

Christ says to us what he said to his apostles: "If you love me, keep my commandments". We cannot truly call ourselves his disciples if we do not listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. We know we fail, and our lives are the poorer for that. We need the Lord's help to do better.

If you have not yet given to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal, please consider making a contribution during the coming week.

To date 98 pledges (out of 1008 registered families) have been made which total \$28,326.00. This leaves us a total of \$32,671.00 to reach our parish goal of \$60,997.00. 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. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



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**



Fr. Mike will be on a Poland and Medjugorje Pilgrimage from June 5th – 16th. Msgr. James McGough and Fr. Richard LaCorte will be filling in during the time Fr. Mike is away.

Listed below is the schedule of daily Masses during this time:

(The Mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday will remain the same)

June 5, 6, 12, 13: There will only be a 6:30 a.m. Mass

June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16: There will only be an 8:15 a.m. Mass

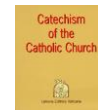
As a **daily option:** Nativity BVM Cathedral has a 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Elizabeth Seton has a 7:00 a.m. Mass.



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 -- ONLY 5 spots left for children entering 1st – 6th grade (our PK group has reached maximum capacity). We are still accepting Adult volunteers (contact Jane Sema) and youth volunteers (completion of the 6th grade or older).** Registration forms for youth volunteers are available on our website (osstalphonus.org under forms and applications) or at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore.

For more information, contact our Family & Youth Director Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonus.org



Catechism of the Catholic Church - Learn what is in this book and how to use it! Wednesday's at 9:00 a.m. Class is held at 13605 Paso Road in Gulf Hills. All are invited! Call Sue Mihal for more details at 601-573-0020.



The 100th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions and her messages to the world through the children of Fatima will be celebrated through October 13th. 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.



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Joey Williams

Altar Society Members for next week
Kay Brochard and Norma Williams

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 22
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a	
6:30 am	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 am	Ms. Irene Nelson Powers
TUESDAY	MAY 23
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11	
6:30 am	Ms. Pat Sanchez
8:15 am	Freddie and Vera Lusk
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15	
6:30 am	Mr. Terry Breeland
8:15 am	Mr. Paul Bishop
THURSDAY	MAY 25
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20	
6:30 am	Mr. Mike "Tike" Fremin
8:15 am	Mr. Steven Ladner
FRIDAY	MAY 26
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23	
6:30 am	In Gratitude Mike & Linda Staley Family
8:15 am	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
SATURDAY	MAY 27
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28	
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Jordan Moon
	Int. Mr. Gary Moon
	Int. Dr. Francis Janus
	Ms. Jeanette Larson
	Lawrence T. & Joan Kelly
	Mr. Jay Holtorf
	Ms. Joyce Brune
	Mass of Thanksgiving
4:00 pm	Mr. Ken Reiling
SUNDAY	MAY 28
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20	
7:30 am	Ms. Dot McKinnon
9:00 am	Mr. Albert Mangin, Jr.
11:30 am	Col. (Dr.) William D. Chambers
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,306.20
Trinity Dome Special Collection.....\$ 1,575.39
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



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 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.

Religious Education News

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

May 28: Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 jsema@osstalphonus.org

Registration Going on Now for Catholic Kids Camp

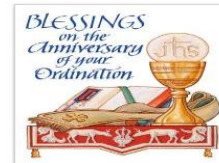
May 21: Middle School Youth Group (10-14 years old)

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**

National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC): The Diocese will be taking a bus to Indianapolis, Indiana for NCYC November 16th, 17th, and 18th. The cost of the trip is \$550 and includes: registration, travel by bus, some meals, hotel, a t-shirt and give-a-ways at the Convention. If you are between the ages of 15-19 (9th – 12th grades) and are interested in participating, please contact Jane Sema.



Congratulations Deacon Jim Gunkel and Deacon Jesus Arellano on your first year anniversary (May 21st) as Permanent Deacons. Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.



You are invited to the Fatima Spring Fest this weekend at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Biloxi. There will be live entertainment, pay one price rides, delicious food, arts and crafts, books and plant sale, silent auction, \$7,500 drawdown and Classic Cars on Sunday. Hours of operation are on Saturday until 10:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.



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.



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.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) during the week of June 5th – 9th. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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 24: PreK & K Moving On Up Ceremony 9:30 a.m.

May 25: Awards Ceremony for Grades 1-6 1:00 p.m.

May 26: Children's Mass / 6th Grade Graduation 8:15 a.m.
12:00 Noon Dismissal

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 22-24: Final Exams

May 26: Report Cards Mailed

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.



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 thank you for your generosity!

Excerpts from the Diary of Sister M. Faustina Kowalska:

Jesus complained to me in these words, Distrust on the part of souls is tearing at My insides. The distrust of a chosen soul causes Me even greater pain; despite My inexhaustible love for them they do not trust Me. Even My death is not enough for them. Woe to the soul that abuses these [gifts].



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.