

Jesus rejects the inadequate ways in which others understand his role, and demands that his disciples speak for themselves. Peter replies with what no doubt was a solemn confessional formula of Matthew's Church. Then Jesus reciprocates by conferring a new title on Peter. He will be the foundation-stone of the new people of God. The story shows that the primacy of Peter was not something that was invented by the Church later on. It went right back to the beginning, yes, to the mind and will of Jesus himself. The failures of popes throughout history do not contradict Jesus' promise that the gates of hell would not prevail against the Church. Peter himself failed the Lord. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. The Church's true foundation is Christ himself. The pope is his servant, not his substitute.



An Altar Server Training is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with lunch being served afterwards in the KC Hall. All Altar Servers (and anyone wishing to become an altar server - must have already made First Holy Communion) are asked to please attend this meeting.



The Family and Youth Ministry will join parishioners to present a fundraiser for the Youth Ministry on Saturday, September 16th at the Parish Life Center/KC Hall from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for adults 21 or older. The St. AlPhonics, which plays at the 5:30 Sunday Mass, will begin the evening with a Concert at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and ending the evening with a dance from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets for the Concert, Dinner and Dance are available in the Church Office during regular business hours. Anyone interested in helping decorate and prepare for the event or would like tickets to sell please contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

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 **September 9th** at St. Joseph Parish, Gulfport and **September 16th** at 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 Office of the Diaconate at 702-2107.



The Knights of Columbus are collecting items for a Rummage Sale to be held October 27th and 28th. Items may be put on the back porch of the KC Hall.



The repairs are finally complete and the **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore is now open for business.** Please see the front of the bulletin for a listing of days and times in which the Bookstore is open. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



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 Ello, 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 Migues, Deacon Greg Miller, Eunice Misko, Robert M. Mitchell, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Nony Raether, Anna Raley, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Elba Smolcich, Joe Souza, Edna Spell, Lorraine St. Onge, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Warren Strayham, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templett, Sharon Tilmom, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 28
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22	
6:30 am	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 am	Elvin Asher Family
TUESDAY	AUGUST 29
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29	
6:30 am	Fr. Patrick Noonan
8:15 am	Int. Ronnie and Leah Henderson
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 30
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 am	Ms. Marian Sullivan
THURSDAY	AUGUST 31
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Ms. Karen Mary Pisarich Mr. Randy Pisarich
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13	
6:30 am	Int. Ms. Katie Swanson Mr. Ken Swanson
8:15 am	Mr. Wayne Alliston
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30	
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Connor McClellan Mr. Nolan Fremin Ms. Connie Seymour Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
4:00 pm	Ms. Nellie Williams The Sonnier Family

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27	
7:30 am	Ms. Dorothy McKinnon
9:00 am	Int. Mr. Hunter Grantham
11:30 am	Mr. Ricky Riviere
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,255.11
 Extension Society Collection.....\$ 857.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of JoAnn Wavra



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Kelley, mother of Mary (Ron) Haaf of this parish, who passed away August 17th. **Your prayers are also requested for the soul of Maryse Westman**, a member of our parish family, who passed away August 17th. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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

Sept 3: Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds
Sept 7: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

Religious Education is in the process of kicking off a new year and is in need of some volunteer catechist. If interested, please call Pat Cronin at 209-0464.

Registration for Religious Education took place last weekend. If you were unable to register your child/children at that time – you may still do so by going to the Religious Education Office during the week. Please bring a copy of each child's birth certificate and baptism certificate with you to registration and be prepared to fill out new registration forms.

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.

If you have always wanted to read the Bible BUT haven't been able to finish it, don't understand it, or if it just didn't seem to be the right time – Then you are invited to join the Adult Study Class on Sunday mornings beginning September 10th at 10:10 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass). By using the Bible Timeline DVD Series presented by Jeff Cavins, we will read the bible with understanding. Any questions, call Rich or Sue Mihal 601-573-0020.

Family and Youth Calendar

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

The Family and Youth Ministry will continue the Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship this year. The group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday, September through May, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you are a parent looking for a group gathering of other parents and their children for prayer and fellowship, join us in the Family and Youth Office in back of the Parish Hall.

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.



You are invited to the 12th Annual Katrina Prayer Service to be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Biloxi this Sunday (August 27th) at 3:00 p.m.

Baptized and Confirmed, Now What? NEW CATHOLICS: Bring your friends and join us on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a five-week MULTI-PARISH series beginning September 21st (through October 19th) in the Parish Hall for a "Come As You Are" fall program. We will explore Bishop Robert Barron's "CATHOLICISM" DVD series. In this epic production, filmed at the most significant religious sites in the world, Bishop Barron brilliantly shows and tells **what** Catholics believe and **why** drawing from scripture, the catechism and spiritual masters. It is a must see DVD. Please pre-register (if you are interested, as we will need to pre-order materials) by emailing faith@loribrannon.com or calling the Rectory at 875-5419. The cost is \$25.00. *FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 29: PTO Meeting – Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m.
Aug 30: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
Aug 30/31: School Pictures (Uniforms)
Sept 1: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 28: Girls Basketball Parent Meeting in Gym 6:00 p.m.
Aug 29: Dance Team Parent Meeting in Auditorium 5:00 p.m.
Aug 30: College/Career Fair 8:30 a.m./Jr. Class Ring Orders 11:30 a.m. PTO Meeting / Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Tickets for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Thanksgiving Home Giveaway are available in the Rectory Office (during regular business hours) for \$100 per ticket*. (*if 2,500 tickets or less are sold, a cash prize of \$100,000 will be awarded to the winner in lieu of the home)

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LOCAL St. VINCENT DE PAUL
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www.svdphomegiveaway.com

A Message from Lois Leaghty-Ravera: In December of 2015 I won a contest to go to Haiti with a like-minded group to serve the poor. Our group, along with the generosity of many caring souls, have raised over \$70,000 to help build a new housing village for those we visited who were living in a dumpsite. There are now 15 families in new homes. (Pictures are available by emailing me at Lois.Ravera@gmail.com. You can also call me at 228-324-3304 if you have any questions.) The purpose of this message is that I will again be embarking on a return trip to Haiti with the Food For the Poor this coming December and hope to bring the necessities of life. The following is a list of needed items. Cash is also accepted and appreciated too.

- School supplies, coloring books, craft supplies such as construction paper, stickers.
- Hygiene items such as deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair accessories.
- Children's underwear, pillow case dresses for girls, boy's t-shirts and shorts.
- Soccer balls (deflated) with pump, jump ropes, small stuffed toys or dolls, matchbox cars
- Christmas stocking stuffers

Offerings can be left in the Vestibule of the Church in the box labeled for Haiti. To make it for the December trip, I must have all donations in and shipped by October 1st.

Thank you so very much and God Bless You - Lois

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