



The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish. Now comes a turning point – the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism, and shows that God’s salvation is offered to all.


In the Gospel Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus’ love is modeled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father’s commandments, so they should observe his. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now he is going to give them the supreme proof of his love – giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them, into the world to bear fruit – the fruit of love.


In the Second Reading John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is of God’s essence. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God’s life.


 **Please take a moment to sign up for Adoration as we renew our Adoration Chapel. The signup sheet is located in the Vestibule of the Church.**

 **St. Alphonsus Parish wishes to recognize and congratulate all our Seniors who are graduating from a local High School at this time.** Our students either attend Ocean Springs, St. Martin or St. Patrick High Schools. They are: Anastasia Ashley, Katherine Bertolino, Garrett Brochard, Georgia Daniels, Georgia Davis, Sophia Diaz, Makayla Ladd, Caroline Lapointe, Nathan Malloch, Sean McClellan, Brooklyn Merrill, Lillian Michel, Justin Moore, Jody Noble, Zachery Padula, Laura Patiño, Gavriella Persing, William Pitalo, Gabriela Quintana, Leila Ransonet, Virginia Rollins, Shea Sigworth, Jacie Skelton, Anastasia Wade and Ayden Weaver.

We also congratulate the fourteen Sixth Graders who will graduate from our Elementary School on May 26th. We wish them every success in their education in the years ahead and ask God to continue to lead and guide them as they grow and develop. They are: Abigail Adams, Maizie Cope, Olivia Karcher, Foster Krebs, Benjamin Lora, Alyssa Kate Lowery, Londyn Mai, Parker McKenzie, Alexandra Patiño, Nathan Rimmer, Lillian Rizzo, Gabriella Sinopoli, Carolina Stadthagen and Trey Zorn.

 **A collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken up next weekend.** The Catholic Communication Campaign is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world through the media and effective communication. Envelopes are available at the Church exits.

 **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 May 17th – 21st. 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.

 **An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 10
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Marshall Fayard
TUESDAY	MAY 11
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Lucille “Lou” Young
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Monica Goretski
WEDNESDAY	MAY 12
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	MAY 13
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathleen Shirer
FRIDAY	MAY 14
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Anna Mitchell
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
SATURDAY	MAY 15
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Sekul
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
SUNDAY	MAY 16
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Linda Mayer
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Sullivan
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Wilfred “Butch” Beaugez

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$12,213.22
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 1,335.00
Monthly Poor Collection.....	\$ 2,936.60
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



**The Flowers on the Altar
are in Honor of all Graduates**



**The Flowers on the Altar
are in Honor of all Mother’s**



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Eulalie “Lee” Molbert, a member of our parish family, who passed away April 26th.
Isaac “Fred” Dale III M.D., a member of our parish family, who passed away May 1st.
We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Religious Education News

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May 12: First Communion Practice, Church, 5:30 p.m.
May 13: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
May 16: Sacrament of First Communion, Church, 12:30 p.m.



Bishop Louis Kihneman administered the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Sunday (May 2). We congratulate these individuals who received this Sacrament and pray that they will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith in the years ahead. They are: Madison Allen, Riley Dellenger, Sofia Diaz, Kaiden Johnson, Sydney Johnson, Caitlyn Landry, Grace Landry, Briggs Menendez, Dominic Patiño, Gabriel Showalter, and Logan Snow.

**Divine Mercy In My Soul
The Diary of the Servant of God
Sister M. Faustina Kowalska**

699 On one occasion, I heard these words: **My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable (138) mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. (139) It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.**



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.



Hospital Stays: Because of privacy concerns, it is difficult to find out who is in the hospital. Many times the clergy list we get to see does not have everyone’s name listed. This seems to happen especially to those who are admitted through the Emergency Room. If you or a family member is going to be in the hospital and wish to be visited or receive communion while there, please call the Rectory at your earliest convenience.

REFLECTION

The wounded heart

If only the heart was right we could give so much more. But, alas, the heart is often empty. It is often cold and unwelcoming. It is often hard and unyielding. It is often weighed down with worry. It is often sad and lonely. It is often in darkness. It is often wounded. And it is sometimes broken. We have to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to love. Lord, touch our hearts and heal them, so that we may be able to bear the fruits of love. Amen.

School Subsidy Policy

Registration for the 2021/2022 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. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

May 12: First Communion Practice, Church, 5:30 p.m.
May 13: Children’s Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK3, K, 2, 3, 4
May 14: Children’s Mass, 9:15 a.m., PK4, 1, 5, 6
May 16: Sacrament of First Communion, Church, 12:30 p.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 10: AP World History Exam / Drama Guild Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
May 11: Senior Award Banquet, 6:00 p.m.
May 12: AP English Lang / Comp Exam
Graduation Practice / Senior Parade
May 14: AP Biology Exam / Graduation, 5:00 p.m.



We are grateful for your support of the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your prayers and financial support helps the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus. If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are at each of the exits of the church or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org. Remember – when our parish reaches its goal, all funds raised over our goal are returned to the parish for our use. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



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: June 1, 2021**



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob Boney, Abby Bosarge, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Elena Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Steve Castleman, III, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Anne Hindmarch, Ron and Mary Jo Hoogstra, Betty Horton, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Melissa Menard, Edna Migues, Iva Misko, Lee Molbert, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck Petitjean, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, J.W., and Thane Williams.