

The Gospel contains the conclusion of Matthew's missionary discourse. Jesus instructs his apostles on the sacrifices involved, and the priorities they must embrace, in being his envoys to the world. He tells them that they must be ready, if need be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own relatives.

The Gospel also stresses the profound dignity and implications of even the smallest act of hospitality to Christ's envoys. To receive a person's envoy is to receive the person himself. The First Reading echoes what the Gospel says about the importance of showing hospitality towards the envoy of God.



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.



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



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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 **147** pledges (out of 1008 registered families) have been made which total **\$60,356.00**. This leaves us a total of **\$641.00** 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 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, 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 Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, 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 Templett, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Jane Walker and Barry Zuber.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 3
Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29	
6:30 am	Mr. Dick Daniels
8:15 am	No Mass
TUESDAY	JULY 4
Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	JULY 5
Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Mr. Tommy Noble
THURSDAY	JULY 6
Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Elvin Asher Family
FRIDAY	JULY 7
Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13	
6:30 am	No Mass
8:15 am	Mr. & Mrs. Morris (Anna) J. Rabe, Jr.
SATURDAY	JULY 8
Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17	
8:15 am	Ms. Connie Seymour Mr. Rufus Mallett Mr. Donald Cole Mr. Leo Noble Special Intention C.M. Special Intention R.C.
4:00 pm	Mr. Nicky Caillavet
SUNDAY	JULY 9
Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30	
7:30 am	Mr. Paul Derouen
9:00 am	Ms. Julia Beaugez
11:30 am	Ms. Patricia Gunkel
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,968.18
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

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



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Marc Cruso Sr., nephew of Mildred Caillavet of this parish, who passed away June 10th.

Melba Higginbotham, cousin of L.J. (Bugga) Danise of this parish, who passed away June 22nd.

Ruth Neeley, a member of our parish family, who passed away June 25th.

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



**The Flowers in front of the Altar
are in Memory of
The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families**

Religious Education News

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And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Matthew 23:9

When Jesus says the above quote he is addressing the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees for being haughty in exercising their office; and for promoting themselves by seeking places of honor, marks of respect and ostentatious symbols. Jesus says not to call anyone on earth by the titles "Rabbi," "Father" or "teacher," in the sense of arrogating to oneself an authority which rests with God and forgetting the responsibility of the title. Priests have always been viewed as spiritual fathers. The Pope since the very beginning was known as "papa" which is Latin for "father" used by a child i.e. "daddy". The title represents the spiritual fatherhood of all priests as they pass on the faith and counsel as a father counsels his children.

Family and Youth Calendar

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July 30: Come see Bishop Louis Kihneman pitch the first pitch at the game between the Shuckers and Jacksonville on Saturday, July 30th at 5:05 p.m. at the Biloxi MGM Stadium.
Contact Jane Sema by July 12th to order your tickets for \$7.00.

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.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 5th 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.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.

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.

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.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, July 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



You are invited to join St. Michael Parish for their 100th Anniversary Picnic Celebration on Sunday, July 16th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You will be able to visit with old friends and new and recollect their history through picture boards, a slide show, and interviews of St. Michael Parishioners.



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.

Pray for Vocations

For information, go to www.biloxidiocese.org