

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

“Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the “small deaths” and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self- focused and closed.



St. Vincent DePaul Bob May Scholarship Award for St. Alphonsus Catholic Elementary School: \$1,000.00 will be awarded to a Qualified Student.

If interested in applying, please contact either the Church Office or School Office for an application.

Application Deadline is June 30th.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, July 1st 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.



If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can easily offer a regular tithe with support to the Church through Direct Debit through our bank, Hancock Whitney (forms may be printed off on our website under “Forms and Applications” or by calling the Rectory Office) or by making one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website by clicking the “Online Donation” box. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes – you can turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you would like. Have questions? Call the Rectory Office during regular business hours and we will be happy to help you in any way.

Pray for Vocations

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JUNE 29
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Frank Pasquini
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Mary Alice Hartsfield
TUESDAY	JUNE 30
Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lucille “Lou” Young
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Wavra
WEDNESDAY	JULY 1
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Fred Essex
THURSDAY	JULY 2
Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Dixie McCormick
FRIDAY	JULY 3
Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret K. Guice
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Chandra Nicholson
SATURDAY	JULY 4
Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Julian Galloway
	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Russ, Carley & Brittany Jordan
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	JULY 5
Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Carver
	Int. Ms. Ana McKittrick
9:00 a.m.	Mr. A.O. “Herman” Soares
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Morris Rabe, III
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$6,014.17
Online Collection.....	\$1,910.00
Special Diocesan Priest Collection.....	\$ 745.00
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, Walter Bolton, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard, Ellen Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Nettie Ciriot, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Jackie Endt, Fr. Bernie Farrell, Loretta Foster, Carmen Gaethe, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, 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, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, 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.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

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.



Married Couple Retreat: Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? The next Married Couple Retreat will be held July 17 – 19 at St. Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center in Covington, La. The theme will be: Growing Together in Faith and Love. Visit FaithandMarriage.org for more information.



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**



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.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses. They are now set up to take credit cards.



A lovely flower arrangement on the altar area of the church on weekends is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

If you would like to donate for a specific weekend, please call the Rectory at 875-5419. Donation amount is \$35.00.



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](https://www.formed.org) to phone number [88202](https://www.formed.org), or by visiting [myparishapp.com](https://www.formed.org). To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code f1f5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



Please show your support for your parish by also supporting our advertisers. We wouldn't be able to bring you our bulletin every week without them, and right now they need your help more than ever. Please encourage and remind others to show their support and shop local during these hard times!

REFLECTION

The circle around my life

Much of our lives is spent in keeping people out. We have private houses, private clubs, and so on. Of course there are times when we need to be alone. Yet there is a sense in which our size as human beings can be measured by the circles we draw to take other people in: the smaller the circle, the smaller the person. A strong person isn't afraid of people who are different. A wise person welcomes them. By shutting other people out we deny ourselves the riches of other people's experience. We starve our minds, and harden our hearts. In the beginning God gave the earth its shape. He made it round. He included everybody. So should we. (Anon.)



Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-712-832-8065. There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Irma White, aunt of Fr. Mike Snyder, who passed away June 17th.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonsus Parishioners

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