

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Especially with regard to living the Gospel, we are not alone. A great cloud of witnesses journey with us offering us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. We look to them for the example of perseverance we desperately need in order to be faithful, and for what it means to “walk the talk!” The Beatitudes are indeed a blessed vision that people hunger to hear and embrace. But, they also clearly remind us that following Jesus is difficult. Poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and peace making are not virtues readily accepted by the world. Pursuing a purity of heart and acknowledging the hunger of our souls require not only a courageous stance, but a single-minded devotion to God. And, after going against the grain of the world and meeting resistance along the way, the true disciple may find themselves persecuted and paying a high price. Look to all the saints for the secret to happiness and the example of fidelity. Their lives speak volumes of how God can use even the weakest and most humble among us in tremendous ways. Saints are not even close to being perfect. They are just ordinary folks like us trying to give honor to God with their lives. ©LPi

**What great prophets have said may be forgotten, but what heroes and saints have done is still remembered.** Today we honor all the saints, but especially the unknown and unrecognized ones. Saintry people remind us that we too are called to holiness. As does this lovely feast.



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</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 each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Mr. John Hardwick**, the sales representative from Diocesan (the providers of our weekly bulletin), will be contacting all business who presently have ads on our bulletin. Due to COVID 19, he will be doing by phone instead of personally visiting. For more information or if you are interested in purchasing an ad, you may contact him by calling 1-800-633-1122.

We thank all those business owners who presently support us in this way and in doing so make the bulletin available at no cost to the parish. Please support these parishioners and businesses.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Wilfred Beaugez, Jr.**, a member of our parish family, who passed away October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Joyce Norton**, sister of Irvin Haydel of this parish, who passed away October 24<sup>th</sup> in Shreveport, Louisiana. We extend our sympathy to each family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

### Pray for Vocations

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 2</b>
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 3</b>
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 4</b>
Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jeanne Harbison
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 5</b>
Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Michael Gatschet
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>
Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Holt Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 7</b>
Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15	
8:15 a.m.	Russ, Carley, & Brittany Jordan
	Poor Souls
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Joseph Balius
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 8</b>
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention - RG
11:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
5:30 p.m.	Congregation

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,601.16  
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 1,195.00  
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, Sarah Broussard, Ellen Brown,

Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry Endt, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Peggy and Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Jamie Sablich, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

### Altar Society Members for next week

**Mary Ann Bounds, Linda Denehie and Lois Ravera**

## Religious Education News

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**Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Confirmation Class: 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.;**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Edge: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lifeteen: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Nov 5:** RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room  
**Nov 8:** No Youth Religious Education Class

**Prayer is the path to the heart and to truth and charity.** Pope Francis' *Fratelli tutti* reminds us that the fundamental ground of relationships rests in Charity and this leads to making choices that serve the common good. This reflects significantly in election of persons whose character and competence lives for the common good.

Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the need for wise, moral, civic leadership, **the USCCB is offering an electronic Election Novena** to help Catholics form their consciences as they prepare for the upcoming election. The link is: <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena>

**Prayer Before an Election:** Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. –From *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Everyday Saints

Growing up I thought saints were larger than life people with extraordinary stories. The thought that I could one day be revered as a saint by anyone seemed crazy. I wrote my essays on different saints every year in Catholic school right around All Saints Day. These were stories about people I had never met, and I assumed I would never meet anyone like them going forward.

Now that I am older, I realize that I was wrong back then and my immaturity of both mind and heart did not allow me to see that there are saints among us all the time. I have met many people in my life that I would call living saints. They are holy people who give of themselves to God and others in profound ways. Their relationship with Jesus is evident and they live their lives in ways that people witness the transformative power of love.

As a child I was wrong about saints, but even more importantly, I didn't fully realize that all of us are called to be saints! Me, a saint? Holiness is not something simply studied in books. It is the way of life we are all called to live. The call comes from Jesus Christ and each of us must respond. If we are still thinking like children, we may choose to stay silent and live accordingly. If we are more mature in our faith then we might not only respond, we might one day have a school child write a report about us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Nov 1:** Saints Walk, after 5:30 p.m. Mass, Sidewalk outside of Church  
**Nov 5:** Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK3,K, 2, 3, 4  
**Nov 6:** Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK4, 1, 5, 6

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Nov 4:** Honor Society Meeting, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
**Nov 5:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.  
**Nov 8:** Open House, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.



**You are invited to join us each Thursday in the Chapel for the Gethsemane Hour of Adoration and Devotional Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus from 11:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.**



**Saint Stanislaus Open House:** Potential students and families are invited to an open house on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to attend academic and special interest sessions, meet faculty, administrators, and current students; learn

more about academic programs and student life, and tour the campus. To register, go to: [www.ststan.com/openhouse](http://www.ststan.com/openhouse). St. Stanislaus is a Catholic All-Boys Boarding School serving young men in Grades 7-12.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their “extraordinary ordinariness” capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the “more” of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith. ©LPi