





In biblical times widows were among the poorest of the poor. The widow in the First Reading was a non-Jew, and she had a son to support. She was down to her last handful of meal and drop of olive oil. After that she and her child must starve. Yet, by sharing it with the prophet, she has a never-ending supply of flour and oil. She represents those people, who, despite poverty and oppression, place all their trust in God. In the Gospel, Jesus' denunciation of the public display of the Scribes provides a background for an example of genuine religious behavior on the part of a widow. Her example of true piety contrasts sharply with the counterfeit piety of the Scribes. The widow let go of every shred of security, and committed herself wholly to God. The story is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow's generosity results from her trust in God.


 **“Our times of prayer and encounters with God are meant to be transforming moments in our lives. Their purpose is to produce within us sanctifying grace and the ability to lead a virtuous life. When we cooperate with the grace we receive in prayer, not only do we become transformed into the image and likeness of God, but our very presence becomes a conduit through which the love of God flows into the world.”**  
 -- **Johanne S. Benkovic, Full of Grace—Women and the Abundant Life**  
 “Jesus asks nothing of you except to come be with him”.  
 --St. Teresa of Calcutta


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

 **You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle (Rosary and Message Reading - no Mass) on Wednesday, November 14th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Villa Maria. All are invited.**

*please join us* **All are invited to come join us as we Pray for the Sick on Friday, November 16th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Church. This will be an hour of Adoration, Rosary, Prayer and Music. Confession will be available if needed.**

 **OUR LADY OF SORROWS: Please come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. Nov. 17th).** The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!

 **The Knights of Columbus Annual Robert Foster Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors will be held Sunday, November 18th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the KC Hall. This dinner is free for all Senior Citizens.**

 **Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Carol Lee Cantin, Sally Fero Conklin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Marshall Fayard, Ron Fournier, Carmen Gaethe, Walter Gary, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Mary Jo & Ron Hoogstra, Most Reverend Joseph L. Howze, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daise Laborde, Jacob Latil, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, Maurice Michaud, Edna Miguez, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley & Travis Norman, Edwin O'Connor III, Teresa O'Connor, Judy Penton, Gerard Rowan, Joyleen Seymour, Stan Stanton, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Randy Trahan, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trocheset, Angela Trosclair, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker and Cooper Williams.

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 12

Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6  
 6:30 am Ms. Mollie Davidson  
 8:15 am Poor Souls

## TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10  
 6:30 am Ms. Inez Danise  
 8:15 am Poor Souls

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14

Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19  
 6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.  
 8:15 am Poor Souls

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15

Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25  
 6:30 am Mr. James (Jimmie) Spell  
 8:15 am Poor Souls

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37  
 6:30 am Ms. Connie Seymour  
 8:15 am Poor Souls

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8  
 8:15 am Poor Souls  
 4:00 pm Mr. Bobby Beaugez


## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32  
 7:30 am Mr. Richard “Dick” Porterfield  
 9:00 am Poor Souls  
 11:30 am Mr. Alson Young  
 5:30 pm Congregation


# WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,063.94  
 All Saints Day Collection.....\$ 2,344.40  
 Poor Collection.....\$ 3,687.35  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support.

## The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of All Veterans

 **Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Hollinger (Holly) Morton, Jr., father of Mary Ann (Craig) Bounds of this parish, who passed away October 31st. Oral Mae Senseney, mother of Blaise Senseney and Bonnie Senseney of this parish, who passed away November 4th.**

**George Wavra**, a member of our parish family, who passed away November 5th. We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.


 **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.


# Religious Education News


**Deacon Jim Gunkel – 872-2652; [dcjim@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:dcjim@osstalphonsus.org)**  
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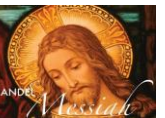
Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
 6th – 8th Grade – Edge: Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.  
 9th – 12th Grade - High School Youth: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.


Nov 15: RCIA – Sin and Temptation, Parish Hall Meeting Room, 6 p.m.  
 Nov 18: Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)  
 Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Great Heresies by Fr Charles Connor


 **You are invited to come join the Knights of Columbus Council 5654 in the St. Alphonsus Adoration Chapel each Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to pray for Religious Vocations.**

 **An Altar Society Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

 **All boys in grades 4 - 11 and their families are invited to Saint Stanislaus for an Open House on Tuesday, November 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (last tour will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m.).** This Open House will provide an opportunity for you to learn about their outstanding academic, extracurricular, and athletic programs that are rooted in their Catholic identity. Come experience the proud Rock-A-Chaw spirit, now 164 years old! For more information, please call Richard Gleber, Admissions, at 228-467-9057, ext. 249 or send an email to [richard@ststan.com](mailto:richard@ststan.com).

 **The Mississippi Gulf Coast Handel Messiah will be performed on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral in Biloxi.**

 **St. Alphonsus School would like to invite you to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 1st from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Come out and enjoy pancakes and sausage while visiting with Santa. Tickets may be purchased at the door.**

 **February 10, 2019 has tentatively been set to honor our St. Alphonsus parishioners who have been married 50+ years.** A binder has been placed in the back of the church and we ask that you please fill out the requested information. We would like your information even if you are not able to come so that we will be able to recognize you.

**Websites that may be good for people with problems, addictions, etc:**  
[www.americanaddictioncenters.org](http://www.americanaddictioncenters.org); [www.narcononcolorado.org](http://www.narcononcolorado.org);  
[www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org); [www.catholicsdivorce.com](http://www.catholicsdivorce.com);  
[www.cancersupportcommunity.org](http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org); [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org);  
[www.catholicmenconquerporn.com](http://www.catholicmenconquerporn.com); [www.yourbrainonporn.com](http://www.yourbrainonporn.com)

## REFLECTION


**Giving**  
 You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. There are those who give little of the much which they have, and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome. And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth.  
*Kahlil Gibran*


# ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 14: Thanksgiving Lunch / Progress Reports  
 Nov 16: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.


# ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 11: Open House 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
 Nov 14: 8th Grade Retreat 8:15 a.m.  
 Nov 15: Mass 9:40 a.m.

 **Come Join Us** The St. Patrick High School Office of Admissions would like to invite you to attend an Open House for prospective students and their families this Sunday (November 11th). This Open House will provide an opportunity to meet and interact with teachers, administrators, and students, as well as tour the beautiful, state-of-the-art campus.

 **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.

**UPCOMING TRAVELS**  
**Celtic Landscapes of Scotland & Wales with Fr. Louis Lohan**  
**May 23 – June 3, 2019:** Includes roundtrip airfare from Gulfport, four nights in Wales and six nights in Scotland. Brochures are available in the Vestibule of the Church. \$4,957 per person based on two per room  
**Austria & Germany featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau with Fr. Mike Austin September 15 – 25, 2020**  
 Includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans. Brochures available in the Vestibule of the Church. \$4,600 per person based on two per room

 **Hospital Stays:** Because of privacy concerns, it is increasingly difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many parishioners can be there for an entire week (or more), yet their names never appear on the “Clergy List” that we get to see. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. Consequently we are reminding you that if you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

 **St. Alphonsus Church App - 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](http://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 (osstalphonsus.org) and FORMED.** Don't have FORMED? It is easier than ever for you to enjoy your free subscription! St. Alphonsus has a purchased subscription from Formed.org, which gives St. Alphonsus parishioners' FREE access. To sign up - go to <https://osstalphonsus.formed.org> and start enjoying great video and audio wherever you go (or if you are already signed up – you are able to access through the parish app). You will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere.

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Mark Aultman**

**Pray for Vocations**