

Paul believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. Hence, he urges the Thessalonians to be watchful. However, Matthew has accepted that the *parousia* would be delayed. Even so, he too spoke about the necessity of being watchful. In the parable of the talents he spells out what this watchfulness consists in: it consists in carrying out the Lord's instructions to the best of one's God-given ability. The First Reading sets before us the example of a woman who uses her talents to live an industrious and virtuous life.



**The Knights of Columbus Annual Robert Foster Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors** will be held this 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.



**Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day** and a most appropriate way to offer Thanks to God is to begin the day by attending Mass. **On Thursday morning we offer two Masses – 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** Please consider making one of these Masses your Thanksgiving to God before joining your family for the traditional meal later in the day. For those of you who will be traveling over the Thanksgiving period, we wish you a safe journey and a safe return home. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



**The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the D'Iberville Community Center.** 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.

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 All Proceeds go to  
**LOCAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 Call 228-334-4408 for more information  
 www.svdphomegiveaway.com



**The first Sunday of Advent is December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Come shop the newest collection of Advent wreaths, 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.



**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 Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, 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.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 20**  
 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43  
 6:30 am Poor Souls  
 8:15 am Int. Ron and Anne McClellan

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21**  
 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10  
 6:30 am Ms. Mollie Davidson  
 8:15 am Poor Souls

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22**  
 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28  
 6:30 am Poor Souls  
 8:15 am Freddie and Vera Lusk

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23**  
 Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19  
 7:30 am Ms. Inez Danise  
 9:00 am Poor Souls

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24**  
 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48  
 6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.  
 8:15 am Poor Souls

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25**  
 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40  
 8:15 am Lawrence T. and Joan Kelly  
 Mr. Jay Holtorf  
 Msgr. Gregory Kennedy  
 Poor Souls  
 4:00 pm Ms. Molly Edwards

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26**  
 Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46  
 7:30 am Mr. Emmett Catchot  
 9:00 am Mr. W.C. "Speedy" Brondum  
 11:30 am Congregation  
 5:30 pm Poor Souls



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Andrew Clayton**, son-in-law of Francis & Vicky Mitchell of our parish, who passed away October 31<sup>st</sup> in Hattiesburg. **Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of Craig Kortman**, brother of Bill (Ann) Kortman of this parish, who passed away November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 Honor of Robert and Peggy Cox on their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,274.40  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

**Altar Society Members for next week are Kay Brochard and Norma Williams**

**Pray for Vocations**  
 For information, go to [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org)

## Religious Education News

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

**Nov 20:** No New Wine  
**Nov 23:** No RCIA  
**Nov 26:** No Religious Education or Adult Study  
 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 **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 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 December 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**An Anointing of the Sick within Mass** will take place on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> during the 8:15 a.m. Mass in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.

A copy of the weekly Church bulletin may be found on the "myParish" phone app and also on our parish website at "osstalphonsus.org".

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 20-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 20-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break



**'TIS (almost) THE SEASON:** We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we are ready to drop.

This year prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for **Best Advent Ever**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during Advent. Each day, you will receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from leading Catholic voices Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

To sign up, visit: [BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope](http://BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope)



**You are invited to the Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus 65<sup>th</sup> Season 2017 Fall Performances of Handel's Oratorio the Messiah.**

This event is free and open to the Public.

Friday, December 1: Nativity BVM, Biloxi 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 2: Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 3: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gulfport 3:00 p.m.



**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](http://App) to phone number [88202](http://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).