

The Emmaus story is a sophisticated eucharistic catechesis: a 'liturgy of the Word' is followed by a 'liturgy of the Eucharist'. The expression 'breaking of bread' is a technical term for the Eucharist. Luke deliberately uses eucharistic language: Jesus *took* bread, *blessed*, *broke*, *gave* it to them.

By the time Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord's death and resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story Luke makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken. The Christians of Luke's time had those same means of recognizing the Lord – the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday service. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2017: Please remember to support the Catholic Sharing Appeal. This program supports the ministries of our Church and provides for many individuals in need each year. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided, or if you prefer, you may follow the instructions in the brochure and donate online.



Registration begins this weekend for Catholic Kids Camp! Join us for a week of fun June 12th – 16th as the Marvelous Mystery of the Mass comes Alive! Don't miss out as we learn more about the incredible treasure of the Mass and deepen our love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Space is limited so please register early. For more information, contact our Family and Youth Director Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.org

A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Friday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



First Communion at St. Alphonsus is May 13th! Our Lady of Perpetual Help bookstore invites you to stop by and browse the latest deliveries of First Communion books, bibles, rosaries and gifts.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Ello, Jackie Endt, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, Margaret Miller Griffith, 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, Bob Mayer, Bernie McGinley, Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Robert M. Mitchell, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Patricia Liscoe Nance, Leonard Ncaise, Peggy and Edward Ncaise, Ruth Neeley, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley Norman, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Pat Reiling, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

Altar Society Members for next week:
Mary Ann Bounds & Lois Leaghty

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 1
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29	
6:30 am	Ella and Simon Gilbert
8:15 am	Ms. Alice Hire
TUESDAY	MAY 2
Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35	
6:30 am	Mr. Walter Ryan
8:15 am	Mr. Peter Kuluz, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	MAY 3
1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14	
6:30 am	Mr. Eddie Hire
8:15 am	The Eagan Family
THURSDAY	MAY 4
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51	
6:30 am	Dr. Henry N. Pitre
8:15 am	Mr. Ricky Riviere
FRIDAY	MAY 5
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Alexis McClellan
SATURDAY	MAY 6
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69	
8:15 am	Ms. Bertha Schillinger
	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Mr. Nolan Fremin
	Mr. Wayne Alliston, Jr.
	Ms. Connie Seymour
	Int. Mr. Eugene Pinkert, Jr.
4:00 pm	Mr. Glen Skelton
SUNDAY	MAY 7
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10	
7:30 am	Congregation
9:00 am	Ms. Judy Soares
11:30 am	Ms. Christine Webb
5:30 pm	Ms. Molly Edwards

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,665.04
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Honor of Charles Nannery on his Birthday



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Robert "Bob" Mitchell, son of Anna Mitchell and brother of Michael (Virginia) Mitchell, Francis (Vicky) Mitchell, Patrick (Patricia) Mitchell and Margaret (Jesse) Miguez of this parish, who passed away April 21st.
Anthony "Tony" Davidson, cousin of Thelma Miller and Theresa Hire of this parish, who passed away April 23rd.
We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Religious Education News

Pat Cronin – 872-2652; pcronin@cablone.net; www.stal.cc

Apr 30: Confirmation Practice after 5:30 p.m. Mass
May 2: Sacrament of Confirmation in Church 6 pm / Reception following
May 4: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
May 7: Religious Education 10:10 a.m.
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m. EPIC – a study on Church History
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Congratulations to those brought into the Church through Full Initiation or Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil: Trace Cates, Heather DeHart, Jeannie Goff, Laura Harris, Linda Kletecka, Richard Kletecka, RoxAnn Wicker and Rebecca Wiederholt.

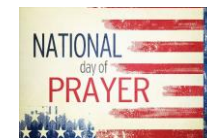
Family and Youth Calendar

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April 29/30: Registration begins for Catholic Kids Camp
Apr 30/May 7: Middle School Youth Group (10-14 years old)
Family and Youth Office 4:00-5:00 p.m.
May 7: Bake Sale after 9:00 & 11:30 a.m. Masses to Benefit Catholic Kids Camp
May 10, 24: Parent Group Family and Youth Office, 9:00 a.m.
June 12-16: SAVE THE DATE – CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP



Calling all bakers! If you would like to donate baked goods for next Sunday's CKC Bake Sale, please drop off individually wrapped goodies at the Rectory on Friday, May 5th or at the table located next to the cry room. Kindly note that bake goods will not be refrigerated. Thank you for your contribution to this year's Catholic Kids Camp.



For Your GREAT Name's Sake! Hear us...Forgive us...Heal us! This year's 66th annual National Day of Prayer will be observed at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 4th in front of City Hall on Porter Avenue. Your presence and prayers will make a difference. In case of inclement weather, the observance will be held across the street at First Baptist Church.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has selected the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System in Biloxi to host the 31st National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG) May 7-11, 2017.

The Golden Age Games are the premier senior adaptive rehabilitative program in the United States and the only national seniors program designed to improve the quality of life for all senior Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities. The Games provide a multi-event sports and therapeutic recreation program for military Veterans 55 years of age and older who receive care through a VA medical facility. Throughout the week more than 800 men and women who have worn the uniform of the United State and defended our country with honor and dignity will compete. You are invited to be a part of this exciting national event by becoming a volunteer. To sign up, please go to www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, please call Robert Davis at 228-523-5763 or robert.davis854f4@va.gov.

Excerpts from the Diary of Sister M. Faustina Kowalska:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and (then) throughout the world.
I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory.

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2017/2018 School Year Going on Now

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School.

In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family MUST attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

May 3: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
May 4: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.
May 5: Field Day

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

At St. Patrick Catholic High School, our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit our website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Mr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500.

May 1: AP Chemistry Exam 8 a.m. / Band Spring Concert 6 p.m.
May 2: Diocesan Elementary Track Meet 5:00 p.m.
May 3: 6th Grade Retreat 8 a.m. / AP English Lit/Comp Exam 8 a.m.
May 4: Mass-May Crowning 9:40 a.m.
May 5: AP US History Exam 8:00 a.m.
May 6: Shamrockin' the Coast 7:00 p.m.
May 7: Boys Basketball Banquet 1:00 p.m.

10th Annual Shamrockin' the Coast Party and Auction to be held in the Beau Rivage Magnolia Ballroom on Saturday, May 6th from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Alumni of St. Patrick, St. John, Mercy Cross, Sacred Heart and Notre Dame receive a 25% discount on tickets purchased in advance. To reserve a table or request more information call 228-702-0500. Attire is coastal casual – all guests must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets may be purchased online at www.stpatrickhighschool.net/shamrockin.



Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Rodney Fountain at rodney@rfountaincpa.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 1, 2017**



The annual Feed the Need fundraiser for The Lord Is My Help is scheduled for June 4th at Government Street Grocery. The Lord Is My Help currently serves over 4,000 meals each month at a cost of \$2.77 per meal. Approximately 62% of the meals prepared are delivered by volunteer drivers to the homes of elderly, ill, and/or disabled individuals in the Ocean Springs and D'Iberville/St. Martin areas within Jackson County. Demand on their pantry has continued strong in 2017 with an average of 287 households, or 645 persons per month being assisted. Donations for the first five months of fiscal year 2017 are down 23% from the same period in fiscal year 2016. All donated non-perishable food items are welcome and needed to keep the pantry stocked. For more information, please call The Lord Is My Help at 872-2331 or visit them at 1205 Desoto Street.