



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Ballman, Pastor

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May 5th, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter/6° Domingo de Pascua

White

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 SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday/Sábado 4:30 pm

Sunday/Domingo 10:30 am

Misa en español 12:15 pm

Sunday/Domingo

AVE MARIA

Sunday/Domingo 8:30am

ST. ALPHONSUS Daily/Diario

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

Announcements/Anuncios

MOTHER MARY'S BABY BASKET

During the month of May our parish is collecting baby items for those in need in our parish as well as for Tiny Blessings. Items such as baby clothes, socks, blankets, diapers, baby wipes, bibs, etc. Please drop off any items to the church during May. Your support is very much appreciated. Contact the Parish office for any questions at 901-476-8140 or Dave Hessling



CANASTA PARA BEBÉS DE LA MADRE MARÍA

Durante el mes de mayo, nuestra parroquia está recolectando artículos para bebés para los necesitados en nuestra parroquia, así como para Tiny Blessings. Artículos como ropa de bebé, calcetines, mantas, pañales, toallitas húmedas, baberos, etc. Por favor, deje cualquier artículo en la iglesia durante el mes de mayo. Su apoyo es muy apreciado. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta al 901-476-8140 o Dave Hessling.

Baptismal Class will be held on Tuesday May 7th at 6 p.m.

All who are in need of the class for a future baptism are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please contact Beth Teer in the parish office or call 901-476-8140.



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La clase bautismal se llevará a cabo el martes 7 de mayo a las 6 p.m.

Todos los que necesiten la clase para un futuro bautismo son bienvenidos y animados a asistir.

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Beth Teer en la oficina parroquial o llame al 901-476-8140.

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.

Happy Birthday! Feliz Cumpleaños!

Juanita Buda 05/01

Dixie Duncan 05/20

Gerald Bellow 05/04

Deanna Pavletic 05/20



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 birthday 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 |

May- The Pope's Prayer Intention is For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Mayo- La intención de oración del Papa es por la formación de religiosos y seminaristas: Oramos para que las religiosas, los religiosos y los seminaristas, crezcan en sus propias vocaciones a través de su formación humana, pastoral, espiritual y comunitaria, llevándolos a ser testigos creíbles del Evangelio.

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"



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"

SAINTS SUNDAY

ST. ALPONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

LEARN ABOUT OUR SAINTS

ST GEORGE AND ST. JUSTINA OF PADUA



St. Alphonsus will have Saints Sunday on May 19th at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Youth, Family and Adults are welcome to come and learn about Saints in our Faith. A wonderful gift to all learning about the Saints who help us on our Faith Journey!

For more information Point of Contact is Beth Teer at 901-605-7337 or email at: office@stalphonsuscovington.org or Julie Gogel

For Our Little Saints

Easter

St. Benedict the Moor spent a lot of his time in prayer. His face was even known to glow with light while he prayed deeply to God. His superiors told him that he should not turn away anyone in need of his prayers. So many people came to see him that others would get annoyed from welcoming guests to see St. Benedict. Try this week to take time to pray sincerely everyday.

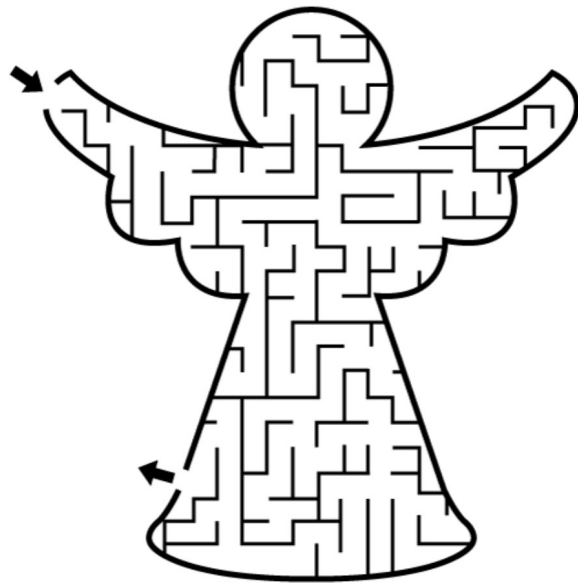
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Pray with a purpose and make your time praying a priority. Instead of playing on electronics or watching TV take a few minutes to pray instead.



Prayer

Help me to be humble, God, and to live my life for your glory. Amen



One day the monastery St. Benedict lived in had a special guest. It was St. Benedict's task to cook for the monastery and their special guest. It was almost dinner time and St. Benedict was not in the kitchen! They looked everywhere and finally found him deep in prayer. They were worried that St. Benedict would not be able to prepare a meal in time. St. Benedict told them not to worry. Miraculously, the dinner was made perfectly and right on time. Strangers in white robes came out of the kitchen to serve the food. Angels helped Saint Benedict to prepare and serve the meal that night.

Easter

St. Benedict the Moor was a humble man. He ate only plain simple food, lived on the barest essentials, and lived barefoot all year around. He put the needs of others before his own. Serving and praying for those around him. The Resurrection of Jesus served as a new beginning. Sin was removed and God's people restored. Consider this week a way that you can restore God's commandments of us in your own life? How can you help restore and serve others?



The relics are often sealed into the altar.

Up until the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) it was customary that every altar in a Catholic Church contained a relic. This practice is dated back to when mass was held underground in catacombs to escape persecution. Mass was held on stone slabs covering the tombs of martyrs.

Prayer

O God, by whose gift blessed Benedict the Moor persevered in imitating Christ, poor and lowly, grant us through his intercession that, faithfully walking in our own vocation, we may reach the perfection you have set before us in your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever Amen.



Saint Benedict the Moor was born to parents that were slaves. Saint Benedict gained his freedom at age 18. His parents had become Christians and they helped Saint Benedict to learn about God and to know his love. St. Benedict often would spend hours and hours in prayer. He prayed for others that would come visit him. They hoped St. Benedict could ask God to heal them and many who sought miracles received them through St. Benedict's prayers. Though St. Benedict spent much of his time fasting he did enjoy cooking for the monastery. He also would give away food to those in need. Food often miraculously appeared and St. Benedict never ran out of food to serve those in need.

Schedule for the Week/Horario de la Semana May 6th



**Sunday/Domingo 2nd Collection:
Maintenance/Mantenimiento**

Sunday/Domingo May 12th

None/Ninguno



This Week/Esta Semana!

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| Monday May 06 |
| 4:00 pm Choir Practice |
| 6:00 pm St. Augustine Bible Study |
| Tuesday, May 07 |
| 9:00 am Friends of the Poor/Food Pantry |
| 1:00 pm Tiny Blessings Ministry |
| 6:00 pm Baptismal Class |
| Wednes, May 08 |
| 10:15 am Legion of Mary |
| 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting |
| Thursday May 09 |
| 4:00 pm Choir Practice |
| Friday May 10 |
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Readings for May 06– May 12

Monday
Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-9 Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday
Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday
Acts 17:15-18:1 Ps 148:1-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday
Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday-St. John of Avila, Priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Acts:18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday
Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-10 Jn 16:23-28

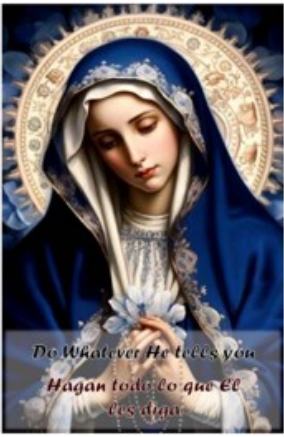
Sunday-The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

Liturgical Ministers/ Ministros Litúrgicos

| | Lectors | Servers | Sacristans | EMHC |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| May 04 4:30 | D. Hessling | J. Schaefer J. Watkins | A. Calvet | B. Wellbrock |
| May 05 10:30 | D. Hessling C. Jones | N. Gogel E. Gogel E. Teer P. Underwood | R. Wheeler | J. Terry R. Wheeler J. Wheeler |
| May 05 12:15 | R. Esquivel C. Moreno | R. Ortiz jr J. Gobellan A. Ruiz | I/S Lugo | N/R Ortiz |
| May 11 4:30 | A. Calvet | D. Hessling K. Sass J. Watkins | M. Griffis | D. Hessling |
| May 12 10:30 | N. Gogel M. Buda | D. Hessling C. Buda C. Gogel A. Gogel | J. Wheeler | D. Hessling R. Wheeler G. Buda |
| May 12 12:15 | L. DeLaO D. Gobellan | A. Montoya E. Moreno M. Ruiz | N/R Ortiz | I/S Lugo |

Volunteers/Voluntarios

| | Church | Parish Hall | Altar Linens |
|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| May 11 | Duff/Teer | Teer | J. Buda |
| May 18 | Calvet | Matthews | J. Buda |



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 | 05/04 | 4:30 pm | For the Souls in Purgatory |
| Sunday | 05/05 | 8:30 am | For the Parishioners of Ave Maria |
| Sunday | 05/05 | 10:30 am | For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus |
| Domingo | 05/05 | 12:15 pm | Para una intención especial |
| Monday | 05/06 | 12:00 pm | +Our Deceased brothers & sisters |
| Tuesday | 05/07 | 12:00 pm | +Rev John J Jackson & Rev Msgr John R Batson |
| Wednesday | 05/08 | 12:00 pm | +Anna Lee by Angela & BJ Price |
| Friday | 05/10 | 8:30 am | |
| Saturday | 05/11 | 8:30 am | For all Mothers |



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

SLOW ME DOWN, LORD

| Attendance/Público | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Apr 27/28 | St. Alphonsus | | Ave Maria | |
| | Adult | Youth | Adult | Youth |
| 4:30 pm | 42 | 0 | | |
| 8:30 Mass | | | 22 | 4 |
| 10:30 Mass | 58 | 25 | | |
| 12:15 Mass | 44 | 23 | | |

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace. Give me, amidst the day's confusion, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking "minute vacations".slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to read a few lines from a good book. Remind me of the fable of the hare and the tortoise; that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than measuring its speed. Let me look up at the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew slowly and well. Inspire me to send my own roots down deep into the soil of life's endearing values... that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny. Slow me down, Lord! - Wilfred Arlan Peterson

| Apr 27/28 | Saint Alphonsus | Ave Maria | Saint Alphonsus 2023 | Ave Maria 2023 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Weekly Budget | \$ 3,051.00 | \$ 613.00 | \$ 2,615.00 | \$ 581.00 |
| Weekly Regular | \$ 2,103.00 | \$ 320.00 | \$ 2,588.00 | \$ 525.00 |
| YTD SURPLUS (Jul-Apr) 44 wk. | \$ 844.00 | (\$ 488.00) | \$13,445.00 | (\$ 94.00) |
| Friends of the Poor | \$ 10.00 | | \$ 136.00 | |
| Food Pantry | \$ 577.00 | | \$ 0.00 | |
| Tiny Blessing | \$ 0.00 | | \$ 0.00 | |
| Helping Hands | | \$ 0.0 | | \$ 0.00 |



2024
Campaña Católica Anual
Santidad y Servicio

2024
Annual Catholic Appeal
Sanctity and Service

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Parish stats as of April 2024
 Estadísticas parroquiales de la Campaña Católica Anual (ACA) a
 partir de abril de 2024

St. Alphonsus

ACA Goal: \$16,000

ACA Pledges: \$14,176

ACA Goal %: 88.50%

ACA Participation: 32.38%

Ave Maria

ACA Goal: \$ 4,000

ACA Pledges: \$ 3,905

ACA Goal %: 97.63%

ACA Participation: 52.63%

Financial Pledges are greatly appreciated for the operation of
 our Diocese and especially for the support of our Seminarians.

Prayer Pledges are also very much needed and appreciated!