

Everybody needs a home. Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the heavenly Father's house. He even promises to prepare a place for us in that house. This is a cause of tremendous hope for us.

Our sins cause us to stumble on the road to God's house. Let us confess them, asking forgiveness from God and from one another.

May the risen Lord grant us peace and joy during the Easter season. May He also grant us the grace to respond in a spirit of love for His people, by supporting the Catholic Sharing Appeal. God will bless our parish community for our generosity.

Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. If you have not yet given to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal, please consider making a contribution during the coming week. In the past St. Alphonsus Parish has always went above the goal that was set by the Diocese – please help us do so again this year. Remember – when our parish reaches its goal, all funds raised over our goal are returned to the parish for our use. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



Catholic Kids Camp would like to THANK YOU for your overwhelming support of this year's Bake Sale Fun-raiser in which \$1,328 was raised. Whether you were a baker or a buyer - last weekend's bake sale was an enormous success because of your generosity.



From May 13th – October 13th, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions and her messages to the world through the children of Fatima. Our Lady's call to pray the Rosary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world is as pertinent today as it was back then. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore has a new assortment of booklets and CD's in the vestibule for those interested in learning more about this apparition.



Registration has begun for Catholic Kids Camp! Space is limited – only 40 spots left. Join us for a week of fun June 12th – 16th as the Marvellous 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. Registration forms are available at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore or in the Rectory Office (during regular business hours). For more information, contact our Family and Youth Director Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org.



We would like to express our deepest thanks to Mr. Jeff O'Keefe for his recent donation of a brand new Clavinova keyboard to St. Alphonsus Church.

We are inspired, Jeff, by your dedication to the faith community with such an extraordinary gift. We thank you for your generosity!



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Jesse W. Dobbins, II



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 Pitolo 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 Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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, Jane Walker and Barry Zuber.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 15
Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26	
6:30 am	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 am	Mr. Richard Porterfield
TUESDAY	MAY 16
Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a	
6:30 am	Ms. Honorbelle Dansby
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Adrienne McClellan
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17
Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 am	Ms. Karen Mary Pisarich Mr. Randy Pisarich
THURSDAY	MAY 18
Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11	
6:30 am	Mr. Hubert "Smokey" Hill
8:15 am	Mr. Jack Mullenger
FRIDAY	MAY 19
Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Mr. Waldemar Arroyo Santiago
SATURDAY	MAY 20
Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21	
8:15 am	Mr. Leland Lewis Adler Leo and Tommy Noble Special Intention R.C. Mr. Wayne Cole Mr. Billy Wagner Mr. Rufus Mallett Mr. Harry Leaghty
4:00 pm	Ms. Marguerite Mihojevich
SUNDAY	MAY 21
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21	
7:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan Ms. Betty Lou Callegari
9:00 am	Congregation
11:30 am	Mr. Bill Eckert
5:30 pm	Ms. Ligaya Camagong

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$13,769.21
Poor Collection.....	\$4,863.90
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.	

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

Emma "Faye" Fountain, grandmother of Scott (Debbie) Rushing of this parish, who passed away May 5th.

Karan Petersen, a member of our parish community, who passed away May 5th.

William Earl Vaughan, Jr., a member of our parish community, who passed away May 5th.

We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

**Altar Society Members for next week:
Jean Michaud and Joicelyn Mayfield**

Religious Education News

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

May 14: Religious Education / May Crowning 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



Today we congratulate the following from our Elementary School and Religious Education program who received their First Holy Communion during a special Mass on Saturday morning. They are: Emma Arminio, Colt Bond, Anna Clare Bourgeois, Braxton Carriere, Landen Crase, Elexie Dale, Brynne DeHart, James Ellis, Kaitlyn Fountain, Colton French, Mary Elizabeth Geiser, Bradley Harris, Olivia Karcher, Paxton Le, Teaghan Le, Cannon Lofton, Jagger Lofton, Channel Lopez, Alyssa Kate Lowery, Londyn Mai, Parker McKenzie, Ryleigh Merriman, Cohen Monaghan, Campbell Murray, Noah Padula, Alexandra Patino, Fisher Peltier, Alex Pylate, Nathan Rimmer, Luis Rosario, Bailey Roth, Nora Ryan, Santiago Sanchez, Ian Santos, Gabriella Sinopoli, Sydney Skrmetti, Carolina Stadthagen, Lilyana Swisher, Tanner Tiblier, Cadence Wright, Gabe Zielinski and Trey Zorn.

Family and Youth Calendar

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Registration Going on Now for Catholic Kids Camp

May 18: Family Adoration, 6:30 p.m. in Church

May 21: **Middle School Youth Group** (10-14 years old)
Family and Youth Office 4:00-5:00 p.m.

May 24: Parent Group Family and Youth Office, 9:00 a.m.

June 12-16: CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP

You are invited to the Fatima Spring Fest May 19th – 21st at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Biloxi. There will be



live entertainment, pay one price rides every day, delicious food, arts and crafts, books and plant sale, silent auction, \$7,500 drawdown and Classic Cars on Sunday. Hours of operation are: Friday, May 19th from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, May 21st from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$6.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



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**



St. Michael Church in Biloxi will hold a 100th Anniversary History Event to celebrate the history of the parish on Thursday, June 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. A **Deceased Fisherman's Mass** will be held immediately after at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Excerpts from the Diary of Sister M. Faustina Kowalska:
I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me. The flames of mercy are burning Me - clamoring to be spent; I want to pour them out upon these souls.

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 17: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.

May 19: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m. / May Crowning

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

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 15/16: Senior Exams

May 17: Graduation Practice 10:00 a.m.

May 18: Senior Awards Night 6:00 p.m.

May 19: Graduation 5:00 p.m.



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.

Baptized and Confirmed. Now What? New Catholics and Future Catechumens: Bring your friends and join us on Wednesday nights beginning June 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room for a

"Come As You Are," multi-parish summer program. We will explore the "WHAT CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE" DVD series. Dr. Ray Guerendi and Father Kevin Fete engage in an insightful and sometimes very entertaining dialogue to dispel the misrepresentations and misunderstandings of historic Christianity with scripture and tradition.

To register please email faith@loribrannon.com or call the Rectory Office at 875-5419. *FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi will again offer a 3-year program called "New Wine" beginning in September of this year. The program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Interested individuals should contact their Pastor, Principal, DRE or Parish Religion Coordinator no later than June 9th.



Bishop Kihneman's homilies will be available each week in audio form on Nativity BVM Cathedral's website. To access these homilies, visit nativitybvm.podbean.com.

As you plan upcoming vacations, visit www.MassTimes.org for Mass times and locations for the areas you will be visiting.