

  
**ST. ALPHONSUS**  
PARISH & SCHOOL  
5960 W. Loomis Rd.  
Greendale, WI 53129-1824  
January 2021

Dear Parish Friends,

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace..."  
---Romans 15:13

It's a new year! We want to encourage you and offer you some new opportunities. Perhaps taking time for a program with other parishioners will offer you fresh insights and inspiration for the days ahead.

We are offering **in-person** and **virtual** programs. **All in-person programs will follow current social distancing protocols, mandates, and sanitizing procedures.**

Our presenters are outstanding. Some favorites are returning, as well as new presenters, with new topics. We'll move through winter into Lent and springtime!

*May the peace of Christ find welcome in our world and in our hearts!*

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Kevin McManaman



Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz

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### 3 Ways to Register:

(1) Mail- registration form, (2) Online, Sign-Up Genius, [www.st-alphonsus.org/faith-formation/programs-presentations.cfm](http://www.st-alphonsus.org/faith-formation/programs-presentations.cfm) , (3) Call 421-2442 x 225.

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## WINTER PROGRAMS



**TU Jan. 26, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**  
**"Five Fascinating Milwaukeeans"**  
**With Professor Stephen K. Hauser**

Meet five interesting Milwaukee area residents who had little in common except for their colorful lives and their contribution to our community. We'll cover the period from the founding of the city all the way forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Hope you can join us!

**Professor Hauser**, has taught History at MATC, UWM, and Marquette U. He is a newspaper columnist/detailer of area history.

**Place:** St. Alphonsus Community Room, 6060 W. Loomis Rd.  
**Freewill Offering. Registration required.**



**W Feb. 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**"A Life of Discipleship"**  
**With Rev. Kevin McManaman, M. Div.**

This small group is for those who wish to encounter God's saving love for them and learn the habits of being Christ's disciples. We'll use a faith-sharing booklet, "Encountering Christ", to aid our discussion. **Group size limited to 10 persons.**

**Fr. Kevin McManaman** is Pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish. He holds a Master of Divinity Degree.

**Place:** St. Alphonsus Community Room. **Booklet Fee-td**  
**Registration required by January 25<sup>th</sup>.**



**TH February 11, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**  
**St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
**A Pivotal Player in Church Life"**  
**With Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz, D. Min.**

Join us for one of Bishop Robert Baron's latest Pivotal Players! Through DVD, we'll learn about St. Ignatius of Loyola. His passion to become a courtier, soldier, and advisor to royalty became a passion to serve Christ—all the way, holding nothing back. Through his establishment of the Jesuit order and his masterpiece, *The Spiritual Exercises*, his fight for the glory of God changed the world. Engaging discussion!

**Sr. Eileen Kazmierowicz** is St. Alphonsus' Pastoral Associate. She holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree.

**Place: Online- Zoom.** Link and program materials sent after registration. **Register by Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. No fee.**



**M February 15, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**  
**"Old Glory"-The Story of Our Flag**  
**With Cory Erickson**

Our flag is a universal symbol of freedom and a source of great pride for millions of Americans. Attendees will learn about the flag's origin, the meaning of its design, and the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's *Star-Spangled Banner*.

**Cory Erickson** is a Community Educator for Krause Funeral Homes. This is a sales-free event.

**Place:** St. Alphonsus Community Room. **Register by Feb. 8. No fee**



**LENTEN OFFERINGS**  
**Weeks of February 14 thru March 25**  
**Small Faith Communities**

In-person and virtual opportunities for six weeks of faith-sharing. Groups meet for 90 minutes, led by experienced parish leaders. New groups are formed each season. Newcomers are always welcome. Please see enclosed Sign-Up Card.



**TU Feb.23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**Sharing Our Catholic Tradition**  
**With Ed Block, Ph. D.**

Parishioner (and Emeritus Professor of English) Ed Block, will offer short reflections for the Lenten season, drawn from his new book of short religious essays, *Lamps of the Tradition*, interspersing them with poems from his 2017 collection, *Anno Domini*. He'll invite participants to share some of their favorite traditions of the Catholic Faith. Our purpose is to deepen in appreciation of the Catholic tradition and the season of Lent.

**Place:** St. Alphonsus Church Community Room.  
**Register by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Need 10 persons.** More are welcome!



**Join Us For A Lenten Parish Mission!**  
**March 6 -7- 8 - 9**

**With Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM**  
 Popular Preacher, Teacher, and Spiritual Guide  
 Special Sessions; More Information To Follow!



**TU March 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**"The Shroud of Turin": Burial Cloth**  
**of Jesus Christ? You Decide!**  
**With Bill Kelly**

We invite you for a session on the mysterious "Shroud of Turin". It is perhaps the most studied object in history. We will review the Shroud's history, physical description, scientific analysis, the Church's stand, and the carbon dating results. Since first exhibited in 1354 in France, the Shroud has fascinated and perplexed science. It's an enigma wrapped in a mystery! Join Saint Al's parishioner, Bill Kelly, for a fascinating presentation.

**Bill Kelly** is a longtime, active St. Alphonsus parishioner.  
**Place:** Community Room. **Please Register by March 16.**



**TU April 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**"Gilead" – A Book Discussion**  
**With Ed Block, Ph. D.**

Join Dr. Ed Block as he leads a discussion of Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*. Rev. John James, a seventy-six year old Reformed minister with a serious heart condition, writes a "letter" to his young son--for after James is gone. Set in a small Iowa town in 1956, *Gilead* reflects a life nearing its end. Beautifully written, *Gilead* offers a quiet reflective read that transforms your view of aging, love, and family. Books available: Public Library/Amazon.

**Place:** St. Alphonsus Community Room/Gathering Space.  
**Register by March 31<sup>st</sup>.** No Fee.



**TU April 20, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**  
**"Mary Ann Bickerdyke, 'To Heal A Nation'"**  
**With Jessica Michna**

During the American Civil War more soldiers would die from disease than wounds. The care these men received often was worse than the illness itself. Mary Ann Bickerdyke would distinguish herself during this period. Her tireless nursing efforts saved countless lives, often at great risk to herself. She was beloved of the soldiers: *Mother Bickerdyke*.

Jessica Michna has been called "a National Treasure", and has received the Presidential Service Ctr.'s Distinguished Service Award.

**Place:** The Community Room. Freewill offering.

**Please register by April 13.**



**TH April 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**  
**"St. Pope John Paul II's Theology**  
**on the Christian Meaning of Suffering"**  
**With Fr. Patrick Magnor, M. Div.**

How should Catholics understand the mystery of pain and suffering in relation to their faith? This formation session will explore the Christian meaning of suffering through the lens of the theology of Pope John Paul II.

**Fr. Patrick Magnor** is St. Alphonsus' Associate Pastor. He holds a Master of Divinity Degree.

**Place:** The Community Room. No Fee. Please register.

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