

Jesus asks us to be his witnesses in the world. However, we often lack the courage to witness openly to our faith. But Jesus says to us what he said to his first disciples, *“Do not be afraid.”* So let us bring our fears to him, and ask his help in overcoming them.



Due to Fr. White vacationing in Ireland, we will continue to only have one Mass during the weekday at least through the end of July.

Listed below is the schedule for daily Mass

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

Monday and Tuesday

There will only be a 6:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

There will only be an 8:15 a.m. Mass

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



The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is hiring a Director of Stewardship and Development. The position will be available starting August 2017. Please send resumé by June 30th, attention Office of the Vicar General, c/o

rsvp@biloxidiocese.org or fax to 228-702-2139. For a listing of basic duties, experience, education and training needed, please go to the diocesan website at: www.biloxidiocese.org/employment.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore will be closed for summer break beginning Saturday, July 1st and reopen on Saturday, July 22nd.

New Wine Deadlines Extended: Those interested in being part of the New Wine group that begins in the fall of 2017 have new extended deadlines. This program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry.

The deadline for submitting names and email addresses is Monday, July 17th and the deadline for submitting completed applications is Monday, July 31st.

If you have any questions about the program, or if you need an application, please call Leo Trahan at the Office of Religious Education (228) 702-2131.

If you have not yet given to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal, please consider making a contribution during the coming week. To date **139** pledges (out of 1008 registered families) have been made which total **\$50,906.00**. This leaves us a total of **\$10,091.00** 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.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Elio, 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, Catherine Lawrence, 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 Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Ruth Neeley, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley Norman, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Hayden Pilgrim, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Elba Smolcich, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, 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	JUNE 26
Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5	
6:30 am	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
8:15 am	No Mass
TUESDAY	JUNE 27
Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14	
6:30 am	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 am	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 28
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Int. Ms. Laura Murphy
THURSDAY	JUNE 29
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Int. Mr. David Laster
FRIDAY	JUNE 30
Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Dr. Henry N. Pitre
SATURDAY	JULY 1
Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17	
8:15 am	Russ, Carley, and Brittany Jordan
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Nolan Fremin
	Mr. Wayne Alliston, Jr.
	Mr. William A. Staehle
4:00 pm	Mr. Michael Joseph Sekul
SUNDAY	JULY 2
2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matt 10:37-42	
7:30 am	Congregation
9:00 am	Mr. Walter Ryan
11:30 am	Mr. Alson Young
5:30 pm	Ms. Molly Edwards

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,970.66
 Diocesan Priests Supplemental Collection.....\$3,621.41
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Skaar, mother of Lois Leaghty of this parish, who passed away June 20th.
 We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Lauren Sentell and Kyle Rademacher on their Wedding Day and in Memory of Deceased Loved Ones of the Sentell and Rademacher Family

Religious Education News

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

Why is "Silence" so important? From the General Instructions on the Roman Missal we read: Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its purpose, however, depends on the time it occurs in each part of the celebration. Thus within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts. Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.

Family and Youth Calendar

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

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 to Christina Dalton and Sarah Pleasant – They were the recipients of this year's **Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund Award** given by the Knights of Columbus and Henry and Jean Nielsen (Chris' parents).

This scholarship is given each year to two graduating high school seniors in memory of Chris Nielsen – a young KC member who died while in the Air Force.

Words live long after the book is closed, so remember, when you go on vacation this summer, don't leave your faith behind! Our Lady of Perpetual Help bookstore has a new selection of books just perfect to read this summer. Happy summer reading!

Willwoods 10th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper & Substance:

ATTENTION all Married couples: You are invited to a fun & faith-filled date night celebrating & enriching marriages at the 10th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper & Substance on Friday, July 14th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Mid-City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl located across the street from the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Come hear an inspiring presentation from the special guest speaker couple Deacon Larry & Andi Oney, listen to live music from the talented Peace of Cake Band and enjoy great food, drinks, bowling and a rockin' good time!

For tickets, sponsoring a lane or to learn more about the event, call Jason at (504) 830-3716 or go to their events page at Willwoods.org.

**Altar Society Member for next week:
Fern Kelly**

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)

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.



At St. Alphonsus Church we are pursuing opportunities to foster a stronger parish life and better engage the New Evangelization. As part of these efforts we are happy to announce that St. Alphonsus

Church has its own app for Apple and Android phones.

Our app will allow us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to messages or RSVP for events.

There will be no need for parishioners with smart phones to remember to silence their phones before Mass. The app will send you a reminder to silence your phone 20 minutes before the Mass you select. Many more great features will be a help to all of us, such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, as well as quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website and FORMED. Download the app by texting App to phone number 88202, or by visiting myparishapp.com.

FORMED: Need a place where you can stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere?? St. Alphonsus has a purchased subscription from Formed.org, which gives St. Alphonsus parishioners' FREE access to high quality Catholic programs, movies, downloadable audios and downloadable e-books. To gain access to the website go to www.formed.org, enter our Parish Code f1f5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password and start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass. It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



Hospital Stays: Because of privacy concerns, it is increasingly difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many parishioners can be there for an entire week (or more), yet their names never appear on the "Clergy List" that we get to see. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. Consequently we are reminding you that if you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

- Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc:**
- www.americanaddictioncenters.org;
 - www.al-anon.org;
 - www.cancersupportcommunity.org;
 - www.catholicmenconquerporn.com;
 - www.narcononcolorado.org;
 - www.catholicdivorce.com;
 - www.rachelsvineyard.org;
 - www.yourbrainonporn.com