

The birth of John the Baptist takes place amid the rejoicing of family and friends; this is in great contrast to the birth of Jesus. John is a child of promise whose function is to proclaim the coming of the Messiah. That is the purpose of our lives as well; let us always be faithful in proclaiming Christ to this world.



**Johnnie Bernhard, author of *A Good Girl*, has a new book out and will do a book signing this Sunday (June 24<sup>th</sup>) in the Bookstore from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

In *How We Came to Be*, Bernhard delivers a poignant exploration of life as a modern American woman. This complex story examines the many emotional layers of relationships, mothering, sisterhood, and the eternal search for self-worth in a society obsessed with the superficial. Within these pages, readers will experience love and loss, grace and redemption, forgiveness and faith. A heartwarming read that proves family comes in many forms. -Julie Cantrell, New York Times and USA TODAY Bestselling Author of *Perennials*



**The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$6.00 a plate.** Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.

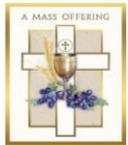


**“Our lives change when our habits change. Our habits change when we make resolutions, remind ourselves of those resolutions, hold ourselves accountable for them, and perform them. Sometimes we fail, but there is no success that is not checked with failure. Do not give up. Press on, little by little.” Matthew Kelly, Rediscovering Catholicism**

Why not start a new habit? Commit to a weekly visit to the Adoration Chapel. The day and time are your choice. Jesus is always available.

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

--St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Mass for Family and Friends:** You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

#### HURRICANE PRAYER

**O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.**

**Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.**

**We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Save and pray frequently)**

#### Altar Society Members for next week

**Joan Burre, Fern Kelly & Juliana Skelton**



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sylvia Cronin, daughter of Alfred Frammersberger of this parish, who passed away June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.



**The Flowers in front of the Altar are in Memory of Ligaya Camagong**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 25
2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18;	Matthew 7:1-5
6:30 am	Ms. Emogene Pierre
8:15 am	Mr. Aaron Sullivan
TUESDAY	JUNE 26
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;	Matthew 7:6, 12-14
6:30 am	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 am	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 27
2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3;	Matthew 7:15-20
6:30 am	Special Intention
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Peter Murtough
THURSDAY	JUNE 28
2 Kings 24:8-17;	Matthew 7:21-29
6:30 am	Ms. Mary Reep Moretz
8:15 am	Int. Mr. Marshall Fayard
FRIDAY	JUNE 29
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;	Matthew 16:13-19
6:30 am	Special Intention
8:15 am	Int. Mr. David Laster
SATURDAY	JUNE 30
Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19;	Matthew 8:5-17
8:15 am	Ms. Barbara Ann Kridle Maynard
4:00 pm	Mr. Michael Joseph Sekul
SUNDAY	JULY 1
Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15;	Mark 5:21-43
7:30 am	Ms. Melissa Roberts Lee
9:00 am	Int. Ms. Jackie Endt
11:30 am	Ms. Peggy Dessommes
5:30 pm	Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,947.17  
 Priests Supplemental Retirement Collection.....\$2,854.15  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Evelyn Bond, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Quinn Boudreaux, Carole Bourgeois, Gregory Brou, Clarence Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Betty Dugan, Tyler Eldridge, Jackie Endt, Marshall Fayard, Jeremy Forehand, Loretta Foster, Nora Foster, Ron Fournier, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Hunter and Sandra Grantham, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Margaret Betty Horton, Lucia Hourihan, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Earline Huster, Melissa James, Tommy Jones, Theresa Jones, Clarence Jordan, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, Kyle Vaugh 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 Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Travis Norman, Charley Noel, Luke Nudson, Edwin O'Connor III, Teresa O'Connor, Henry Parker, Judy Penton, Amy Petitjean, Anna Raley, David Rodriguez, Jimmy Senac, Joyleen Seymour, Larry Sladler, Karen Skrmetta Smith, Edna Spell, Dani Stafford, Rust Stallings, Dennis Stamps, Stan Stanton, Gertie Templet, Sharon Tilton, Dolores Trenouth, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers and Jane Walker.

## Religious Education News

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



**Confirmation pictures are available for pickup in the Sacristy of the Church.**



**Children's Liturgy Volunteers needed for next school year:** Would you like to teach our young children about God and our Catholic faith? Are you a grandmother who may miss seeing grand babies?

Well we would love to have you as a volunteer for the 2018-2019 Children's Liturgy program. It involves about 20 minutes of your time every six or so weeks spent teaching and having a fun time with our 3-6 year olds in the chapel during Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30 am Sunday mass.

Please email Catherine Marsh at [catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com](mailto:catherinecomiskeymarsh@gmail.com) or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.

## Family and Youth Calendar

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

**The Catholic Kids Camp Staff would like to thank everyone who supported this year's camp.**



**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 what we have. Consider giving Catholic gifts for birthdays, holidays and any occasion.

#### Co-Ed Arise #7, Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis

Arise is sponsored by the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, another program of the Diocese of Biloxi. Whereas Cursillo is limited to Catholics, Arise is actually designed with the non-Catholic in mind. Arise is designed primarily for these groups of persons who would like to receive additional information, about the Catholic Faith in a short period of time (one weekend): Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics; Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while; Those without a current church/religion who are "searching" for a new or more meaningful Faith experience; Those taking instruction in the Catholic Faith.

For more information, call Gay Camagong at 228-424-7722 or visit the website at [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org).



**Blessed Francis Seelos Church in Biloxi will host a Mid-Year Day of Prayer,** "An Encounter with Jesus Through the Eucharist", on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. For more information, please call 228-435-0007.



**Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Biloxi will have a Parish Yard Sale on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** They will also be

selling lunch plates: Red beans & rice \$5; red beans, fish & potato salad \$8; red beans, shrimp & potato salad \$9. For more information, please call 228-435-0007.



**A parishioner has lost her car key fob** and the locator app showed that it was last seen on the church grounds on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass). If you have any information, please give Melissa a call at 228-547-6940.

## \*\*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. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick Catholic High School is still enrolling students for the 2018-2019 school year. At St. Patrick, the faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions.

To learn more about the St. Patrick experience or to apply for admission, visit the website at [www.stpatrickhighschool.net](http://www.stpatrickhighschool.net).

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please call 228-702-0500.



**A Message from Kelsey Gunkel:** To all my Sponsors: Thank you so much for your support in my journey thus far with NET Ministries Australia. This journey began in Brisbane and has taken me all around this beautiful country

on the National Team with 10 other team members. We have gone through 6 of the incredible states in Australia delivering the message of Jesus to young people. We have held over 50 Encounter Day retreats where we share the Good News of Jesus in skits, games, dramas, talks, small group discussions, and other engaging activities.

A highlight so far in my journey was in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia. In Darwin, leading a small group of girls, I encountered one Grade 8 girl who touched my heart in the simplest way. During our time of prayer ministry, we passed around an object that has significant meaning to us (I used a bracelet from a friend of mine in Phoenix) and they could say a prayer out loud or to themselves. At the end of this time of prayer, I put the bracelet back on my wrist and was going to continue the day but one of the girls asked to see it again. When I handed it to her she placed it on her own wrist and said "Miss, I really like this." Inspired, I simply asked her, "Would you like to keep it?" Her eyes lit up and replied "Yes Miss." I told her she could so long as she passed it on to someone else who needed it more than her one day. After agreeing she continued with the day and we left that Encounter Day one bracelet less than we started. Though this is a small example of moments that happen each day for me on this journey, I have been touched by so many small things in big ways. My journey with NET Ministries Australia has been life-changing, discovering more of myself and my relationship with Jesus. I could not do this without your support and continued prayers. Thank you so much for all that you have done for me thus far. If you know of others who may be willing to join me in this journey as a sponsor please provide them with this link: [www.netministries.com.au/sponsorship](http://www.netministries.com.au/sponsorship) and type Kelsey Gunkel in the Missionary section. I have raised the majority of my sponsorship for this year with NET Ministries but I have a remaining \$880 balance to complete. This money goes towards our food, transportation, living arrangements, and our month-to-month living costs. Thank you again for all your support and know of my unconditional and unending prayers for you and all you do! In Christ through Mary, Kelsey Gunkel



**A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.** If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.