

The First Reading states, 'God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts'. Just how vast is the difference between God's ways and our ways, between God's thoughts and our thoughts, is illustrated in the Gospel. God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because he befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable Jesus faces up to his critics, and shows them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.



The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding a "Walk for the Poor" on Saturday, September 30th at the Ocean Springs-Biloxi Bridge. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can either drop the donation in the collection basket (marked 'Walk for the Poor') or bring to the rectory during regular business hours. The Boy Scouts of Troop 211 will be walking again for our conference. Anyone interested in walking/running with the Boy Scouts is asked to please call the rectory office and leave your name and number and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul will get back in touch with you. Thank you and God Bless!



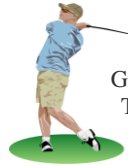
You are invited to join St. Elizabeth Seton in a National Life Chain scheduled for Sunday, October 1st (rain or shine) from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the old YMCA (Hwy 90). You are asked to please arrive between 2:35 – 2:45 p.m. Items you may wish to bring: rosary, chair, sunglasses, hat, drink, or umbrella. For more information, call Deacon Michael at 282-3345.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 a.m. - 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 October 2nd – 6th. 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.



St. Alphonsus Parish is hosting the October Ultreya at St. Mary's in Gautier on Tuesday, October 3rd. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the Ultreya starts at 7:00 p.m. Cursillistas are asked to please bring a snack or covered dish. The guest speaker will be Deacon Jim Gunkel. All are invited.



The 31st Annual Catholic Cursillo Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 14th at Gulf Hills Golf Course. Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m. The Tournament format is a 3-Man Scramble and you can either make up your own team or be placed on a team. \$80 per player or \$240 per Team – includes Green Fee and Cart. A free pre-tournament Dinner Party and Reunion will be held on Friday at the D'Iberville Community Center from 7:00-9:30 p.m. for players, spouses, sponsors, Cursillistas and friends. Registration forms must be received no later than September 25th. For more information or to register, contact Al Gombos at 228-348-0203 / algombos@aol.com or Skip Carroll at 228-547-6562 / scarroll@wm.com.



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, 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, Margaret Murray, Sophia Myers, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Nowel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O'Connor, III, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, 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 Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, and Jane Walker.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
6:30 am Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 am Tommy and David Jr. Noble

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
6:30 am Ms. Joan Ryan
8:15 am Miss Catherine Luminais

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
6:30 am Msgr. Francis Farrell
8:15 am Mr. Samuel Soliman
Ms. Edna Avena

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
6:30 am Mr. Terry Miller
8:15 am Int. Barney and Gail Banks

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
6:30 am Ms. June Krohn
8:15 am Mr. David Schillinger

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45
8:15 am Ms. Jeanette Larson
Lawrence T. and Joan Kelly
Mr. Jay Holtorf
4:00 pm Mr. Ken Reiling

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matt 21:28-32
7:30 am Mr. Peter Kuluz, Sr.
9:00 am Congregation
11:30 am Mr. Charles B. Martin, II
5:30 pm Ms. Brandy Lesso Hebert

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$13,579.73
Catholic University of America Collection.....\$ 911.41
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

Pray for Vocations

For information, go to www.biloxidiocese.org

Altar Society Member for next week is Fern Kelly



The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Marjorie Langen



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of John Petricca, nephew of Tony and Jean Petricca, who passed away September 12th in Dallas, Texas. **Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Father Patrick McDermott**, a retired priest in the Diocese of Biloxi, who passed away September 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@cableone.net; www.stal.cc

Sept 25: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 28: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
Oct 1: Religious Education 10:10 a.m.
Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m. Read the Bible with Understanding
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

It is never too late to enroll your child in Religious Education. Don't let your child miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

Anyone who has not turned in a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate is asked to do so as soon as possible.

Thanks to the Catechists who participated in last week's Commissioning. We appreciate all that you do for the Parish and School.

Family and Youth Calendar

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

As we build our youth programs we are looking for young adults and parents to help with activities for our youth. If you are interested in helping us build a **DYNAMIC YOUTH PROGRAM** contact Jane Sema at 228-217-1392.

Youth Gatherings

Sept 24: 6th–8th Grades at 4:30 pm 9th–12th Grades at 6:30 pm
We will gather in the Family and Youth office.

Sept 27: You are invited to join our **Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship** group as we study The Saints. 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) from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sept 30: Youth Ministry Kickoff Day at St. Francis Xavier in Wiggins from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Contact Jane Sema to register. \$15/youth and \$5/adults. Dinner will be provided but bring a sack lunch. Activities include: Middle School Kickball tournament; High School Ultimate Frisbee Tournament; Mass and Adoration/XLT.

A Message from Lois Leaghty-Ravera: In December of 2015 I won a contest to go to Haiti to serve the poor. Our group, along with the generosity of many caring souls, raised over \$70,000 to help build a new housing village for those we visited.

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 and God Bless You - Lois



Walgreens will be offering Flu Shots in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center on Friday, October 13th beginning at 9:00 a.m. on a first come/first serve basis – no preregistration is required. No cash will be accepted, so please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 27: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
Sept 29: Children's Mass with Bishop Kihneman 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 27: Graduation Invitation Presentation (Seniors) 8:30 a.m.
Sept 28: Make-up School Pictures / Senior Pictures; Mass 9:40 a.m.
Sept 30: Band: Gulf Coast Invitational Marching Festival 10:00 a.m.

Please support the St. Vincent de Paul Society **Thanksgiving Home Giveaway**. Help those in our parish and community who are experiencing hard times making ends meet. Tickets are \$100 and are available in the Rectory Office (during normal business hours). A drawdown will be held November 24th to select the winner. Purchasers will also qualify in the drawing of other gifts and door prizes.



A Couples Retreat, for couples married 10 years and under, will be held October 7th and 8th at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center. Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to deepen your love for God and each other! Come grow, recharge and be strengthened in your love for God and each other! To register or for more info call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 or visit FaithandMarriage.org. The suggested donation of \$275 for the couple is requested but not required.

An ARISE will be held October 20th – 22nd at the Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St Louis. ARISE weekends are sponsored by the Catholic Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi and are open to all, including those living outside of South Mississippi. ARISE is conducted by a team of laypersons assisted by members of the clergy and provides information about the Catholic Faith and how Catholic laypersons live out their Catholic Faith.

Not sure if ARISE is for you? The answer is YES if any of the following statements apply to you: "I'm not Catholic but I want to know more about the Catholic Church." "I'm attending RCIA and think that ARISE might be a good addition to the information I have already learned about the Catholic faith." "I was baptized Catholic but have joined another non-Catholic church. I want to know what I left behind in the Catholic Church." "I am Catholic but not currently attending Mass. I want to find out more about the Church and its treasury of spiritual truths." "I am proud to be a practicing Catholic but the more I learn about my Catholic faith, the more I realize I need to know more!"

For more information about the weekend you may visit our Website www.biloxicursillo.org or contact: Al Gombos 228-348-0203 / 228-374-1146 agombos@diberville.ms.us algombos@aol.com or Gay Camagong at (228) 424-7722.



Fr. Louis Lohan invites you to join him in Ireland in April 2018. You will visit quaint little towns and villages, enjoy a cruise on the River Shannon, pray and celebrate Mass at the Basilica at Knock Shrine, celebrate Mass in Fr. Louis' home church – St. Patrick's in Newbridge, County Galway, and be fed at his home on the family farm. Each evening you will retire to the very best hotels along The Wild Atlantic Way and completely take over the elegant 14th Century Markree Castle, with a two night stay, where you will enjoy an entertaining yet touching performance of an Immigrants Tale. If interested, email Fr. Louis at Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com and he will send you the information.