

The First Reading casts a cold eye on the vanity of human life. One example of this ‘vanity’ is all the toil people put into acquiring wealth, only to have to leave it all to their heirs. The author is making the point that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Only faith in God and in an afterlife can provide a light in the darkness.

The Gospel is part of a longer section which deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. Here Jesus refuses to get involved in a family dispute. Instead, he focuses on the cause of the dispute – greed for possessions. His parable stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one’s security rather than on God. In his search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life, and forgets his obligations to the poor. He is truly a ‘fool’ because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth which he had.



Radio Maria will host a show on Monday, August 5th at 2:00 p.m. about the Coast Pro-Life Billboards on I-10 and Highway 90. Guest speakers will be Penny Sullivan and Karen Rhodes, who have been involved with this project from the start and have many interesting stories to tell. Please take the time to tune in on your radio (88.1 FM) or you may go online via your smart phone, desktop or other online device to radiomaria.us or on Facebook at St. James Pro-Life Billboard Initiative.

We **THANK** everyone who donated towards the \$4,617.04 that was collected here last weekend to the Pro-Life Billboard Initiative!! The rate for each billboard is either \$1,000 per 4 week period or \$850 per 4 week period (depending on where they are) and 3 of the 5 are available now.

 **A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. 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 August 26th - 30th.

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.

 **The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY AUGUST 5
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21
6:30 am Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 am Mr. Alfred Tharpe, Jr.

TUESDAY AUGUST 6
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
6:30 am Mr. Otto Sanders
8:15 am Ms. Renee Grissby

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7
Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matt 15:21-28
6:30 am Khay Do Ngoan Nguyen Family
8:15 am Ms. Frances DeCausey

THURSDAY AUGUST 8
Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23
6:30 am Special Intention
8:15 am Mr. Richard Siemeck

FRIDAY AUGUST 9
Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28
6:30 am Mr. Ted Dickinson
8:15 am Mr. George Wavra

SATURDAY AUGUST 10
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
8:15 am Mr. Richard “Dick” Smith
4:00 pm Mr. Bobby Beaugez

SUNDAY AUGUST 11
Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48
7:30 am Mr. Carlus E. Chapman
9:00 am Int. Fr. Bernie Farrell
11:30 am Congregation
5:30 pm Albert Sr. and Eunice Misko

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,047.79
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, Bob & Ruth Boney, 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, Roger Parker, Michael Punziano, Barbara Rangan, 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 Lou Young.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Clarence Jordan Jr., uncle of Glenn (Shannon) Williams of this parish, who passed away July 29th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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Registration for all grades will be held after each Sunday Mass on August 11th, 18th and 25th in the Parish Hall. Registration forms are available on our website. Please have forms filled out prior to registration. Copies of both the Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate will be required for each child. If you have not already done so, please bring these with you to registration. Registration fee is \$35 per family. An Elementary Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 25th at 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All classes will begin on Sunday, September 8th.



Have you ever stopped to think that “There has to be more to life than chasing my ‘to do’ list.” Well, there is. Join a few other people for coffee or tea, bring your questions, and discover how Jesus has a plan for each one of us individually that leads to the fullness of a life well lived. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is the way by which we help people discover this freedom Jesus offers us. Inquiry sessions are informal and open to Catholics (who want to learn more about their faith) as well as non-Catholics who have an interest in exploring the Catholic faith. The RCIA team will present some basic tenets of the faith, but most of the sessions will be devoted to answering your questions about faith and helping you discern whether God is calling you into full communion with the Catholic Church. Sessions will begin Thursday, September 5, 2019 and will be held weekly each Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Jim at dcjim@osstalphonsus.org or by calling 297-5212.

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



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@osstalphonsus.org.



Would you like to teach our young children about God and our Catholic faith? 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.

The Seven Capital Sins

1. Pride
2. Covetousness
3. Lust
4. Anger
5. Gluttony
6. Envy
7. Sloth

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:
Reverend Morgan Kavanagh, August 6, 1998
Reverend Ivan Weis, August 7, 2007
Reverend Patrick C. Grant, August 9, 1991
Reverend John P. Robinson, August 10, 1977
Reverend Msgr. Francis Farrell, August 12, 2017
Reverend Paul Gillis, August 14, 1995

Altar Society Members for next week
Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber

School Subsidy Policy

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

Aug 5: Meet-the-Teacher Night, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Aug 6: Eureka Math Meet-Up, Parish Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Aug 8: First Day of School & Opening Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 6: New Student Orientation, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 8: First Day of School

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

Jeff Cavins Story of Salvation Bible Study (Online): Want to learn more about the Bible? Beginning Wednesday, September 11th from 7:15pm to 9:00 pm, you are invited to attend a 23 week online study group. Each session includes an informative, easy-to-understand and well delivered DVD presentation of 12 color-coded periods of the Bible. You will learn how to read and understand the Bible in a way that will transform your life! Even if you miss a session, you will be able to access online materials to stay current. For more information and to register, contact Wanda Freeland w2jf2@att.net OR visit ascensionpress.com to view materials.

Sacred Heart Church in D’Iberville will offer a **24 week study on the Book of Matthew** with Jeff Cavins (DVD) followed by open discussions. The study will begin Thursday, September 12th from 9:15 am – 11:15 am in the Knights of Columbus room in the Church Office building. Jeff Cavins has a way of making the Bible come alive and offers insightful knowledge that helps us understand and learn to apply God’s word in our world today. Come join us for a morning that will profoundly change your understanding of the Bible and our Catholic faith. For more information and to register, contact Wanda Freeland at w2jf2@att.net. All are welcomed and the coffee is always hot! Come join us!

Upon This Rock Scripture Study’s Fall 2019/Spring 2020 Bible study program will be *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* by Ascension Press. Jeff Cavins presents the 24-week study lesson in the DVD presentation. It focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament and His establishment of the Church as the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 11, 2019 and will meet each Wednesday morning through March 25, 202 from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Parish in Murry Hall on Woolmarket Road in Biloxi. The fee is \$39 and includes the study set book and DVD presentation. Payment by August 19th will ensure that you receive your materials on September 11th. For more information or to register, call Sharon Jones at 228-591-1069.

REFLECTION - Heavenly Glory: While out for an evening walk I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open, dark area. It was only then I discovered that the sky was full of stars. And I thought to myself: how easily and how effectively the earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones. Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.