

The First Reading tells how God fed his people in the desert with manna. This is regarded as the classic example of God's care for his people. Jesus too fed people who were hungry. But the Gospel makes it clear that the Son of Man did not come down from above merely to satisfy physical hunger. He came to give a heavenly bread that people will eat and never become hungry. The manna was but a foreshadowing of the spiritual food which was now being offered by Jesus to his followers. The manna nourished people physically and sustained life temporarily. The new bread will nourish people spiritually and sustain life eternally. The 'bread' in question is primarily the teaching given by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it refer to the Eucharist.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 4th 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.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, August 6th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, August 7th at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



The second Altar Server Training is scheduled in the Church on August 10th at 6:30 p.m. All altar servers or anyone who wishes to become an altar server (must have already made First Holy Communion) must attend both classes.



The Knights of Columbus will begin serving breakfast again on Sunday, August 15th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.



An Anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, August 21st at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament.



CURSILLO DRAWDOWN IS BACK ON!!! This is their only fundraiser and they need your help to make it a success. The DRAWDOWN and SILENT AUCTION event will take place at Sacred Heart in Pascagoula at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2021. There will be 30 drawings of \$100 with the final draw at \$5000.00. Name never goes out of the drawing, so there are many chances to win! Tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Gay Camagong for tickets at (228)424-7722.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bill Gryder and Neil Gryder

Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bounds, Barbara Fournier & Lois Rivera

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 2
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
TUESDAY	AUGUST 3
Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Anna Mitchell
8:15 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 4
Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matt 15:21-28	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Matre Gospodinvich
THURSDAY	AUGUST 5
Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Byrd
8:15 a.m.	The Thibodeaux Family
FRIDAY	AUGUST 6
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Chris Collins
SATURDAY	AUGUST 7
Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family
	The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Rodney Goff
SUNDAY	AUGUST 8
1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Thomas Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Int. Altar Society Members
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Carl Clark

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,576.33
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$1,670.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



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, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Elena Broussard, Don Burchette, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Wendy Decker, Oscar DeMauro, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Ron and Mary Jo Hoogstra, Betty Horton, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Melissa Menard, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Mígues, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Roger Parker, Amy Petitjean, Leona & Chuck Petitjean, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Jan Roberts, 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, Rose M. Vail, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Charlotte & Gene Williams, Jessie Williams, and Thane Williams.



Our parish is answering the call to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We currently have 136 adorers signed up, covering 93 hours, leaving 75 hours open for adorers. Thank you to the parishioners who have committed to a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Please try your best to make your hour. If you find that the hour you signed up for isn't working, kindly change it on the [We Adore Him](http://www.WeAdoreHim.com) website. If you are signed up and not going, please remove your name from the schedule to give others the opportunity to take that hour. If you find that you are requesting a substitute frequently, please consider changing your hour. The [We Adore Him](http://www.WeAdoreHim.com) website is very user friendly. Go to: stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup to create an account. Here you can view the entire schedule, make a weekly commitment, make a one-time commitment, request a sub and select your preferred notification method and reminders. Using this system will create a seamless process and is highly encouraged. Questions or concerns may be directed to Jenny Gordon @228-282-0984. *"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."* ~St. John Paul II

What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is when a parish sets aside a small room, or chapel that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with permanent exposition of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament for the purpose of silent, uninterrupted adoration.

What do I do during my Holy Hour of Adoration?

There are four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist. Spend 15 minutes on each step:

1. Recognize the Presence of God

Enter into His holy Presence with awe and love. A good way to begin is to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* slowly, fervently and mindfully.

2. Thanksgiving

Praise and thank the Lord. Worship Him. Read and pray psalms of praise and thanksgiving, such as *Psalms 16, 33, 34, 47, 92, 95, 100 and 150*. It is good to then pause and sit before Our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, open to His love.

3. Reparation

Repent of and express sorrow for your sins and those of the whole world. You can offer reparation through prayers such as the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*. *"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

4. Petition

Ask for your own deeper conversion and personal needs, as well as for those around you and the whole world. Remember also to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. If you can, pray the *Rosary*. Our Blessed Mother stands always at the side of her Son, ready to assist her children.

Always end your visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with thanksgiving.



The Lord Is My Help is in need of egg cartons. If you are able to donate, please drop off at their location: 1205 Desoto St. –behind Phoenicia.



The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more in 2021 are welcome to attend. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours. Deadline for registration is October 15, 2021.

Pray for Vocations

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 3: Meet the Teacher, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Aug 6: First Day of School, Mass 8:15 a.m.



St. Alphonsus School is in the process of constructing an Adoration Chapel in the school in honor of Deacon Gregory Miller. For more information, see the flyer at each of the exits. Donations are being accepted. Please consider giving to this blessed cause.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 4: New Student Orientation, 6:00 p.m.

Aug 6: Drama Guild Leadership Retreat, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

October 5-13, 2021: Medjugorje with Bishop Louis F. Kihneman. For more information visit www.catholicjourneys.com/special-departures or call 800-715-6670 \$3,295 per person.

February 14-23, 2022: The Holy Land with Fr. Mike Austin. For more information email PilgrimageToTheHolyLand@gmail.com or call Paula Spears at 228-697-7814.

September 13-23, 2022: Austria & Germany including the Passion Play of Oberammergau with Fr. Mike Austin. For more information call 203-656-303, email info@nawas.com or visit www.nawas.com.

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

156. +Once, I desired very much to receive Holy Communion, but I had a certain doubt, and I did not go. I suffered greatly because of this. It seemed to me that my heart would burst from the pain. When I set about my work, my heart full of bitterness, Jesus suddenly stood by me and said, **My daughter, do not omit Holy Communion unless you know well that your fall was serious; apart from this, no doubt must stop you from uniting yourself with Me in the mystery of My love. Your minor faults will disappear in My love like a piece of straw thrown into a great furnace. Know that you grieve Me much when you fail to receive Me in Holy Communion.**

A Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje

July 25, 2021
"Dear children! I am calling you to be prayer for all those who do not pray. Little children, witness with your lives the joy that you are mine and God will heed your prayers and give you peace in this peaceless world where pride and selfishness reign. Little children, you be generous and be the love of my love, so that pagans can feel that you are mine and convert to my Immaculate Heart.
Thank you for having responded to my call."

Prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Christ

O loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God, I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most Sacred Wound of Thy Shoulder on which Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross, which so tore Thy Flesh and laid bare Thy Bones as to inflict on Thee an anguish greater than any other wound of Thy Most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, O Jesus most sorrowful. I praise and glorify Thee, and give Thee thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound; beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on towards heaven along the Way of Thy Cross. Amen.