

**The First Reading eulogizes wisdom.** We see this wisdom exemplified in the five wise bridesmaids in the Gospel parable.

Whereas Paul expects the second coming of Christ to happen soon, Matthew has accepted that the parousia may be delayed. The point of the parable is this: since the disciples do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming, they must be prepared so that when he comes they can enter his kingdom. To be prepared means to be a doer rather than a mere hearer of the word.



**You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass** on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**



**The Knights of Columbus Annual Robert Foster Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors** will be held Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center. This dinner is free for all Senior Citizens.



**A Faith Formation Conference** will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup> for men and December 1<sup>st</sup> for women. The guest speaker will be Marcellino D'Ambrosio. Tickets are \$15 each. The themes are Spiritual Wellness and Advent a Reason for the Season. For more information please call Amy at 228-875-0654 or email [amy@stelseton.com](mailto:amy@stelseton.com).



**The first Sunday of Advent is December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Come shop the newest collection of Advent wreaths and candles, Christmas decorations and gifts now available.** The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and after the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and all Sunday (English) Masses.

### 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 Vincenzo D. DiLalla, November 2, 1990
- Reverend Patrick Martin, November 16, 1991
- Reverend Michael Leane, November 23, 1987



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, 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 and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Patricia Merlau, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Margaret Murray, 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, Joe Souza, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Stan Stanton, Katie Swanson, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilmon, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers and Jane Walker.

If someone in your family is in need of prayer, please contact the parish office to have their name placed on the list. We will keep the name on for at least two months unless otherwise notified.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 13**

Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

6:30 am Mr. R.J. Domingue

8:15 am Poor Souls

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14**

Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Luke 17:7-10

6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.

8:15 am Poor Souls

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15**

Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

6:30 am Mr. James (Jimmie) Spell

8:15 am Poor Souls

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16**

Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25

6:30 am Poor Souls

8:15 am Dr. Henry N. Pitre

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17**

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

6:30 am Ms. Jackie Dudley

8:15 am Poor Souls

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18**

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

8:15 am Mr. Leland Lewis Adler

Mr. Wayne Alliston

Mr. Harry Leaghty

Ms. JoAnn Wavra

Poor Souls

4:00 pm Ms. Dorothy Mulgrew

Mr. James Mulgrew

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30

7:30 am Congregation

9:00 am Poor Souls

11:30 am Mr. Alson Young

5:30 pm Ms. Mary Emma Skaar



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Rolland Svihl, brother-in-law of Al Kruger of this parish, who passed away November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dickinson, North Dakota. Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Helen Gollott, sister-in-law of Fred Liscoe of this parish, who passed away November 4<sup>th</sup> in Biloxi. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.**



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Peggy Dessommes**

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,712.61

All Saints' Day Collection.....\$ 1,515.47

Monthly Poor Collection.....\$ 3,283.85

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

**Altar Society Members for next week are Judy Anderson and Jean Michaud**

## Religious Education News

Pat Cronin – 872-2652; [pcronin@cablone.net](mailto:pcronin@cablone.net); [www.stal.cc](http://www.stal.cc)

**Nov 13:** New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

**Nov 16:** RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.

**Nov 19:** Religious Education 10:10 a.m.

Adult Study Class 10:10 a.m.

Rite of Catechumenates at 11:30 a.m. Mass

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.**

3 & 4 year olds are also welcome to attend Religious Education on Sundays (must be potty trained). Excellent teachers and religious materials are available. Don't let your child miss out. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity.

## Family and Youth Calendar

Jane Sema 228-217-1392 [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto: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.

Throughout the year, **Adore**, a local Catholic Group, holds Worship Teaching and Adoration for all ages. This year's Title is **Recalculating**. Their last performance will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Woolmarket. All are invited to attend.

### Youth Activities

The Diocese will be taking a bus of high school students and adults to Washington D. C. January 17-21, 2018 for **March for Life**. If you are interested in participating in this rewarding experience, contact Jane Sema by November 18<sup>th</sup> at 228-217-1392 or [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org).

**Nov 22: Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship**, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Come and join our group as we study The Saints. The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday, from September through May, in the Family and Youth office in back of the Parish Hall.

**Young Adults (ages 19-35) are invited to join the Young Adult Bible Study** on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the ACE House (506 Jackson Avenue – next door to the School). Never been in a bible study before? No worries! This is a great opportunity for you to grow in faith and fellowship. For more information call Kat Peek at 225-223-3574.

**A Gentle Reminder from Pope Francis:** This life will go by fast. Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, and don't complain so much. Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake - let it go and keep seeking your happiness. Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money. Enjoy travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware, don't save your favorite perfume – use it to go out with yourself, wear out your favorite sport shoes and your favorite clothes. So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas, for Friday, for Reunions, for another year, for when I have money, for love to come, when everything is perfect...look...Everything perfect does not exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn. So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Nov 17:** Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Nov 12:** Open House 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Nov 16:** Mass 9:40 a.m.



St. Patrick ([www.stpatrickhighschool.net](http://www.stpatrickhighschool.net)) will be hosting an **Open House this Sunday (November 12<sup>th</sup>)** from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the School (18300 St. Patrick Road, Biloxi, 39532). All parents and students are invited to learn more about St. Patrick, a coeducational college preparatory high school serving students in grades 7-12 in the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling tickets for the Home Giveaway after each Mass this weekend.** The drawdown will be held on Thanksgiving weekend. Please support this worthy cause by buying a \$100 tax deductible ticket. You may also purchase a ticket during normal business hours at the Rectory Office.

Proceeds from these sales help the less fortunate in our community.

**BUY A TICKET**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

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Biloxi Mississippi 39532  
Single Family Residence  
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Call 228-334-4408 for more information  
[www.svdphomegiveaway.com](http://www.svdphomegiveaway.com)



**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 - 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](http://myparishapp.com).



**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Irelandwelcomesyou@gmail.com) and he will send you the information.



**Fr. Mike Austin invites you to join him on a Pilgrimage to Italy May 28-June 8, 2018.** The Pilgrimage will take you to Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi and Rome and include an Audience with Our Holy Father Pope Francis. The cost is \$4499 from New Orleans. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Mike Austin at 228-238-1050 or Mrs. Paula Spears at 228-697-7814 or email [tourofitaly2018@gmail.com](mailto:tourofitaly2018@gmail.com).