

Even though this is the year of Mark, we begin with a reading from John. The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time respects an old liturgical theme of celebrating different epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus. John shows us a gradual recognition of who Jesus is – through the testimony of John the Baptist and the confession of the first disciples. Here John the Baptist calls Jesus ‘the Lamb of God,’ and Andrew calls him ‘the Messiah’.

The main theme of the readings, however, is that of call and response. In the First Reading we have the call of Samuel, who played a big part in the building up of Israel. His call marked the beginning of a new era. It was through him that Israel got its first kings. This paves the way for the Gospel story of the call of the first disciples – Andrew, John and Peter. The call of Peter is highlighted because of the important role he played in the first community. In the two readings we are dealing with a unique and specific call, what is more commonly called a vocation.



**The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.**



**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**



**Tax Statements for yearly contributions are available upon request.** These statements only reflect contributions made through the regular church collections and the special second collections if they have been made in an identifiable fashion (church envelope or loose check). Any loose cash contribution cannot be credited. Contributions to the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be acknowledged from the Diocese.

Please email or call the rectory office if you need a tax statement (stals@cablone.net or 875-5419).

**Statements will be mailed by the end of the month.**



**The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are now selling tickets for a “10 week” drawing for \$10.00 each.** Each week, for nine weeks, a ticket will be drawn for \$50.00. The ‘winning’ ticket then goes back into the ‘barrel’ until the last week when a \$500.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00 winner will be pulled. First drawing will be February 18, 2018. For tickets contact Carl Brochard, 228-327-0066 or Chuck Nannery, 228-875-0267.

All proceeds will benefit the Seminarian Education Fund.



**Kelsey Gunkel (daughter of Deacon Jim & Toni Gunkel) is volunteering with NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries in Australia.** Net is a peer-to-peer Catholic youth ministry organization that encourages young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. Kelsey will serve on a team with NET Ministries until November 2018. This is not government funded, therefore Kelsey was responsible for raising \$7,200 (of the \$13,000 needed for each missionary). Although she has come close, Kelsey is still \$2,000 short of her goal. If you would like to help Kelsey reach her goal, you may donate at [netministries.com/au/sponsorship](http://netministries.com/au/sponsorship) – this link goes directly to the Sponsorship Page where you will be able to insert Kelsey’s name.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Reverend Patrick Tierney, January 9, 1991  
Reverend Peter F. Mockler, January 30, 2014

**Altar Society Member for next week  
Judy Anderson**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY JANUARY 15

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

6:30 am Mr. R.J. Domingue

8:15 am Mr. Donald Cole

TUESDAY JANUARY 16

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

6:30 am Special Intention

8:15 am Mr. Joe Latil

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

6:30 am Mr. Smokey Hill

8:15 am Mr. Peter Kuluz, Sr.

THURSDAY JANUARY 18

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

6:30 am Deacon Gregory Miller

8:15 am Dr. & Mrs. Robert F. Carter

FRIDAY JANUARY 19

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

6:30 am Joseph and Roseline Bellande

8:15 am Mr. Joe Latil

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

8:15 am Ms. Ramona Bousqueto

Ms. JoAnn Wavra

Mr. Wayne Alliston

4:00 pm Ms. Marguerite Mihojevich

SUNDAY JANUARY 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Special Intention T.N.

11:30 am Mr. Ricky Riviere

5:30 pm Ms. Brandy Lesso Hebert

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday Collection.....\$12,066.70

Poor Collection.....\$ 3,751.76

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Valerie Brou, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Gina

Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, Doris Haynes, Ron Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Audrey King, Ann Eleece Kouns, Jeff Kouns, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Margaret Murray, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O’Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, Brenda Sargent, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Joe Souza, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers and Jane Walker.

**Religious Education News**

Pat Cronin – 872-2652; [pcronin@cableone.net](mailto:pcronin@cableone.net); [www.stal.cc](http://www.stal.cc)

**Jan 15:** New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

**Jan 18:** RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

**Jan 21:** Religious Education 10:10 a.m.  
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m.  
Children’s Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds  
Confirmation Class, Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Family and Youth Calendar**

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 [jsema@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)

As we build our youth programs we are looking for young adults and parents to help with activities for our youth. If you are interested in helping us build a **DYNAMIC YOUTH PROGRAM** contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

**Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship**

Come and join our group as we study The Saints. The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday from September through May, in the Family and Youth office in back of the Parish Hall.

**Safe Environment Notice:** Every volunteer who works with minors and every employee of all parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Biloxi must receive a copy of the *Policy of the Diocese of Biloxi Regarding Complaints of Abuse of Minors*. Copies of this policy are available from any pastor or principal. If any volunteer who serves with minors or any employee did not receive this policy, please contact your pastor or principal, or call 228-702-2126/27. A copy of the policy is also available to any interested person. In addition, a copy of the *Diocesan Code of Conduct Regarding Contact with Minors* and the *Diocesan Policy Concerning Supervision of Youth Trips and Other Youth Functions* are also available from your pastor or principal, or by calling 228-702-2126/27.

**How to report a complaint of abuse:** The clergy, religious, and laity who serve in the ministries of the Diocese of Biloxi are committed to making Church ministries safe for young people. Allegations of misconduct with minors are reported as the law requires and an internal investigation is conducted. A copy of the diocesan policy is available on the diocesan website ([www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org)) or by contacting your pastor. A complaint of misconduct should be reported directly to civil authorities. In addition, a complaint should be reported to the Diocese of Biloxi by calling the phone numbers on the diocesan website or by calling 228-702-2112 or to the State of Mississippi’s Hot Line: 1-800-222-8000.



**St. Michael Catholic Church is having a Shrimp Spaghetti Dinner** this Sunday (January 14<sup>th</sup>) from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (Eat In or Take Out) for \$10 per plate and includes Shrimp Spaghetti, a drink, and dessert.



**The next men’s Cursillo weekend will be January 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.** Cursillo is a spirit filled weekend for those who would like to know more about the church and who are in search of a closer relationship with God. The weekend is filled with worship, song, love, laughter, witness and blessings. Cursillo is open to any practical Catholic man ages 18 and over. If interested, you can obtain an application and instructions at [biloxicursillo.org](http://biloxicursillo.org) or for more information contact Johnny Beard at 228-990-7292. If no answer, please leave message.



**The Boy Scouts of America Troop 211 will be having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon in the Parish Life Center/KC Hall. Please help the Scouts as they work their way to Summer Camp and building good character.

**ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**

**Jan 15:** Parent / Teacher Conferences – Noon Dismissal

**Jan 16:** PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**Jan 17:** Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

**Jan 19:** Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Jan 14:** Walk for Pro-Life 1:00 p.m.

**Jan 15:** No School – Martin Luther King Holiday

**Jan 18:** Mass 9:40 a.m.



**You are invited to join us in praying the Liturgy of the Hours** before the 8:15 a.m. Mass (Monday – Friday) beginning at 7:45 a.m. in the Church.

**Admission testing, for prospective students who will be in 7th or 8th grade next year and are interested in attending Saint Stanislaus,** is scheduled for Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Students must be registered by 8:15 a.m. in order to test. The test results provide us an overview of the students’ academic abilities. In order to register for the admission test, please return the completed Admission Application before January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please also remember to bring in cash or a check in the amount of \$125, which will cover the \$100 Application Fee and the \$25 Admission Test fee. Parents may complete an application online on the Saint Stanislaus Admission page at [www.ststan.com](http://www.ststan.com).

**An Open House** will be held on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (last tour will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m.) Please join us to learn about our outstanding academic, extracurricular, and athletic programs that are rooted in our Catholic identity. Come experience the proud Rock-A-Chaw spirit, now 164 years old! For more information, please call Richard Gleber, Admissions, at 228-467-9057, ext. 249 or send an email to [richard@ststan.com](mailto:richard@ststan.com).

**UPCOMING TRAVELS**



**Ireland – The Wild Atlantic Way including a Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in Knock with Fr. Louis Lohan** April 20-29, 2018. \$3,855 per person/two per room. For more information, email [Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com](mailto:Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com).



**Pilgrimage to Italy May 28-June 8, 2018 with Fr. Mike Austin.** \$4,499 per person/two per room from New Orleans. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Mike Austin at 228-238-1050 or Mrs. Paula Spears at 228-697-7814 or email [Tourofitaly2018@gmail.com](mailto:Tourofitaly2018@gmail.com).



**Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Fr. Mike Snyder June 8-16, 2018.** \$3,299 per person/two per room from New Orleans. For more information or to register online: [www.catholicjourneys.com/mir2018](http://www.catholicjourneys.com/mir2018).



**Visit Norway and Sweden with Fr. Louis Lohan September 14-23, 2018.** \$4,963 per person/two per room. For more information, contact Paul at: [experiencescandinavia@gmail.com](mailto:experiencescandinavia@gmail.com) or 228-697-7814

**You may also pick up a brochure for any of these upcoming travels in the Vestibule of the Church.**



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of All Deceased Knights of Columbus Members**