

**Amos was the prophet of social justice.** He spoke to the wealthy of both Judah and Israel, who were unconcerned about what was happening to the country, which was about to be destroyed by the Assyrians. Indeed, by their life-style they were undermining the very fabric of the country. And they hadn't the slightest concern for the plight of the poor. Amos warned them that they would be the first to be led off into exile. This is precisely the sin of the rich man (Dives) in the Gospel: cushioned by a lavish life-style, he is oblivious to the presence of a poor man at his gate. Dives was a worldling who didn't look beyond the good things of this life. It's a parable about the responsibility of wealth. Some of the harshest words in the Bible are directed at the uncaring rich.



**October is traditionally the month of the Rosary** - Lectors (at weekend Masses) will lead the congregation in the recitation of the Rosary approximately 20 minutes prior to Mass time.



**Also during the month of October,** the ushers are asked to do a head count of all in attendance at all weekend Masses (men, women and children). The Diocese requests all parishes to do this for the entire month of October.



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to register.



**Walgreens will be offering Flu shots** (senior dose or regular dose) in the KC Hall / Parish Life Center on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. on a first come / first serve basis – no preregistration is required. No cash will be accepted, so please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you.



**The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Nativity BVM Cathedral.** Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc. years of marriage are welcome to attend.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and may be picked up during regular business hours. The deadline for registration by mail is October 14th. Registration by phone, fax or email is not accepted.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Mark Melchert,** son of Barbara Melchert and brother of Brad Melchert and Cyndi (Frank) Butz of this parish, who passed away September 15<sup>th</sup> in Yorkville, Illinois.  
**Seamus Farrell,** brother of Fr. Bernie Farrell, who passed away September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ireland.  
We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

### REFLECTION

#### How wealth is judged

A week ago the sycamore tree was loaded with gold. However, instead of sitting back and enjoying it, it began to give it away. At first it was just a leaf here and a leaf there, whenever the wind asked for a contribution. But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls, without being asked, and without a thought for a wintry tomorrow. Wealth is judged, not by the amount that is accumulated, but by the amount that is given away. The only wealth that is worth having is the wealth of the heart. To close one's heart is to begin to die; to open it is to begin to live.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Marian Sullivan**

## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50  
6:30 am Ella and Simon Gilbert  
8:15 am Mr. Paul Jenkins

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56  
6:30 am Special Intention  
8:15 am Mr. Randy Trahan

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10  
6:30 am Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.  
8:15 am Int. Manuel Severino Family

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12  
6:30 am Mr. Tommy Whitehead  
8:15 am Mr. John Freeman

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4

Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16  
6:30 am Int. Mr. Holt Foushee  
8:15 am David, Mary & Menno Saunders

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24  
8:15 am Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.  
Mr. Gregory Hebert  
Russ, Carley & Brittany Jordan

4:00 pm Ms. Jane Walker

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10  
7:30 am Elvin Asher Family  
9:00 am Ms. Charlotte Lamar  
11:30 am Mr. Hunter Grantham  
5:30 pm Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,298.09  
Children's Collection.....\$ 73.70  
International Seaman & Trucker Collection.....\$ 1,076.00  
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, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, 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, Barbara Langan, 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, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Joyleen Seymour, Raymond Spicuzza, Sylvia Spratley, Nell Stanton, Ron Stump, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Larry Tucei, Ted and Clara Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Jane Walker, and Thane Williams.

## Religious Education News

**Chris Molino 228-860-8884; [cmolino@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:cmolino@osstalphonsus.org)**  
**Janie Sema 228-217-1392; [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)**

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Lifteen: Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Oct 3:** RCIA, Tradition/Sponsor Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall Mtg Rm  
We will be considering the relationship among Scripture and Tradition so that we can understand how, what God has revealed, has come down to our own day. Classes are open to Non-Catholics and Catholics who desire to know more about our faith! Hope to see you there!

**Oct 6:** Religious Education Class for all Youth Programs (times above)  
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m.; Jesus and the End Times:  
A Catholic View of the Last Days by Dr. Brant Pitre. All are welcome.  
Children's Church, 11:30 a.m. Mass for 3-6 year olds  
Confirmation Class, 4:00-5:15 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

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



**The Cursillo Movement of South MS** invites you to attend the next **Co-Ed Arise #10 Retreat** on October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at the Kelley Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis.

Arise is designed with the non-Catholic in mind and enables those who attend to receive information about the Catholic faith in a short period of time. If you are a non-Catholic spouse of a practicing Catholic, a Catholic who has been away from the church for a while, someone without a current church/religion who is "searching" for a new or more meaningful faith experience, taking instruction in the Catholic faith - then Arise is for you. Applications can be found on the Biloxi Cursillo website at [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org). For more information you may contact Charles Walden at (985)285-2997 or Yvonne Husley at (228)697-3196.



**Sacred Heart Parish in D'Iberville is celebrating their 93<sup>rd</sup> Bazaar** beginning Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> the festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to join them for great food, games for the children, bounce houses, live music, cast net contests, a cornhole tournament, and silent auction. You will also be able to take a chance on a raffle – 1<sup>st</sup> \$5,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> 500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100.



**A Life in the Spirit Seminar** will be held at Our Lady of the Gulf in Bay St. Louis on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7:30 a.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m. Do you want to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit? You can! The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is real! Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). God also has personal gifts for you: encouragement, leadership, writing, teaching, music, healing, etc. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is commonly used by Catholic groups in the context of a personal renewal in faith. It is an instrument for bringing people into a deeper experience of the work of the Holy Spirit. The Seminar offers the basic presentation of the Gospel and the teaching about what gifts the Lord gives to those who come to Him. For more information or to register call Our Lady of the Gulf Parish Office at 228-467-6509.



**St. Elizabeth Seton invites all parishioners of St. Alphonsus to join them in creating a "Life Chain"** on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Howard Shopping Plaza (Take 5 Oil Change, Big Lots, Pizza Hut...) near the service road along Hwy 90. They ask that you please arrive by 2:50 p.m. and bring your rosaries, lawn chairs, hat, sunglasses, drinks, and umbrella (prepare for rain or shine).

**Altar Society Members for next week**  
**Mary Ann Bounds, Linda Denehie & Lois Ravera**

## ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

**Oct 2:** Blessing of the Pets 2:00 p.m.  
**Oct 4:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Sept 30:** Men's Basketball Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
**Oct 2:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat  
**Oct 3:** Mass / Women's Track Ring Ceremony, 9:40 a.m.



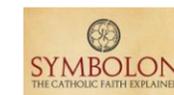
**Bishop Kihneman will celebrate a Red Mass for the Legal Community** of the Diocese of Biloxi on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Red Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation: judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials, marking the opening of the judicial year. All members of the legal community are invited.



**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 October 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Safe Environment Notice:** Every volunteer who works with minors and every employee of all parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Biloxi must receive a copy of the *Policy of the Diocese of Biloxi Regarding Complaints of Abuse of Minors*. Copies of this policy are available from any pastor or principal. If any volunteer who serves with minors or any employee did not receive this policy, please contact your pastor or principal, or call 228-702-2126/27. A copy of the policy is also available to any interested person. In addition, a copy of the *Diocesan Code of Conduct Regarding Contact with Minors* and the *Diocesan Policy Concerning Supervision of Youth Trips and Other Youth Functions* are also available from your pastor or principal, or by calling 228-702-2126/27.

**How to report a complaint of abuse:** The clergy, religious, and laity who serve in the ministries of the Diocese of Biloxi are committed to making Church ministries safe for young people. Allegations of misconduct with minors are reported as the law requires and an internal investigation is conducted. A copy of the diocesan policy is available on the diocesan website ([www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org)) or by contacting your pastor. A complaint of misconduct should be reported directly to civil authorities. In addition, a complaint should be reported to the Diocese of Biloxi by calling the phone numbers on the diocesan website or by calling 228-702-2112 or to the State of Mississippi's Hot Line: 1-800-222-8000.



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**The Golden Rule (cf. Mt 7:12)**  
**Do to others as you would have them do to you.**