***St. Elizabeth Catholic Church***

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***Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022***

***Mission Statement***

***St. Alphonsus and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, with its historical roots in St. Joseph and Curdsville, KY, are faith communities that seek to serve, honor and praise the Blessed Trinity as a part of the universal Catholic Church and the Diocese of Owensboro, KY.***

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***Pastoral Staff***

***Pastor: Fr. Anthoni Ottagan 270-792-1202***

***Music Minister:*** *Kay Beth Riney (270-929-8771)****Faith Formation:*** *Sr. Vivian Bowles (270-929-8826)*

***Sec./Bookkeeper:*** *Shannon Jenkins**(270-229-4164)*

***Sec./Bookkeeper:*** *Judy Schadlar (270-570-2299)*

***Youth Group Leader:*** *Barbara Thomas (270-929-7583)*

**Parish Council Members -St. Alphonsus**

**Nicole Murphy**- *Chairperson & Social Concerns*

**Tiffany Powers** - *Vice Chair & Catholic Schools Rep*.

**Shelly Blandford** - *Secretary*

**Christina Dant** - *Faith Formation & Youth Group*

**Jessica Green** -*Music Ministry & Liturgy*

**David Sinclair** - *Finance*

**Johnny Warren** - *Buildings & Grounds*

**Bobby Glenn** - *Buildings & Grounds*

**Kevin Clouse**

**Finance Council:**

**Diane Dodson** - Chairperson

**Faye Gabbard, David Sinclair, Gary Cecil**

**Hall Rental: Diane Dodson – 270 314-6806**

**Cemetery: Tim O’Bryan – 270-315-3273**

**School Rental: Amanda Taylor – 270-313-9341(St. Elizabeth)**

***Mass Timings:***

***Tuesday: 7.30 am - St. Alphonsus***

 ***8.15 am - St. Elizabeth***

***Wednesday: 6.00 pm - St. Alphonsus***

***Thursday: 7.30 am - St. Alphonsus***

 ***8.15 am - St. Elizabeth***

***Friday: 7.30am – St. Alphonsus***

***Saturday: 5.00pm – St. Alphonsus***

***Sunday: 8.00am – St. Alphonsus***

 ***9.30am – St. Elizabeth***

***1st Thursday Adoration @ 6 PM- St. Elizabeth***

***1st Friday Adoration @ 7.30 AM- St. Alphonsus***

**Parish Council Members – St. Elizabeth**

**Robbie Knott –** *Chairperson*

**Glenn McCarthy –** *Vice Chairperson*

**Sue Hamilton** – *Secretary*

**Ryan Adams** – *Finance*

**Laquita McCarthy** – *Liturgy and Worship*

**Aaron Leach** – *Social Concern*

**Tony Thomas**- *Building and Ground*

**Finance Council:**

**Wayne McCarty** - *Chairperson*

**Tony Thompson, Ryan Adams, Judy Schadlar**

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***Infant Baptism:*** A parent preparation session is required. Please contact Fr. Anthoni.

***Adult Initiation (RCIA):***If you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please encourage them to contact Fr. Anthoni or let us know and we’ll be happy to contact them.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:*** *4:00 pm on Saturday prior to Mass or by appointment anytime.*

***Sacrament of Marriage:***Please contact Fr. Anthoni for initial meeting, no later than six months prior to the desired wedding date. Contact Diane Dodson as well to reserve the parish hall.

***Sacrament of the Sick:*** Please contact Fr. Anthoni if you or another parishioner is seriously ill (whether in the hospital or at home), and wish to be anointed.

***New Members:*** Any newcomers to the parish can find a registration form in the rack in the vestibule. Just put in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. For more info contact the office 270-229-4164.

**Bulletin Notices**

**If you have anything you wish to have posted in the bulletin, PLEASE submit by Monday morning to Judy Schadler at (270)570-2299 or Shannon Jenkins 270-229-4164 or email to: st.alphonsus@att.net**

**MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND: Dec 10th-11th**

**Sat., Dec 10th Sun., Dec 11th**

**5.00 pm 8.00 am**

**Server(s)** James McCarty Tyler Blandford Brayden Crisp

**Lector:** Donna Riney Brad Cecil

**Euch. Min.:** Mike Clouse Joyce Kormelink

 Audrey Clouse Patricia Murphy

 Suzanne Blandford Diane Dodson

**Ushers:** Mark Blandford Ryan Cecil

Mike Stelmach Jason Clouse

 Mike Clouse Bobby Glenn

 John Fulkerson Gene Glenn

**Money Counters: Faye Gabbard, Brenda McIntire**

**Church Cleaning Week of 12/4/22: Kris Weise & Cecilia McCarty**

PRAYER REQUESTS

**St. Elizabeth**

Toni Thompson, Stacy Wright, Donna Adams, Msgr. Bernard Powers, John Janiak, Doris Schadler, Ben Thompson, Tony Powers, Melody Cecil, Stella Payne, Birgit Jones, Fr. Richard Powers, Mary Willet, Stephanie Powers, Joseph Clements, Laura Goins, Earl Henderson, William Lankford, Frank & Faye McCarty, Joann Millay, Eleanor Cooke, Miles Murphy, Mary Teresa Hayden

**St. Alphonsus**

Jacob Bullington, Joyce Drury, Jean Murphy, Bob & Janette Warren, Onadean Dant, Danny Thompson, Daisy Gibson, Martha Taylor, Jackie Freels, Frank & Linda Hayden, Deloris Brickner, Charlotte Thompson, Elaine Glenn, Alivia Hughes, Caroline Ramey, Lorraine Cundiff, Junior Drury, Margaret Drury, Martina Blandford, Janie Hayden, Connie O’Nan, Sarah Herod, Pam Lynch, Joan Byrne, Tommy Jessie, Tony Dant, Bruce Galloway, Elizabeth Hamilton, Brayden Mattingly, Frank Fraize, Delaney Ebelhar, Dale J., Eric Necker, Larry Lewis, Joyce Thompson, Clarice O’Bryan, Jo Riter, Mary June Cecil, Jennifer McCarty Quinn, S. Becher, Tammy Glenn, Matthew Stallings

**To add or remove names please call the office**

**Our Stewardship**

**Weekly Collections December 3-4, 2022**

**St. Alphonsus Budgeted Actual Under/over**

**Dec. 3/4 $4038.46 $3,485.66 ($552.80)**

**YTD $88,846.12 $86,045.49 ($2,800.63)**

**Children’s Gift: $ 26.00 YTD: $ 243.43**

*The children’s gifts are added into the Sat/Sun Collection above.*

**Please remember that you can mail contributions, drop in the black box by the Parish Hall Office door, or use one of our online giving options:**

1. **Online Give+ link:** [**https://bit.ly/2IoKVnQ**](https://bit.ly/2IoKVnQ)

**(Note: the character after the “2” is a capital letter “I”)**

1. **Go to** [**htpps://saintalphonsusparish.org**](http://www.saintalphonsusparish.org)**/, click on ‘Online Giving’, then donate now using the drop-down box.**

**St. Elizabeth Budgeted Actual Under/ Over**

**Dec. 3/4**

**YTD**

**St. Alphonsus Kroger Reward: $**

Our **Kroger Reward** for June, July, and August was **$424.62 with 111 households** participating! Being that we all buy groceries, please sign up if you have not already for this program. Please check to be sure you are signed up if you shop at Kroger.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR Dec. 5th– Dec. 11th**

MON: NO MASS

TUE: 7:30 AM Bishop McRaith- +

 8.15 AM St. Elizabeth

WED: 6:00 PM Bernice & Frank Thomas- +

THU: 7.30 AM Natalie Hall- Birthday

 8.15 Am St. Elizabeth

FRI: 7:30 AM F.G. Riney, Jr. +

SAT: 5:00 PM Members of the Parish

SUN: 8:00 AM Harold Clouse- +

9.30 AM St. Elizabeth

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK Dec. 5th-11th:**

Mon. Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tues. Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,10-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wed. Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs. Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Fri. Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19

Sat.  Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sun. Is 35:1-6a,10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

***Upcoming Events:***

**Movie Night:** December 3rd @ 6PM

**Parish Breakfast:** December 4th after Mass

***Upcoming Meetings:***

**RCIA**- December 15th @ 5:30 pm (Commandments 4-5)

**Finance Meeting**: December 13th @ 6:45pm (A)

 February 9th @ 5.00pm (E)

**Parish Council Meeting**: January 24th@ 6:45pm (A)

 February 16th @ 6.00pm (E)

**Faith Formation**

During this holy season of Advent, it is important to celebrate with our family and friends the good things we see in them and their lives.  Sometimes we forget to affirm the ones we love most.  We take them for granted.  So, let's also slow down and try to focus more on the real meaning of Advent—the longing in our hearts for the coming of Christ as a baby on Christmas.  I hope to see you at the Eucharistic Revival on Dec. 6 at 8am at the Bishop's mass at the cathedral, Adoration following, procession to the Convention Center for the conference and lunch. Classes Dec.  7 & 14.

Advent blessings,

Sr. Vivian

**St. Alphonsus Parish Breakfast Sunday,**

 **Dec. 4th after Mass!**

**2023 Collection Envelope Box Sets**

**The 2023 Boxed Set of Collection envelopes are in the back of church by the balcony steps. Please pick yours up before you leave.**

**St. Elizabeth Altar Society**

St. Elizabeth Altar Society is having a “Holiday Food Drive” for West Louisville Elementary. This will begin on Nov. 7th and run thru Dec. 5th. Also, we will be collecting socks, hats, gloves for ages Kindergarten thru Adult sizes. There is a box in the rear of Church for your donations. Example: canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, cereal, poptarts, etc. Toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo,etc, laundry detergent, hand towels, blankets, etc. These donations will go directly to those families in need of the West Louisville Elementary Community.

**Youth Group dates:**

**December 3rd:** Kids Christmas Movie night

**December 11th:** Youth Group Christmas Party

**Catholic Book Club**

Next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 4th** from 6-6:45 PM.

**Choir**

**Choir Practice on December 5th from 5:30-6:30 PM.**

**Advent & Vespers**

**St. Alphonsus will have vespers on 12/11. St. Elizabeth will be on 12/4 & 12/18. Time is at 5:00 PM at both locations!**

**Christmas Ministries Sign-Up**

The Sign-Up sheet for the Ministries for the Christmas Eve 4pm mass at St. Alphonsusin the back of church!

**Advent Penance Service Schedule in back of church!**

**St. Alphonsus Thursday, Dec 15th @ 6 pm**

**St. Elizabeth Tuesday, Dec 20th @ 6 pm**

**All others in area are on the schedule!**

 **RADA order in time for Christmas!**

**The cut off to order will be December 4th, so I can ensure we receive them in time. Leave orders in the black box outside office door, drop in the collection, or call me at 270-229-4164.**

**Thanks, Shannon**

**Updating Member Information Forms**

Please fill out the Updating Member Information Forms and return if you have not already. There have been many birthdays not in our system and marriage dates incorrect.

Word of Life

“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). …The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed

 on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.” \*Excerpt from Evangelium vitae, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

**Epiphany Program**

Come celebrate the extended Christmas season with us! Join us in the St. Alphonsus Parish Hall on Sunday, January 8th at 3:00 for an epiphany pageant, musical entertainment, and a Spaghetti dinner. **Children from both St. Alphonsus and St. Elizabeth are invited to participate in the pageant. Anyone is welcome to share their musical talents whether vocal or instrumental.**

All practices will be in the St. Alphonsus Parish Hall:

**Sunday, December 18th 4-4:45** -assign parts and fit costumes; **Thursday, December 22nd 6:15-7:15**- Rehearsal; **Thursday, December 29th 6:15-7:15-** Rehearsal; **Tuesday, January 3rd 6:15-7:15**- Rehearsal;

**Thursday, January 5th 6:15-7:15**- Dress Rehearsal

**If you have any questions, please contact Rachael Clark (270) 314-5776**

**We collected $552 for WLES Family Resource Center!**

**Thank you to all those who gave to them.**

 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

***Vigil*: St. Alphonsus Wed., Dec. 7th @ 6 pm**

***Feast Day*: St. Alphonsus Thurs, Dec 8th @ 7:30 am**

 **St. Elizabeth Thurs., Dec. 8th @ 8 am**

**Thank You to our Night at the Races Sponsors**



**Santa’s Coming to West Louisville**

**Saturday, December 10th from 1-4 pm, Santa will be at the Hayden’s Store in West Louisville. Bring your cameras and there will be a 50/50 pot for the BIG KIDS!**

**Counseling**

Is life stressing you out? You are not alone. Please call Catholic Charities at 270-683-1545 and mention CAP. We will direct you to a licensed counselor. You may also visit owensborodiocese.org/counseling.

***Safe Environment***

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under age of 18 is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities; local law enforcement 270-685-8444 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline at 1-877-597-2331. To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator Scott Ingram 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Asst. Coordinator (Spanish) 270-852-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro’s sexual abuse policy is available in this parish in office, which can be requested and made available

**Christmas Eve/Day Mass Schedule**

St. Alphonsus Christmas Eve @ 4 pm

St. Elizabeth Christmas Eve @ 6 pm

St. Elizabeth Christmas Day @ 9 am

**Advent Family Activity**

**Let’s see what you can make as a family**! We are asking you to make a project depicting the HOLY FAMILY at the Nativity. They can be as small as an ornament up to 8”x10”. We will display them at church for the “Feast of the Holy Family” through the “Epiphany.”

**Scrip Office Hours**

**Monday thru Friday 9AM-4PM. Open Wednesdays until December 21st. On Dec. 22nd, the office will close at 2 PM. You can get Christmas shopping done and earn money for St. Alphonsus at the same time! It’s a WIN-WIN!**