

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us. All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly we are not. God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized. ©LPI

SCRIPTURE NOTE

History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. In the Gospel we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord. The parable is an allegory of God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son is Jesus himself whom they killed. Like the parable of the two sons, this parable was directed at the chief priests and elders. It was meant as a warning, but it went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Gentiles replaced the Jews as God's people. All this would have been clear to Matthew's readers.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, October 7th 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.



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 October 12th - 16th. 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.

Altar Society Members for next week
Janell Alliston, Deni Helms and Pat Zuber



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Joseph "Joey" Balias, son of Nick and Christine Balias and grandson of Ralph and Faye Balias of this parish, who passed away September 19th.

Marie Weidner, sister of Liz (Dick) Eckert of this parish, who passed away September 25th.

Nettie Cirlot, aunt of Gena (William) Odom of this parish, who passed away September 29th.

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



The Flowers on the Altar
are in Memory Of
The Mayfield, Burkhardt & Seymour Families

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 5
Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 6:30 a.m.	10:25-37 Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Jurich, Pitalo and Wade Family
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 6
Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 6:30 a.m.	10:38-42 Ms. Lucille "Lou" Young
8:15 a.m.	Int. President Donald J. Trump
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 7
Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 6:30 a.m.	11:1-4 Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Genevieve Shack
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 8
Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 6:30 a.m.	11:5-13 Ms. Annie Morgan
8:15 a.m.	Elvin Asher Family
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 9
Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 6:30 a.m.	11:15-26 Int. Barbara and Talley Pollard
8:15 a.m.	Prayers for Thanksgiving
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 10
Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 8:15 a.m.	11:27-28 Int. Ms. Deborah Galle Foushee
	Int. Mr. Holt Foushee
	Msgr. Gregory Kennedy
	4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 11
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Patricia Olier
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Hunter Grantham
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Mary Bishop

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$7,174.27
Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,905.00
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, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Ncaise, Leonard Ncaise, Peggy and Edward Ncaise, 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, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

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

Oct 8: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Oct 11: Youth Religious Education Class (times above)



Public Square Rosary Crusade: America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God". As a result, America is suffering from a pandemic, rioting, looting, and murder, as well as moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

You are invited to join either St. Elizabeth Seton Parish at the Community Bank on Hwy 90 in Ocean Springs on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon or at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dedeaux on Saturday, October 10th at 12:00 Noon. Both will be held outside – bring a lawn chair and your rosary.



2020 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION: Due to COVID-19 we will not celebrate together at the Cathedral as usual, but, we definitely want to remember the special wedding anniversaries being celebrated in 2020. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc), please complete the form (available in the rectory office or by printing off the parish website under Forms & Applications) and mail it in to the diocese by October 23rd. Couples will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Kihneman, a Renewal of Vows Ceremony that can be celebrated with family or friends and a commemorative program listing all the 2020 couples. Bishop Kihneman will also offer a Mass at the Cathedral for the celebrating couples.



"The St James ProLife Billboard Initiative wishes to express their deep gratitude to all parishioners for their prayers & financial gifts. Through your ongoing support they have been able to place 19 billboards in 6 states, resulting in 5,245,147 total weekly impressions (views)!! Please continue to keep praying for the unborn & may God bless you all. To view a short video of our progress, please go to: www.saintjameschurchms.com and click on "ProLife Initiative".

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*

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 8-9: Fall Break (No School)

St. Alphonsus Catholic School will be hosting its **Annual Night of Neon** on Friday, October 30th. To-go hamburgers will be served as well. To sign up for this year's race or to make a donation supporting the event, please visit www.stal.org/night-of-neon-2020-2/. Sponsorships are also available, including public relations benefits. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities you may email pto@stal.org.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 7: 7th Grade Retreat
Oct 8: Mass, 9:40 a.m.
Oct 10: Rosary Rally, 12:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic High School is excited to launch the 2020-21 **LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE** school fall fundraiser! The Luck of the Irish Raffle supports all of the athletic teams and student activities at St. Patrick. Tickets are \$20 each, and a lucky \$1,000 winner will be drawn each month throughout the school year. Each month, the winning ticket remains in the drawing, so those who purchase tickets have a chance to win up to \$10,000. The first drawing will be Friday, October 16! Tickets may be purchased online at stpatrickhighschool.net/irishraffle.



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

A Silver Rose will be on display at St. Mary's in Gautier on Wednesday, October 7th during the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Adoration, confessions, and the Rosary will precede the Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.

A Silver Rose will be on display at Our Lady of Fatima, Biloxi on Friday, October 9th during the 6:00 p.m. Mass. The Mass, followed by a presentation about St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe, will be broadcasted live on Facebook-Our Lady of Fatima Church Biloxi.

Our Little Victims Are Americans: Years ago, the Nazi regime in Germany committed terrible atrocities in the concentration camps, killing six million Jews and non-Jews.

Today in Africa there are terrible atrocities going on in Darfur by the leaders in Sudan, and over 70,000 people have been reported dead so far. And in 1994 there was a 'blood bath' in Rwanda.

We are appalled by the genocides of the past and present in other countries. What about the terrible atrocities going on in abortion clinics? Why can't we wake up to the genocide of our unborn here in the United States? Our own government is guilty of the slaughter of over 62 million babies since Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion in 1973. We should hang our heads in shame! These 'victims' are helpless innocents and this 'slaughter' is far greater than all other atrocities combined and the little 'victims' are Americans.

If only we could surround the little unborn babies with our love and compassion and put an end to abortion, what a better world this would be.

Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:
Reverend Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004
Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004
Monsignor Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009
Monsignor Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990
Most Rev. Roger P. Morin, October 31, 2019