y un padrino (preferiblemente ambos) deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registered with the Parish  
Letter or document of baptism  
Attend 2 year PRE class  
Attend 1 day Retreat/Reconciliation



## PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia  
Carta o documento de bautismo  
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años  
Asistir a 1 día de Retiro/Reconciliación

## CONFIRMATION

Registered with the Parish  
Letter or document of baptism  
Letter or document of 1st Holy Communion  
Attend 2 year PRE class  
Attend Confirmation Retreat  
Participate in Community Service  
Sponsor(s) must be a Catholic in "good standing"  
Sponsor must provide a letter from their home parish



## CONFIRMACIÓN

Registrado en la Parroquia  
Carta o documento de bautismo  
Carta o documento de la 1ª Comunión  
Asistir a la clase PRE de 2 años  
Asistir al retiro de confirmación  
Participar en el servicio comunitario  
Los patrocinadores deben ser católicos de "buena reputación"  
El patrocinador debe proporcionar una carta de su parroquia de origen

## MATRIMONY

Registered with the Parish and a Catholic "in good standing"  
Letter or document of baptism, first communion and confirmation  
Six months marriage prep classes  
Diocesan marriage prep activities  
Witness(es) must be Catholic in "good standing"



## MATRIMONIO

Registrado en la parroquia y católico "en buen estado"  
Carta o documento de bautismo, primera comunión y confirmación  
Seis meses de clases de preparación para el matrimonio  
Actividades diocesanas de preparación matrimonial  
Los testigos deben ser católicos en "buena reputación"

## Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana April 15th



**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection:  
None/Ninguno**

**Sunday/Domingo April 21st**

**Capital**



### This Week/Esta Semana!

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>
	6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>Apr 16</b>
	9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry
	1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry
<b>Wednes,</b>	<b>Apr 17</b>
	10:15 am Legion of Mary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Apr 18</b>
	4:00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Apr 19</b>
	9:15 am St. Parasceva Crocheting Mnstry

### Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

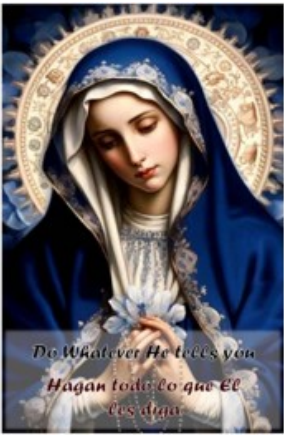
	Lectors	Servers	Sacristans	EMHC
<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>S. Stegall</b>	<b>D. Hessling</b>	<b>M. Griffis</b>	<b>D. Hessling</b>
<b>4:30</b>		<b>K. Sass</b>		
		<b>J. Schaefer</b>		
<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>M. Buda</b>	<b>D. Hessling</b>	<b>J. Wheeler</b>	<b>D. Hessling</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>N. Gogel</b>	<b>A. Calvet</b>		<b>J. Buda</b>
		<b>A. Gogel</b>		<b>R. Tankersley</b>
		<b>C. Gogel</b>		
<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>C. Moreno</b>	<b>Ep. Moreno</b>	<b>N/R Ortiz</b>	<b>I/S Lugo</b>
<b>12:15</b>	<b>L. DeLaO</b>	<b>A. Montoya</b>		
		<b>M. Ruiz</b>		
<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>A. Calvet</b>	<b>J. Schaefer</b>	<b>A. Calvet</b>	<b>E. Teer</b>
<b>4:30</b>		<b>J. Watkins</b>		
<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>J. Terry</b>	<b>N. Gogel</b>	<b>R. Wheeler</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>G. Buda</b>	<b>C. Buda</b>		<b>R. Tankersley</b>
		<b>Jo Jasper</b>		<b>J. Wheeler</b>
<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>R. Esquivel</b>	<b>R. Ortiz Jr</b>	<b>I/S Lugo</b>	<b>N/R Ortiz</b>
<b>12:15</b>		<b>J. Gobellan</b>		
		<b>E. Montoya</b>		

### Readings for Apr 15– Apr 21

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 6:8-15</b>	<b>Ps 119:23-30</b>	<b>Jn 6:22-29</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 7:51-8:1</b>	<b>Ps 31:3-21</b>	<b>Jn 6:30-35</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 8:1-8</b>	<b>Ps 66:1-7</b>	<b>Jn 6:35-40</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 8:26-40</b>	<b>Ps 34:8-20</b>	<b>Jn 6:44-51</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 9:1-20</b>	<b>Ps 117:1-2</b>	<b>Jn 6:52-59</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 9:31-42</b>	<b>Ps 116:12-17</b>	<b>Jn 6:60-69</b>
<b>Sunday-4th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 4:8-12</b>	<b>Ps 118:1-29</b>	<b>1 Jn 3:1-2</b>
	<b>Jn 10:11-18</b>		

### Volunteers/Voluntarios

	Church	Parish Hall	Altar Linens
<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Gogel</b>	<b>Greeson</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>
<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Priestly</b>	<b>Lugo/ Ortiz</b>	<b>J. Buda</b>



**CALLED BY NAME LLAMADO POR SU NOMBRE**

**The Priesthood The Diaconate Religious Life**

- Noah Gogel Abel Gogel Hannah Buda  
 Estrella Moreno Emanuel Montoya  
 Aron Ruiz Juan Diego Gobellan  
 Katherine Brumley Rafael Ortiz  
 James Watkins Dave Hessling



**El sacerdocio El Diaconado Vida Religiosa**

Mass Intentions/Intenciones Masivas			
Saturday	04/13	4:30 pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	04/14	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	04/14	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Domingo	04/14	12:15 pm	Para una intención especial
Monday	04/15	12:00 pm	+Stan Matras by Susan Farris
Tuesday	04/16	12:00 pm	+ Matthew Linden by Andrea & Dave Hessling
Wednesday	04/17	12:00 pm	+Rev Richard M Gantert & Rev John R Donnelly
Friday	04/19	8:30 am	+Rev Alfred F Graham & Rev Msgr Edward O Heymer
Saturday	04/20	8:30 am	+William & Helen Reilly



It is respectful to God and to parishioners to be quiet while in the Church before and after Mass  
 Es respetuoso con Dios y con los feligreses estar en silencio mientras están en la Iglesia antes y después de la Misa



Attendance/Público				
Apr 06/07	St. Alphonsus		Ave Maria	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
8:00 pm	40	2		
8:30 Mass			28	1
10:30 Mass	58	28		
12:15 Mass	28	32		

Apr 06/07	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2023	Ave Maria 2023
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 613.00	\$ 2,615.00	\$ 581.00
Weekly Regular	\$ 3,945.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 3,487.00	\$ 500.00
YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Apr) 41 wk.	\$ 2,809.00	\$ 581.00	\$ 9,925.00	\$ 119.00
Friends of the Poor	\$ 100.00		\$ 0.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 100.00		\$ 0.00	
Tiny Blessing	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
Helping Hands		\$ 0.0		\$ 0.00

# For Our Little Saints

Easter

Going to mass was an important part of Saint Clare of Assisi's life. She born into a family of nobility, however she made the choice to leave all of the wealth and security to live a life pleasing to God. Even as a child she was known to be a special child filled with peace and kindness. This Easter season we remember the peace that God gave us. What can you do to find peace with God? Is it taking time to read and look at books or sit outside?

April 14, 2024



## Prayer

Pray for us, St Clare, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Be a light to us in the sorrows and anxieties of this earthly life, and keep pointing us to the Eucharist, our heavenly bread. Amen.



Trace your hand to make a 'peace dove'. You can give it an eye, beak, and even some feet! Next, in your fingers write or draw where you find peace with God.

Saint Clare of Assisi was once very sick. She was so sick that she could not attend Christmas Eve Mass. She was so upset that she could not attend church and felt even worse because of this. She was blessed with a vision of the mass on the wall of her room. She could see and hear the mass from miles away. She felt so much better since she was able to hear the word of God.

Saint Clare of Assisi did not have much interest in her life of nobility. She dedicated her life to God at a very early age. As a child she would set aside food from the table to give away to the poor. Her family had chosen a young man for her to marry but St. Clare refused and instead ran away and fully dedicated her life to God. She found her purpose and peace in God.



The monstrance hold the consecrated eucharist for the purpose of carrying it during processions and for certain ceremonies.



## Prayer

God of Mercy, You inspired Saint Clare with the love of poverty. By the help of her prayers, may we follow Christ in poverty of spirit and come to the joyful vision of Your glory in the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever.

Amen

Saint Clare of Assisi was a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi. She heard him preach as a teen and felt called to learn and study with him. At the age of 18, she left her home and moved into a small house near the monastery. Over time other women came to join them in praying and learning about God. They wore no shoes, ate no meat, and were silent much of the time. They spent their days working and in prayer.





# *Vocational* Holy Hour

**April 20, 2024**  
**10 am-1 pm**

The Cathedral of the  
Immaculate Conception

Prayer



Talks



Resources



Discernment



# *Hora Santa* *Vocacional*

**Abril 20, 2024**  
**10 am-1 pm**

La Catedral de la  
Inmaculada Concepción

Oración



Charlas



Recursos



Discernimiento



## PRAYERS IN THE PEW™

# National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – April 2024

The Easter Season is about the joy of the Resurrection! During the Eucharistic Revival, we feel joy in the Eucharist just like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus experienced in the breaking of bread with Jesus.



### THE JOY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Eucharistic Saint



**St. Catherine of Siena** (1347-1380) was a lay woman who is best known for reconciling warring cities in Italy and bringing the pope back to Rome from his exile in France. She was gifted with intense visions of Jesus who told her how to reform the Church. When Catherine died at the young age of 33 she had lived her entire adult life on no food except the Holy Eucharist.

#### Back to Basics

**EASTER DUTY:** In order to emphasize that the Eucharist is the most important institution and reality of our faith, the Catholic Church actually *requires* the faithful to receive Communion during the Easter Season.



This practice is called the “Easter Duty” and is considered one of the five precepts of the Church: *You shall humbly receive your creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.* (Catechism, 2041–2043)

In an age where people receive the Eucharist frequently, this may not seem like a “duty” as such, but it is connected with another equally important precept: *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.* Thus, every year, the Church reminds each of us to keep our spiritual priorities in the proper order.

#### Calls to Action



**Concern for Souls** – The Eucharist gives us spiritual strength for our journey through life. Perhaps you know fallen away Catholics who are spiritually “starving” from being away from the Bread of Life for so long. Easter may be a time to invite them back to the joy of the Eucharist.

**Evangelize** – Make sure to be a teacher and evangelizer of the Eucharist to non-Catholics also by handing out prayer cards and materials for people to learn about this great gift of our Catholic faith.

*“When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy that you can receive Holy Communion often! It's our life and support in this life. Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself.”*  
~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

#### National Eucharistic Revival News and Resources

Make sure to keep up to date on the National Eucharistic Revival at the Bishops' central website: [www.EucharisticRevival.org](http://www.EucharisticRevival.org). For news on the upcoming Eucharistic Congress, please see [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org). You can also get the *Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Cards* at [www.SitStandKneel.com](http://www.SitStandKneel.com) for great evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!