



Dear Families,

I hope all of you are well and that the new school year is off to a great start! I want to let you know of ways Fr. Tanel and I (Fr. McManaman; we need to use last names because we are both Kevins) can be of service to you sacramentally and otherwise throughout the year.

Parish Membership

If you are a school family, I encourage you to formally join our parish community of which the school is our biggest ministry. Especially if you are anticipating having your child receive First Communion in 2nd grade, parish membership here or at another Catholic parish is necessary.

If you wish to join the parish you may contact the parish office at (414) 421-2442 or you can visit our parish webpage at <https://www.st-alphonsus.org/joinourparish> for the registration form.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)/ Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC)

Are you a baptized Catholic but haven't received First Communion and/or Confirmation but would like to receive these Sacraments? (*Confirmation is a requirement to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor*)

Perhaps you are not Catholic but feel called to become so?

Have you never been baptized but want to explore becoming Christian?

If so, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office 414-421-2442 and/or speak with either of us about it. Consider attending the Inquiry session on Wednesday September 16th at 7:00pm in the Parish Ministry Center.

Please note, children who are not baptized and are over 7 years old receive the Sacraments of Initiation through the Order of Christian Initiation of Children

Eucharist

Sunday Masses:

4:30pm Saturday

7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am Sunday

You are always welcome to attend daily Mass held in the chapel. Mass is at 7:00am on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and 8:00am on Saturdays. These Masses last 25-30 minutes typically.

Our School Liturgies are Wednesdays at 8:00am in the Church. We are happy to provide the chance for our children to worship during the week. It does need to be said, however, that school Masses do not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

Reconciliation

Held weekly on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00pm and Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00pm. You can always make an appointment with either of us, or simply ask us to hear your confession when you see us around. We are usually able and happy to accommodate such requests and if we can't for some reason, we will let you know and schedule a time with you. Look for many more Reconciliation opportunities during the Advent and Lenten Seasons as well!

Baptism

If you have a new baby in the family or are expecting sometime this year please don't hesitate to call the parish office at 414-421-2442 to set up a baptism at the parish! Children under the age of 7 who are not baptized are baptized as infants.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, getting ready for surgery, or suffering from a severe acute or chronic illness, please let us know. We are happy to pray with you and provide you this powerful Sacrament.

If you have a Sacramental Emergency in your family and are in need of a priest, please call the parish office. If this emergency occurs when the office is closed, please dial the parish office 414-421-2442 and listen for the prompts for our pastoral emergency line to be connected to one of the parish priests. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you ASAP.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Looking for a chance for silent prayer time with the Lord?

Consider visiting the Lord in the chapel (far eastern end of the Church near the Mother of Perpetual Help Shrine with lots of votive candles) on Thursdays. Adoration begins right after the 7:00am daily Mass and continues until 8:00pm. Enter through the main Church Doors.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

One of my favorite things to do as a priest is Marriage Prep! If you are engaged, consider a Sacramental Marriage; I would be happy to work with you!

I am also very happy to work with couples who have a civil marriage but wish to enter a sacramental marriage; we call this process *Convalidation*. If you would like to have your civil marriage validated by the Church please contact me at the parish office. This does not require you to hold a big expensive party by the way!

Parish Mission

Every other year our parish hosts a Parish Mission. This year our mission will be conducted by Deacon Greg Kandra who will speak on the Lenten spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please save the dates of

Monday, February 15th in the evening

Tuesday, February 16th in the evening

Tuesday, February 17th in the evening

Please know that I will keep you close in my prayers this year!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kevin