



*This Week in our Parish*

**SUNDAY, January 15**

No Religious Education Classes

**MONDAY, January 16**

Rectory Offices Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)

**TUESDAY, January 17**

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**

RCIA Meeting 7:00pm Rectory

Parish Bingo (**Over \$2000 in Prizes**) 7pm CWG Parish Center

**THURSDAY, January 19**

Small Group Faith Sharing 5:45pm Rectory

**FRIDAY, January 20**

**SATURDAY, January 21**

Confessions 3pm-3:45pm

School Bingo 7pm CWG Parish Center

**SUNDAY, January 22**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Ed 8:45am-9:45am School & CWG Parish Center



**TUESDAY, January 17 (St. Anthony)**

5:15 Mabel Krumm - Dia Stapleton

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**

5:15 Ray Currier - Mr. & Mrs. John Hai & Family

**THURSDAY, January 19**

5:15 H. William Holzhauer - Luke, Janil & Jerry Wilson

**FRIDAY, January 20 (St. Fabian & St. Sebastian)**

5:15 Elizabeth Weldon - Rosary Altar Society

**SATURDAY, January 21**

4:00 Bill Keough - Dorothy

**SUNDAY, January 22**

10:00 Harold Stevens - Cindy Bouley

5:00 Josephine Nicpon - Kilmer Family

*Tabernacle Candle Memorial*

*January 15 - January 21*

*Evelyn Cavanaugh*

*By Beverly*

*Ministry Schedule*

**Saturday & Sunday**

**January 21 & 22**

**4 PM-Lector:** : E. Coughlin

**Ministers:** RM Foley, D Callanan, S. Clink, D. Balloni, M. Bishop

**Altar Servers:** C. Johnson, G. Baumes, D. Baumes

**10 AM-Lector:** A. Robson

**Ministers:** T. Laird, J. Robson, M. Mahunik, A. Mahunik, Deacon Gregg, F. Motto

**Altar Servers:** : C. Mahunik, M. Dauerheim, J. Dec

**5 PM-Lector:** L. Stanzak

**Ministers:** D. Pike, M. Baumes, P. Raith, S. Kneaskern, R. Felter

**Altar Server:** L. Cuddy, M. Ryan

**STEWARDSHIP (INCOME)**

Amount needed weekly for 2011-12 fiscal budget: \$7,900.00

Actual amount collected in 28 weeks: \$236,020.71

The 1/8/12 Col. (361 out of 996 Envs. Used) \$7,831.75

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."



**The Food Donations** for the month of **January**, are **Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables & Diapers in all sizes.** Thank you for all your help in helping us in keeping our shelves stocked. We are also in need of Plastic & Paper Bags and Cardboard Boxes.



**Bingo Workers Schedule**

**Wednesday, January 18th**

**Kitchen Captain 5-9pm**

Frank Wiethuechter

**Kitchen 4-6pm**

L. Magats

D. Viccaro

**Kitchen 5-7pm**

T. Sevier

J. Sevier

J. Zammett

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**Kitchen 7-9pm**

E. Leader

S. Leader

P. Tardibone

**Sellers 6-7pm**

M. LaMay

P. Petrosino

R. Zammett

S. Gabak

B. Festa

L. Enge

**Floor 7-9pm**

M. Heroux

M.A. Heroux

J. Swartz

**Pull Tabs**

K. Stefanak

**Raffle**

R. Foley

\* Please Note: If you are unable to work your assigned shift, Please consult your list of volunteers to find a replacement. Thank You!



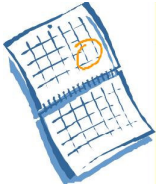
Please note the rectory offices will be closed next Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King Holiday.



**are you in?**

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) Report - **84% of our goal has been reached.** As of 1/9/12 \$36,545 in pledges have been made by 328 families of St. Alphonsus Church. We are a parish of over 1000 families. If you haven't had the chance to send in your pledge/donation please take the time to help us reach our goal of \$43,459. You may mail your check directly to the diocese or place it in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have any question please feel free to call the rectory (252-7261) and ask for Jill or Kim. We need everyone to participate in this important fund raiser. Please help St. Alphonsus reach its goal.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

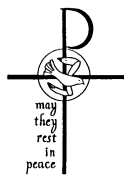


**Ordinary Time** - In the Roman Catholic Church, Ordinary Time begins on the day following the Baptism of the Lord, the feast which normally falls on the Sunday after Epiphany. American Catholics have altered the calendar so that Epiphany always falls on the first Sunday after January 1; in those years when the Epiphany falls on January 7 or January 8, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday immediately following the Epiphany as is the case this year 2012. Ordinary Time continues until Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. For Roman Catholics the period of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent may last from four to nine weeks, depending upon the dates of Epiphany and Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time resumes on the Monday following Pentecost and continues through Saturday afternoon before the first Sunday of Advent. The last Sunday of Ordinary time is the Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent which is the Solemnity of Christ the King. The actual number of weeks of Ordinary Time in any given year can total 33 or 34. This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

**Adult Faith Sharing** – Our Thursday Adult Scripture Faith Sharing will resume on Thursday, January 18 at 5:45pm Immediately after the 5:15pm Mass. The Group will be meeting in the Rectory Living Room.



**Rite of Welcoming**- Today the people who are part of our RCIA Process will be introduced and welcomed by our Parish Family as they continue on their faith journey toward the Easter Vigil. The members of our Process this year are: Amber Guyett, Michael Keegan, Julie Sherman, Alexandra Murray, James Murray, Lian Schulz and Megan Schulz. We ask you to keep these adults and young people in your prayers as they work very hard toward the reception of their Sacraments.



We ask you to please pray for Reverend Vincent McDonald O. Carm who died Wednesday, January 4, 2012 after a brief illness. Fr. Vincent was a teacher at Mount Carmel High School from 1955 to 1961. He taught American & European History, Latin and Religion, and served as a Moderator for the Alumni Club and Student Council. A dedicated, faithful and hard-working Carmelite, Father Vincent M. McDonald, O. Carm. was a professed member of the Carmelite Order for almost 72 years and would have celebrated his 65th Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood on June 7, 2012. He will be greatly missed.

**Chili Cook Off** - Please mark your calendars for our Second Annual Chili Cook Off on February 11th. We will be looking for participants in the event as well as those coming to taste the chili. This event was a huge success last year and lots of fun!

**Medjugorje/Rome Pilgrimage** - May 2nd to May 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 days in Medjugorje and 3 days in Rome. Stay at a Hotel near St. James Church/Hotel in Rome includes guide and city tour and 2 meals daily. Flight from Syracuse to Split-Bus from Split to Medjugorje Total cost \$2,595 (double occupancy) includes taxes and surcharge. \$200.00 non-refundable deposit due now to secure your reservation. For more information or to make your reservation call Don Dwello @ 315-539-2912 or Joanne @ 315-651-1310 e-mail jvacca1943@gmail.com



**The Baptism of the Lord** – This past Monday we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany. Pope Pius XII instituted a separate liturgical commemoration of the Baptism in 1955. At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.



**Ministry Classes** – On January 28/29 we will have sign up's for anyone interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Nursing Home Minister, Altar Server and Apprentice Altar Servers. Sign-ups will take place in the narthex of the Church after Mass. Anyone who has been fully initiated into the church, Baptized, First Eucharist and Confirmation, may participate as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector. We offer Altar Server Classes for young people who have been Baptized and received their First Communion and Apprentice Altar Servers for any young person who has been baptized and is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade.



### CYO Schedule for Jan. 15th - Jan. 22th

#### Instructional League (St. Hyacinth's Gym) -

**Sun. Jan. 15th** - 1pm - St. A's II vs. Holy Family, 2pm - St. A's III vs. SS. Peter & Paul, BYE - St. A's I

**Sun. Jan. 22nd** - Cheerleaders at this game! 1pm - St. A's I vs. SS. Peter & Paul, 2pm - St. A's II vs. St. Francis/St. Hyacinth I, 4pm - St. A's III vs. St. Francis/St. Hyacinth II.

#### 5th/6th Grade League (St. Alphonsus Gym) -

**Sun. Jan. 15th** - 2pm - St. A's II vs. St. Mary's II, 3pm - St. A's I vs. St. Mary's I

**Sun. Jan. 22nd** - 3pm - St. A's II vs. St. Mary's I, Bye - St. A's I

#### 7th/8th Grade League (Holy Family Gym) -

**Sun. Jan. 15th** - 2:15pm - St. A's vs. SS. Peter & Paul

**Sun. Jan. 29th** - 2:15pm - St. A's vs. St. Mary's



We would like to thank **Holiday Inn**, this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.