



The parables of the treasure and the pearl have the same message: The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this. The parable of the net has the same message as that of the wheat and the weeds. In its present stage the kingdom contains both good and bad things. Only at the final judgement will they be separated.

Those interested in being part of the New Wine group that begins in the fall of 2017 is asked to please submit completed applications by this Monday (July 31st). This program provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. 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.

 **A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 2nd 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.


New Catholics and Future Catechumens: Bring your friends and join us beginning Thursday, August 3rd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a five-week series, meeting each Thursday evening through August 31st, at the St. Alphonsus Parish Life Center 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. The cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. TO REGISTER: email faith@loribrannon.com or call (228)875-5419. *FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

 **The floor repairs in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore are coming along nicely, but we still have a little more to go. We thank you for your patience and understanding and will let you know as soon as we have a date on when the Bookstore will reopen.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Reverend Morgan Kavanagh, August 6, 1998
 Reverend Ivan Weis, August 7, 2007
 Reverend Patrick C. Grant, August 9, 1991
 Reverend John P. Robinson, August 10, 1977
 Reverend Paul Gillis, August 14, 1995

 **Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Joy Cronin, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Marthann Eilo, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Joey Fountain, Carmen Gaethe, 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, Chandra Nicholson, Charley Nowel, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Elba Smolcick, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templett, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY JULY 31
 Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35
 6:30 am Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
 8:15 am No Mass

TUESDAY AUGUST 1
 Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43
 6:30 am Mr. Hubert “Smokey” Hill
 8:15 am No Mass

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2
 Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46
 6:30 am No Mass
 8:15 am Spec Int. Families and Married Couples

THURSDAY AUGUST 3
 Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53
 6:30 am No Mass
 8:15 am Mr. George Casey

FRIDAY AUGUST 4
 Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matt 13:54-58
 6:30 am No Mass
 8:15 am Ms. Iris Holloway

SATURDAY AUGUST 5
 Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12
 8:15 am Russ, Carley and Brittany Jordan
 Mr. Gregory Hebert
 Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
 Mr. Nolan Fremin
 Mr. Wayne Alliston
 Ms. Connie Seymour

4:00 pm Mr. Ken Reiling


SUNDAY AUGUST 6
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9
 7:30 am Mr. Jesse Dobbins
 9:00 am Ms. Vara Lyons
 11:30 am Ms. Jean Pierre
 5:30 pm Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,834.81
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

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

 **The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Alice Davidson Hire**

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Joseph “Joe” Latil, a member of our parish family, who passed away July 19th. Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Ginger Szczepanski, wife of Frank Szczepanski of this parish and retired teacher at St. Alphonsus Elementary School, who passed away July 24th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.**

Religious Education News

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Anyone who wishes their child(ren) to be in the St. Alphonsus Religious Education Program this coming fall should start to accumulate the necessary documents for registration. Copies of **both** the Birth Certificate **and** Baptismal Certificate will be required for each child. This is especially true of Second Grade and Eleventh Grade.


RCIA Classes will begin on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. All those interested in being a part of this group is asked to call the Religious Education Office and give your name, phone number and e-mail so we might appraise you of coming events. Who should consider coming to RCIA? Anyone interested in knowing more about the Roman Catholic Church and faith; those wishing to just know more about the Church; those wishing for membership in the Church; those wanting a refresher course in the Church and faith; those wishing for the fullness of Confirmation if not received. It is an interesting way to learn more about the Catholic Church from a well-informed team of parishioners.

Family and Youth Calendar

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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.

 **The Ocean Springs Church Women will meet** on Monday, July 31st at St. Paul United Methodist Church (800 Porter Ave). Fellowship, with refreshments, starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Wesson Building and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. Speaker, Lynette Curry, will be talking about P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization that provides women with grants, loans, and scholarships. The business meeting is from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join in Christian fellowship and worship as they learn more about different organizations that provide support and encouragement to members of our community.

 **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 August 7th – 11th. 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.

The Biloxi Diocese has announced plans for a new Formation Class for the Permanent Diaconate to begin in the fall of 2018. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon on the following days:
August 19th: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Hattiesburg
September 9th: St. Joseph Parish, Gulfport
September 16th: St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Ocean Springs
For interested men, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory, and your wife is required to attend. Please see your pastor, and for further information, call the Diocese of Biloxi, Office of the Diaconate at 702-2107.

“While the heart of the celebration of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer, the consummation of the Mass is found in Holy Communion, whereby the people purchased for the Father by his beloved Son eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. They are thereby joined together as members of Christ’s mystical Body, sharing the one life of the Spirit. In the great sacrament of the altar, they are joined to Christ Jesus and to one another.” GIRM Part 1:5

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL


To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit the website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, call 228-702-0500.

July 31: The St. Patrick Robotics Team “Tempest” will host a Booster Blood Drive from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. This blood drive is in partnership with the American Red Cross to provide assistance in the crucial need for all types of blood.

To make an appointment visit www.REDCROSSBLOOD.org and use the sponsor code SPCHS or contact Debbie Worrel at dworrel@stpatrickhighschool.net.



St. Patrick High School will offer Free Transportation before and after school for the 2017-2018 school year. Morning pickup from St. Alphonsus will be at 7:15 a.m. and afternoon drop-off will be at 3:55 p.m.

 **Upon this Rock Scripture Study** is beginning registration for the Bible study “Luke: The Gospel of Study Mercy” offered by Catholic Scripture Study International. This study explores the parables of Mercy and how God’s Mercy is still active in the world today. The Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 13th and will meet each Wednesday morning through April 4th from 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Murray Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$47 and includes the study set and a DVD presentation. Payment by August 21st will ensure that you receive your materials by the start of the study. For more information and/or to register, please call Sharon Jones at 228-591-1069.

Upcoming Scripture Studies at St. Elizabeth Seton:

Wednesday Evening Class: The Book of Revelation will begin August 16th at 6:30 p.m. The last book of the New Testament is also probably the most difficult and misunderstood book of the Bible. Registration for this class is now open. Cost is \$49.00. Registration ends July 30. For more information call Dennis Reeves 228-297-6505

Wednesday Morning Class: Queen of Heaven, Mary’s Battle for You will begin August 23rd at 8:30 a.m. Discover Our Mother throughout centuries of Church history, as she intervenes at pivotal periods—especially at her most famous apparitions. Registration for this class is now open. Cost is \$26.00. Registration ends July 30th. For more information call please call Karen Williams 228-238-3538.

Sunday Morning Adult Class: Priest, Prophet and King by Bishop Barron will begin August 20th at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$20.00. Please call Amy Meadows at 228-324-9406.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.

Pray for Vocations

For information, go to www.biloxidiocese.org



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.

To view a copy of the weekly Church bulletin on our website just type in “osstalphonsus.org”.