

The reading from Acts gives a picture of a Christian community that is ideally faithful to the Gospel. It is a community of shared faith and shared possessions.

In the Gospel Jesus appears to his apostles, showing them his wounds and bestowing peace on them. Then he entrusts his mission to them, giving them the gift of the Spirit and the power to forgive sin. Thomas's profession of faith, "My Lord and My God", is the supreme christological statement of John's Gospel. Originally John's Gospel ended where today's passage ends.

The Second Reading stresses the Christian vocation to love. Through faith in Jesus Christ, Christians have become children of God. They will show their love for God by keeping his commandments. And if they love God, they will surely love their fellow Christians, because they too are children of God. Keeping the commandments is not difficult because through baptism they share in Christ's victory over the powers of evil.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of or In Memory Of: Elizabeth Grand Wagener, Mr. & Mrs. T. Lacy Grand Sr., Mr. Gerald J. Wagener, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Atkinson Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Haydel, Norman and Mildred Eckert, Roland and

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A Meet and Greet to Welcome Fr. Chinnappa Mark to St. Alphonsus Parish will be held on Sunday, April 15th from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breakfast will also be served (no charge). Because several parishioners have asked about liturgical items Fr. Mark is in need of, we have asked him to give us a list. Here are the items: clergy shirts, stole for blessing, alb, pyx, oil stock, holy water sprinkler (small size), books for the Sacrament of Baptism, Marriage or Funeral, book of Saints and a portable Mass kit.



"In the first Resurrection appearance of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, utterly heartbroken, desperate to find His missing body, recognized Jesus by the sound of His voice calling her name. That cadence, that tenderness, could only be Jesus. Alive!" Living Faith

Jesus calls each of us by name to Him in The Most Blessed Sacrament...then, waits. Visit the Adoration Chapel and spend some quiet time with the Lord...allow Him to fill your heart with the Hope of Easter.

"Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him". --St. Teresa of Calcutta

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$13,826.78
 Poor Collection.....\$ 4,108.94
 Holy Land Collection.....\$ 1,147.50
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

**Altar Society Members for next week
 Janell Alliston and Juliana Skelton**

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY APRIL 9
 Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
 6:30 am Mr. R.J. Domingue
 8:15 am Elvin Asher Family

TUESDAY APRIL 10
 Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
 6:30 am Mr. Nolan Fremin
 8:15 am Mr. Vern Cole, Sr.
 Mr. Vern "Larry" Cole, Jr.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11
 Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
 6:30 am Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
 8:15 am Mr. George Halstead

THURSDAY APRIL 12
 Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
 6:30 am Int. Ms. Jessica Koehn
 8:15 am Int. Mr. Bob Mayer

FRIDAY APRIL 13
 Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
 6:30 am Int. Mr. Morris Stark
 8:15 am Ms. Molly Edwards

SATURDAY APRIL 14
 Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
 8:15 am Mr. Wayne Alliston

SUNDAY APRIL 15
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48
 7:30 am Ms. Iris Holloway
 9:00 am Ms. JoAnn Wavra
 11:30 am Ms. Peggy Dessommes
 5:30 pm Congregation

If you have not yet made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are available at each of the exits of the Church.

To date 160 pledges (out of 1047 registered families) have been made which total **\$69,243**. This gives us a total of **\$8,246** over our parish goal of **\$60,997**. Remember – since our parish has reached its goal, all funds raised over the goal are returned to the parish for our use. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community. Please make all checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail your pledge directly to the Diocese. You may also give online at www.biloxidiocese.org/catholic-sharing-appeal.



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 coming week (April 9th – 13th). 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.

Msgr. John McGrath will make a presentation on the annulment process on Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church in Vancleave, 6705 Jim Ramsay Rd. All are invited to this presentation. Msgr. McGrath will give an in depth analysis of the annulment process and what is expected of those pursuing an annulment.



Congratulations to Greg Brou – He was the seventh winner of the Knights of Columbus 10-Week drawing which was pulled last Sunday by Jackson Osborne.

Religious Education News

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

Apr 9: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Apr 12: RCIA, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Apr 15: Religious Education / Adult Study 10:10 a.m.
 Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Congratulations to those brought into the Church through Full Initiation or Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil: Mark Aultman, Hayley Berdin, Trent Hartzog, Brian Holliman, Avery King, Suzanne King, Casey Nicholson, Chandra Nicholson, Brandon Roth, Kristie Rushing and Kayla Smith.

Family and Youth Calendar

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

Parent & Child Prayer and Fellowship

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.

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2018/2019 School Year Going On Now

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School.

In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.
3. The family **MUST** attend weekend Mass with the Parish Family at St. Alphonsus.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Apr 9: Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:15 p.m.

Apr 13: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Apr 12: Mass 9:40 a.m.

Apr 14: ACT 8:00 a.m. / Prom 6:00 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Dinner and \$3,000 Drawdown event in support of St. Alphonsus' St. Vincent de Paul Society on Saturday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. for \$50/couple. Tickets are available by contacting KC Grand Knight Carl Brochard 228-327-0066, Barney Banks 228-424-9094 or by coming to the Rectory Office during regular business hours. We invite you to come out, enjoy the great fun, parish fellowship, and help support the needy in our community. The dinner will include seafood gumbo, potato salad, rolls, soft drinks, beer and wine.

Retreat for Married Couples and their Children April 14th – 15th: "A Family That Prays" is a powerful weekend designed to enrich marriages, faith & family. Spouses will grow closer in their sacrament, children will explore a deeper encounter with God and families will be strengthened in their love for one another. The retreat is held at the St. Joseph Abbey in Covington. Space is limited. To register go to FaithandMarriage.org or call Jason Angelette at (504) 830-3716 for more information. Suggested donation for a family of three is \$325 and \$75 for each additional child.