

The First Reading deals with a covenant-renewal ceremony that took place at Shechem shortly after the people had entered the promised land. Joshua called upon them to make a choice: to serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods. All the tribes of Israel declared, "We will serve the Lord."

In a similar way Jesus called upon the people who had listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds whether or not they were going to believe in him and follow him. Sadly, apart from the Twelve, many deserted him. Even among the Twelve a traitor lurked. Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leaving him, he let them go. It wasn't great crowds that excited him. What mattered to him (and what should matter to the Church) was the authenticity and sincerity of those who stayed.

Just as Mark's account of the ministry in Galilee ends on a note of disbelief (Fourteenth Sunday), so it is here. And in Peter's reaction we have John's parallel to the synoptic scene at Caesarea Philippi (Twenty-fourth Sunday).



The Chapel will be CLOSED for renovations this coming week (August 23rd -27th) from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day (because of daily Mass at 8:15 a.m. there will be no Adoration from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.)

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar in the Church for Adoration. It is imperative that you make the hour that you are signed up for on the schedule. If you cannot make it, please request a substitute on the scheduling website: stalphonsus.weadorehim.com. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone. We will have parishioners on duty to make sure this does not happen. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984.



Each August / September every parish in the diocese is obligated to submit a financial report to the diocese for the previous fiscal year that ends on June 30th. This report, therefore, contains figures from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Our income at St. Alphonsus is derived primarily from our Sunday / Holy Day collections which are subdivided between envelopes, online or loose checks (identifiable) and non-identifiable (loose cash) contributions. Collections last year generated \$686,056.53 for the parish.

Out of this income, the parish is obliged to support Catholic schools (our elementary school plus support of St. Patrick High School) at 30% of its previous year's income, support the diocese at 9% (\$38,839.82) of remaining income and cover all operating expenses after that. Schools support came to \$178,126.34 (\$135,585.75 Elementary School; \$42,540.59 St. Patrick High School). Parish payroll expenses came to \$246,731.91 (which includes salary for priests, office staff, taxes (FICA), employee insurance, etc.). Overhead parish expenses include liturgy, utilities, property insurance, janitorial supplies, household, etc. came to \$147,367.84. Parish program expenses (includes Religious Education, Youth, Charity) came to \$29,091.65. Capital expenses (covers repairs, remodeling, and musical equipment) came to \$39,737.21. Total parish disbursements totaled \$679,894.77.

Most Second Collections are mailed to the diocese to be disbursed by the diocese to the respective causes or charities. Last year these amounted to \$21,365.01. The parish divides the second collection for the Poor (taken up on the 1st Sunday each month) three ways – one third goes to our mission in Saltillo Mexico on a quarterly basis, one third is given to our local St. Vincent de Paul (also quarterly) and the final third is utilized by the parish for charitable purposes – each received \$19,407.89 for a total of \$58,223.67.

Altar Society Members for next week

Jamie Lloyd, Terry O'Connor and Norma Williams



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Mark Riviere

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 23
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
TUESDAY	AUGUST 24
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. David Mohler
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Hunter Grantham
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 25
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Sam Mavar
8:15 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan Ms. Betty Lou Callegari
THURSDAY	AUGUST 26
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51	
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Mike Snyder
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
FRIDAY	AUGUST 27
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m.	Joseph and Therese Brannon
SATURDAY	AUGUST 28
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. William Johnson, Jr.
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Frank Snyder
SUNDAY	AUGUST 29
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Mark Whitney
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV Ms. Lee Molbert
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,084.73
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,410.00
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 Cubbage, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Wendy Decker, Oscar DeMauro, Jeannine Dionne, 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 Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Roger Parker, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Jan Roberts, Margaret Rucinski, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Kerry Senseney, 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.

FAITH FORMATION



Have you been thinking lately about becoming a Catholic? Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic faith? Were you baptized Catholic but are not in full communion with the Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you want to convert to Catholicism from another church? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then St. Alphonsus Catholic Church invites you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Classes for RCIA will meet on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Christopher Molino at cmolino@osstalphonsus.org.



After each of the Masses this weekend (August 21/22), we will have Registration for Faith Formation in the Parish Hall.

All classes will begin after Labor Day.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Edge (6th – 8th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Life Teen (9th – 12th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Confirmation (11th Grade): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Fellowship and dinner will be offered each Sunday for those students in 6th – 12th grade. Anyone interested in sponsoring the meal or if you have additional questions, please reach out to Patience Clasen @ pclasen@osstalphonsus.org.



Our parish is answering the call to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Currently, we have 146 adorers signed up, covering 106 hours. This is amazing BUT we still need a minimum of 73 adorers to become a perpetual chapel. We can do this! The hardest part is making that initial commitment, but once you do, you will be drawn to Him and yearn to be with Him more and more. The graces and blessings bestowed on you will be abundant. For those of you who have committed to an hour and are experiencing His peace, I encourage you to share your feelings with your family and friends. We are called to evangelize and bring people to the feet of Jesus!

The following hours need coverage in the Chapel:

Sunday (18 hours):	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11:00 a.m. 12, 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:00 p.m.
Monday (7 hours):	12, 1, 2, 3, 4:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Tuesday (9 hours):	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.; 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Wednesday (7 hours):	12, 1, 2, 4, 6:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Thursday (5 hours):	1, 2, 3, 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Friday (10 hours):	3, 4, 6, 9:00 a.m. 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11:00 p.m.
Saturday (17 hours):	12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10:00 a.m. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11:00 p.m.

To view the schedule and sign up, visit:

stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup

"Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." ~ Jesus



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Robert Endt, Sr., first cousin of Henry Endt of this parish, who passed away August 7th.

Joe Shimp, brother-in-law to Al & Iva Misko of this parish, who passed away August 16th.

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

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 22: Student Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Aug 27: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.



St. Alphonsus School is constructing an Adoration Chapel in the school in honor of Deacon Gregory Miller. Donations are being accepted.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 24: Junior Ring Ceremony, 1:00 P.M.

Aug 26: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Aug 28/29: Campus Ministry Retreat



Walgreens will be offering Flu shots (senior dose or regular dose) and also the Pfizer Vaccine in the KC Hall on Friday, September 10th on a first come / first serve basis – no preregistration is required. No cash will be accepted, so if you will be receiving the flu shot, please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you. There will not be a charge for the Pfizer Vaccine.



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 September 13th – 17th.

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.



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 Sacrament of the Eucharist

(Articles taken from the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

275. What are the names for this sacrament?

CCC 1328-1332

The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion.

276. Where does the Eucharist fit in the divine plan of salvation?

CCC 1333-1344

The Eucharist was foreshadowed in the Old Covenant above all in the annual Passover meal celebrated every year by the Jews with unleavened bread to commemorate their hasty, liberating departure from Egypt. Jesus foretold it in his teaching and he instituted it when he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles in a Passover meal. The Church, faithful to the command of her Lord, "Do this in memory of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24), has always celebrated the Eucharist, especially on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection of Jesus.