

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Christ's parable originally addressed the problem of sinners in the Kingdom of God. The Pharisees believed that the Kingdom was for saints only; sinners therefore should be ruthlessly weeded out. But Christ didn't agree, as this parable shows. The main point of the parable is clear: up to the last judgement, the Kingdom will be a mixed bag of good and evil. Later the parable was applied to the problem of sinners in the Church. Like the Kingdom, the Church is also a mixed bag. It must not play God by trying to purify itself completely through purges and inquisitions. The definitive separation must be left to the last judgement. In the meantime the Church must be patient; it must preach repentance and practice leniency. Mercy and leniency are an expression not of weakness but of strength.



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.



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) the week of August 10th - 14th. 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.



If you have a loved one who is homebound and not able to come to Mass or is sick and temporarily homebound - please call the Rectory with the information.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Helen Lloyd, mother of Jamie Lloyd and Tracy Reynolds, who passed away July 10th.

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 Memory of David Cooper

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	JULY 20
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carlton Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Nettie Cirlot
TUESDAY	JULY 21
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Families & Married Couples
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Genevieve Shack
WEDNESDAY	JULY 22
Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Patricia Gunkel
THURSDAY	JULY 23
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17	
6:30 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Int. Steve Murtough Family
FRIDAY	JULY 24
Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Maralou Guice Richards
8:15 a.m.	Int. Gatschet-Odom Family
SATURDAY	JULY 25
2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Jackie and Henry Endt
	4:00 p.m.
	Oleus and Della Sonnier
SUNDAY	JULY 26
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52	
7:30 a.m.	Bob and Linda Mayer
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Sylvia Marie Cronin
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,343.21
Online Collection.....\$ 2,500.00
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 Cirlot, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry & 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 Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Peggy and Edward Necaise, 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, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

Altar Society Members for next week
Kay Brochard, Sue Garlotte & Norma Williams

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.

ST. ALPHONUS SCHOOL

July 22: Final Registration, 8 am – 4 pm; in Library



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.



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@cardinalgroupllc.com to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: August 15, 2020**



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

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)



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!



St. Peter Catholic Church in Bassfield is selling tickets for their 25th Annual 800 Club monthly drawing for \$50 each and will be available in the St. Alphonsus Rectory Office (during regular business hours). All proceeds from this fundraiser are used to help the rejuvenation and up-keep of the parish facilities of St. Peter where Fr. Chinnappa Mark is pastor. The first Sunday of each month, beginning September 2020, four tickets will be drawn, \$500 for first ticket and \$100 for remaining three, and all winners are eligible to win again as the ticket will be put back in the 'barrel'. They thank you for your support.



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.



Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life. 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 f1f5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.

REFLECTION

Sow good seed

In general we reap what we sow. We can't expect to reap good if we have sown evil. We must sow peace if we do not want to reap conflict. We must sow loyalty if we do not want to reap betrayal. We must sow honesty if we do not want to reap deceit. Even though we have no absolute guarantee that what we sow will always fall on good ground, or that someone else may not come along and sow contrary seed, nevertheless, if we are careful to sow good seeds we can, within reason, trust our expectations because nature has shown that if what is planted bears fruit at all, it will yield more of itself. So, let us sow good seed.



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