

In biblical times it was common for wisdom to be personified. The reading from Proverbs looks to the role of Lady Wisdom in creation. This speculation about wisdom can be seen as a groping towards the revelation of the mystery of the Trinity. The Second Reading and the Gospel are chosen because they specifically mention the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, and the role of each Person in our salvation.

Paul stresses the role of Christ in our salvation. Through his hostility and alienation are overcome, and we are able to enter into a relationship with the Father. Therefore, we can hope to share God's glory. This sure hope will enable us to persevere in spite of suffering. Through the Holy Spirit God's love is poured into our hearts.

The Gospel stresses the role of the Spirit – carrying on in the Church the work of Jesus after Jesus has departed to the Father. There will be no new revelation. There can't be, because Jesus is *the* revelation of the Father. The role of the Spirit will be to spell out to successive generations the contemporary significance of what Jesus said and did.



God is THE Good Father and an earthly father's best guide is God. He sent Jesus, His Only Son that we would know Him and to lead us to Him.

Connect with our Father in heaven in Adoration. He longs to hear from us. Give Him a Father's Day gift of your time.

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



The Baptism Class for June has been changed to June 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. At

least one of the godparents must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Godparents who are not registered/active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



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 June 24th - 28th. 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.

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)



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Carlus Chapman

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 17
2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42	
6:30 am	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 am	Mr. George P. Ladd
TUESDAY	JUNE 18
2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48	
6:30 am	Francis and Juanita Barthes
8:15 am	Ernest, Violet and Bennie Cole
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 19
2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	
6:30 am	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 am	Mr. Hunter Grantham
THURSDAY	JUNE 20
2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15	
6:30 am	Ms. Joan Ryan
8:15 am	Ms. Marie Stringer
FRIDAY	JUNE 21
2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23	
6:30 am	Ms. Inez Danise
8:15 am	Mr. Henry Ryan
SATURDAY	JUNE 22
2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34	
8:15 am	Ms. Cynthia Peneguy Couturier
4:00 pm	Ms. Oral Mae Senseney
SUNDAY	JUNE 23
Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17	
7:30 am	Jim and Clara Cagle
9:00 am	Mr. Matthew Peresich Lyons
11:30 am	The Collins Family
5:30 pm	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,733.13
 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, Elaine Belson, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sybil Burchinal, Carol Lee Cantin, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Melissa James, Anastasia Pitalo Jurich, Andre Kaufman, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Harby Kreeger, Daisie Laborde, Jacob Latil, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Bob Mayer, Cheryl Megie, Bernie and Phyllis McGinley, David McKenna, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Chandra Nicholson, Shirley and Travis Norman, Carter James Sanders, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Angela Troclair, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, Thane Williams, and Sonny Wynn.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Junius Creel, Sr., cousin of Glenda Hill of this parish, who passed away June 7th.

August "Gus" Brune, a longtime former parishioner of St. Alphonsus, who passed away June 8th in Naples, Florida.

We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

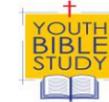
Religious Education News

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We invite you to keep up to date with all things involving the Youth Ministry by following us on Instagram (@st.alphonusus.hsytg) and on Facebook (St. Alphonsus Youth Group).

CATHOLIC KIDS CAMP – June 17 – 21, 2019
A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments

The Staff from Catholic Kids Camp would like to THANK all parishioners who supported of this year's CKC. Your donations went towards the purchasing of needed supplies for the camp.



Attention High School Students: You are invited to join us for a Bible Study this Summer on Thursday evenings beginning June 27th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information email: youth@osstalphonusus.org



We are in need of volunteers to help with our Life Teen (High School) and Edge (Middle School) programs for the coming school year.

If you are interested in helping with either program or for more information, please email: youth@osstalphonusus.org



Children's Liturgy Volunteers are also 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 grandbabies? Well we

would love to have you as a volunteer for the 2019-2020 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 or contact the church office and Catherine will give you a call.



Willwoods Married Couples Retreat
June 21-23 or July 19-21

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St Joseph Abbey's Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, La. A Married Couples Retreat does not mean that someone is failing but rather it is a falling into the arms of our Lord. It is a weekend dedicated to giving you and your beloved the opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which is something we all need! A once a year commitment to attending a retreat as a couple is a great habit that will bless and deepen your love for God and each other! To register call (504) 830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make a weekend!



The 21st Annual Married Couples Return Weekend, scheduled for July 26-28, 2019, will be held at the William Kelley Retreat Center at the St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. This weekend is open to all married couples provided at least one has experienced a Cursillo (spouse does not have to be Catholic). This retreat is for married couples that would like to celebrate their strengths as a couple and be encouraged to live your marriage in witness of God's love. Rooms will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Reservation forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church. Suggested donation is \$200 per couple. For more information email Diana Suffern at dianadsuffern@gmail.com or call 337-278-1610.

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

****School Subsidy Policy****

Registration for the 2019/2020 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

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

June 20-21: Senior Portraits



Our Lady of Victories Church in Pascagoula would like to invite you to two special events they will be hosting.

Sunday, June 23rd you are invited to gather outside the Church after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and join in Eucharistic procession, in song and prayer, on the Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday. They will walk the block around the Court House, downtown, with The Blessed Sacrament. Rides will be available for those who need them. Water will be provided. Afterwards, a Sunday dinner will be served in the RCHS cafeteria. Come join and share our Catholic faith in celebration and thanksgiving for the Eucharist, The Body of Christ.

Friday, June 28th, Fr. Adam will celebrate a Latin Mass liturgy at 6:00 p.m. for the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Immediately following Mass, a "Soup Supper" will be provided with a variety of soups, gumbo, and chowders. Water, tea, and bread will also be available.

For more information, call the OLV Parish Office at 762-1653, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Mighty Precious Feet Girl's Club presents:

H.E.R.O.E.S. (Holy Empowered gIRls Of tHE South)

Girls (ages 8 to 13) are invited to spend a week learning about empowerment tools, inspiring virtues and running skills. They focus on the Whole of the person: body, mind, and soul. The camp will be held July 15th – 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Pass Christian. The cost is \$100 and includes crafts, t-shirt, a hair bow, journal and healthy snacks. For more information about the program, go to mightypreciousfeet.com. Deadline to register is June 30th or when camp fills up (limit 20 girls).



St. Alphonsus Church had Belinda Godfrey, a third generation Ecclesiastical Artist, to refinish and/or restore several of our statues in the Church. If you would like to help defray some of the cost, we would greatly appreciate any help (big or small) you would like to offer. Please note on the payment what it is for and drop in the collection basket. Thank You!

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

REFLECTION

God is watching over us

Nowadays, thanks to the security camera, we are often being watched, watched by a cold, dispassionate eye, intent only on catching us in wrongdoing. The feeling that someone is watching us is not a pleasant feeling. But the feeling that someone is watching over us is a lovely feeling. God is not watching us. God is watching over us. The conviction that God is watching over us gives us comfort in times of sadness, strength in times of weakness, and hope in times of despair.