

The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish.

Now comes a turning point – the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism, and shows that God’s salvation is offered to all.

In the Gospel Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus’ love is modeled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father’s commandments, so they should observe his. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now he is going to give them the supreme proof of his love – giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit – the fruit of love.

In the Second Reading John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is of God’s essence. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God’s life.



“Silence is not something that you can impose from the outside; it is something that is inside and it must grow and be concentrated. Without it, you cannot achieve holiness, because you cannot hear God; and neither can you speak to Him.” – Mother Angelica

Experience Jesus in the silence of the Adoration Chapel. He is there waiting.

“Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



New Daily Content in the St. Alphonsus Church App!

You may have noticed a change that has happened in your app recently. The **Living the Good News** button has been upgraded to **Inspire Daily**. This button will give you access to daily reflections and the readings of the day. These reflections come from some of the best Catholic bloggers in America (Catholic teachers, priests, seminarians, the Daughters of St. Paul and so many more) to bring you the best Catholic content on a daily basis.

Don’t have the App yet? If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the app by texting **App** to phone number **88202**, or by visiting myparishapp.com.

Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications regarding our parish life and an easy-to-access event calendar as well as many more great features such as daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, quick access to our weekly bulletin, Church website (osstalphonusus.org) and FORMED.

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Altar Society Members for next week

Janell Alliston and Pat Zuber



**The Flowers in front of the Altar
are in Memory of
The Mayfield, Burkhardt
and Seymour Families**

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 7
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a	
6:30 am	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 am	Mr. Ricky Riviere
TUESDAY	MAY 8
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Elvin Asher Family
WEDNESDAY	MAY 9
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15	
6:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
8:15 am	Ms. Jane Wilson
THURSDAY	MAY 10
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20	
6:30 am	Ms. Connie Seymour
8:15 am	Mr. Donald Cole
FRIDAY	MAY 11
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23	
6:30 am	Mr. Pete Jester
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Bob Mayer
SATURDAY	MAY 12
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28	
8:15 am	Mr. Thomas LaCroix
4:00 pm	Ms. Monica Goretski
SUNDAY	MAY 13
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20	
7:30 am	Mr. Nolan Fremin
9:00 am	Ms. Judy Soares
11:30 am	Mr. Alson Young
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$9,492.85
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Evelyn Bond, Bity Bonney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Valerie Brou, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, Jackie Endt, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Ron Fournier, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Hunter Grantham, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Kyle Vaughn Kerbow, Audrey King, Ann Eleece Kouns, Jeff Kouns, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, John Langan, Nathaniel LaSalle, Catherine Lawrence, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Mary Mendenhall, Edna Miguez, Eunice Misko, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Noel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O’Connor III, Teresa O’Connor, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, Jimmy Senac, Joyleen Seymour, Larry Sladler, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Dennis Stamps, Stan Stanton, 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.

Religious Education News

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

May 7: New Wine, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

May 9: First Communion Practice, Church, 5:30 p.m.

May 12: Sacrament of First Communion, Church 10:00 a.m.

May 13: Children’s Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds

Family and Youth Calendar

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

CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP

JUNE 18TH – 22ND

Registration has begun for this year’s Catholic Kids Camp! Join us for a week of fun as we take a Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer with Amazing Angels and Super Saints! Don’t miss out as we learn about prayer and how to put Prayer into action. Registration forms are available in the Church, Rectory Office and Bookstore. Space is limited so please register early. For more information, contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org



You are invited to join the Bethesda Free Clinic on Saturday, May 12th, for “Blame It on The Boogie”

Mystery Dinner Theatre. This Dining, Disco, and Thriller Whodunnit Fundraiser will take place from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Ocean Springs Community Center at 512 Washington Avenue. Tickets are \$75 each and includes dinner, drinks, and entertainment. Costumes are welcome but definitely not required. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call 228-818-9191 or go to their website at BFHCD.com.

Congratulations to Magtillt “Mocky” Laan van Thiel: Mrs. van Thiel, a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Church, will have her artwork displayed at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art through August 25th. This exhibition will feature landscapes by Mrs. van Thiel depicting the new realist tradition of oil painting.

You are invited to join them for the “Painting the Gulf” Opening Reception on Thursday, May 17th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available and is free to the public. All ages are welcome.



Pope Francis – A Man of His Word opens nationwide on Friday, May 18th. You may never have a chance to meet Pope Francis in person, but this movie, co-produced with the Vatican’s Office of Communication, may make you feel as if you did.

In the film you will witness the kindness, understanding and sharing that is the sum of Pope Francis’s pontificate. The humanity of the pope and his refined thought emerge from the images. This movie is made for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. It conveys that God loves each one of us unconditionally – no matter what our color or creed- and we are called to also love each other and to love the world that God has entrusted to us.

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

May 7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9: First Communion Practice, Church, 5:30 p.m.

May 11: Children’s Mass 8:15 a.m. / Last Supper 10:00 a.m.

May 12: Sacrament of First Communion, Church, 10:00 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 7: AP Chemistry Exam 8:00 a.m.

May 9: AP English Literature Exam 8:00 am/Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm

May 10-11: Senior Exams

May 11: AP US History Exam 8:00 a.m.

May 12: Spring Blood Drive 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Thursday, May 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Rosary, Message reading, Consecration, Mass



The Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church wish to thank the parishioners, sponsors, and all other supporters with their Dinner and Drawdown Fundraiser on April 21st. It was a huge success and those in attendance had a wonderful time. Many prizes were given away to people whose tickets were pulled early and fun was had by all. After paying the four winners, the Knights raised \$9,706. These funds will be distributed to the needy of our community over the next several months in the form of utility bills, rent, and other emergency needs. Our congratulations to the winners of the drawdown: Mr. Jerry Bourgeois, Bill & Ann Kortman, Mr. Rob Malloch, and Dr. Sonny & Lucy Selman.



The St. Alphonsus Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., after the Saturday Vigil Mass, and after all English Masses on Sunday. Come visit and see our great supply of First Communion gifts.



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass.

It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



St. Alphonsus is happy to provide contribution envelopes for our Parishioners who would like to use them. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to, or if you are receiving envelopes and would like to discontinue receiving them, please email (stals@cablone.net) or call the office (875-5419) and we will make the necessary adjustments to the mailing list.

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