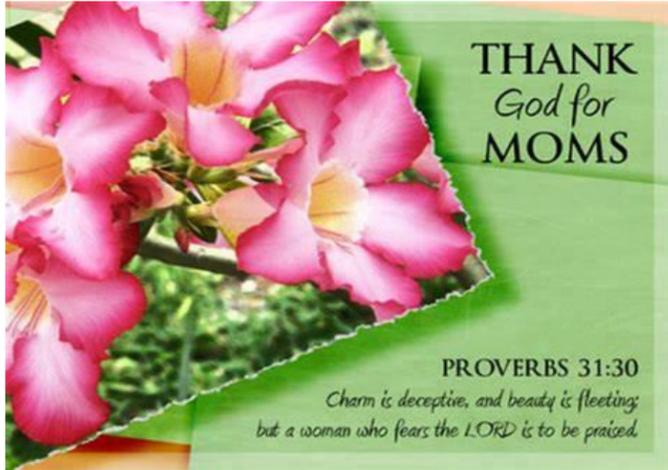


LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?



St. Alphonsus Parish Family: Please know you remain in our prayers during this time. Our church might be a little quieter for the moment, but our parish can still be much alive within your individual homes. Remember, you are the Church, even within the unexpected hermitage we have all found ourselves dwelling. Though we should continue on with strong prayer and catechesis as individual families at home, we can still connect as a parish through online capabilities.

Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life. These helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, 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. **Don't have the App or FORMED yet?** 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. To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code flf5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.

And please also remember, even though our church is quiet, facility utilities do not go away. Needs of our community, ministry, and families still remain as well. We cannot meet such needs without your help. As we are not able to serve in large groups or in person, our gifts of prayer and treasure are ever so important, even crucial to get us through this difficult time. If you haven't already, please consider setting up a recurring gift online. This service is available either on our Parish App or Parish Website (osstalphonus.org). Please note that if you wish to continue using your weekly envelope for your offering – that is certainly fine. Once we return to church we will be still taking up the collection during Mass. If you have any questions, please call the office during regular business hours at 875-5419.

We thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for St. Alphonsus Church. Your efforts make so many things possible for our parish, community, and Church. We hope this new opportunity is something you will find valuable for your own needs.

Please know that we continue to keep you in our prayers.

God bless, Fr. Mike and Fr. Tomasz

Pray for Vocations

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 11
Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26	
Private Mass	Mr. RJ Domingue
Private Mass	Ms. Monica Goretski
TUESDAY	MAY 12
Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a	
Private Mass	Ms. Joan Ryan
Private Mass	Ms. Elaine Derteen
WEDNESDAY	MAY 13
Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8	
Private Mass	Mr. Nolan Fremin
Private Mass	Int. Ms. Courtney Severino
THURSDAY	MAY 14
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17	
Private Mass	Int. Mr. Robert Carlton
Private Mass	Dr. & Mrs. Leon (Orpha) Striegel
FRIDAY	MAY 15
Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17	
Private Mass	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
Private Mass	Joseph Bernard and Norma Haaf
SATURDAY	MAY 16
Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21	
Private Mass	Elvin Asher Family
SUNDAY	MAY 17
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21	
Private Mass	Mr. James B. Johnson
Private Mass	Ms. Charlotte Lamar
Private Mass	Congregation
Private Mass	Mr. Harby Kreeger
Private Mass	Unice and Albert Misko

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$6,850.00
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Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Walter Bolton, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, LaJuan Fowler, Carmen Gaethe, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Danielle Gundlach, Doris Haynes, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Ron & Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Marie Meyers, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Peggy and Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Michael Punziano, Sarah Robinson, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Virginia Thompson, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Greg Mohler, brother of David (Theresa) Mohler and Bitty (Kathy) Mohler of this parish, who passed away May 2nd and **Birl Barnett,** brother-in-law of Brenda & James Landrum of this parish, who passed away May 4th in Lucedale. We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.



Fr. Mike Snyder and Fr. Tomasz Golab will hear Confessions on Saturday's in front of the Church from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. or on request by calling the Rectory Office (875-5419) and making an appointment.



You are invited to join in Daily Prayer from 2:00-3:00 p.m. The link to join is: <https://zoom.us/j/609870868>. First time users will need to download the Zoom app. Once you have downloaded the Zoom app – enter the ID: 609-870-868.

2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal: Please remember to support the Catholic Sharing Appeal. This program supports the ministries of our Church and provides for many individuals in need each year.

Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Please make all checks payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese. Our parish CSA goal for this year is \$59,603.

We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.

The National and Diocesan Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection is due now. If you wish to donate to this collection, you may either send a check to the Church Office or donate online on the App or Website under "Diocesan Second Collection". To learn more about Catholic Home Missions funding and current grantees, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Attention Graduating Seniors: There are two \$500 Scholarships available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at bsanderson@cardinalgroupplc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: August 15, 2020**

****School Subsidy Policy****

Registration for the 2020/2021 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.



Parishioner Registration: When planning a baptism, marriage, or to obtain subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must be able to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you do attend Mass.

It is the Church, not just this parish, which insists that signs of good faith commitment be present on these occasions. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of contributions and Mass attendance. Parish registration forms may be obtained on the Parish Website, in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Parish Office during regular office hours.



Bethesda Free Clinic is currently serving patients' needs via a telemedicine system. Anyone needing prescription refills or other basic needs can call the Clinic at 228-818-9191. If no one is available, you may leave your name and number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

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