

Jesus performed this miracle in Gentile territory. The faith-response of the Gentiles contrasts sharply with that of many of his own people. In Mark's mind Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, "The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy" (First Reading). In other words, Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. This miracle is the only cure in the Gospels that is described as taking place gradually. Mark saw it as an illustration of growth in faith. It is what happens to every Christian at Baptism. Christ touches our ears so that we can hear his word, and touches our tongues so that we can profess our faith. Hence, we too can say, "He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.



Walgreens will be offering Flu shots (senior dose or regular dose) and also the Pfizer Vaccine in the KC Hall on Friday, September 10th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The Flu shots will be on a first come / first serve basis – no preregistration is required. **If you wish to receive the Pfizer Vaccine (no charge) - please call the rectory office at 228-875-5419 to register.** No cash will be accepted, so if you will be receiving the flu shot, please bring your insurance card or Medicare card with you.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Monday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



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.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Mtg Rm.



The Feast Day of St. Pio is September 23rd. You are invited to enjoy the prayers and protection of St. Pio when you become a Spiritual Child of St. Pio. To sign up, go to www.stpiodevotionsg.com/spiritualchildform.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), a nonprofit organization that helps those living in poverty, will sponsor the Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run on Saturday, September 25th to benefit those in our community that need help with rental assistance and most utilities.

Registration will begin at 8.00AM and the "Walk" will begin at 9.00AM with the Boy Scouts of Troop 211 leading the way....

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (www.svdpusa.org) is a national and international, nonprofit, Catholic lay organization who offers a variety of programs and services, including home visits, housing assistance, disaster relief, education and mentoring, food pantries, dining halls, clothing, assistance with transportation, prescription medication, and rent and utility costs. Over the past year, SVdP provided over \$3.4 billion in tangible and in-kind services to those in need, and helped more than 5.4 million people regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

All proceeds and donations from the event will directly benefit the people in the Ocean Springs/Jackson County area served by our St. Alphonsus Conference of SVdP. Anyone interested in learning more, wishing to participate on line, or would like to make a donation, can visit www.fopwalk.org, call the Rectory at 228- 875-5419 or ask any member of the SVdP St Alphonsus Conference.

The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of American Workers



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Smokey Hill
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Aaron Asher
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tiffany Wilson
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard Thurman
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Turner Straight, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Kelly and Shane Carter
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elizabeth Byrd
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Holt Foushee
	Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee
	Int. Ms. Margaret W. Foushee
4:00 p.m.	Mr. André Kaufman
	Eunice and Albert Misko Sr.
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Ruth Woods
9:00 a.m.	Dr. Andy McCanna
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Audrey Hood

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$4,303.36
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,065.00
Haiti Relief Collection.....	\$1,446.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, C.L. Ates, 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, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Betty Horton, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, 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 Necaïse, Leonard Necaïse, Edward Necaïse, 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, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Ashley Vickers, Charlotte Williams, and Thane Williams.

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

FAITH FORMATION

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 Gr): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Confirmation (11th Gr): Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)



Registration is still open for all Faith Formation Classes. Registration forms are available on the website at osstalphonusus.org

under Forms and Applications. You may print and fill out the form and then drop off at the Rectory Office during the coming week.

For additional information, please email:

Grade K-5 jsema@osstalphonusus.org;

Grade 6 – 12: pclasen@osstalphonusus.org

Confirmation / RCIA: cmolino@osstalphonusus.org

Sept 9: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

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.

Sept 12: All Faith Formation Classes Begin (times above)

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@osstalphonusus.org.

Sept 12: Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Explaining The Faith... Parish Hall Meeting Room

Sept 14/21: A Book Study (Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream) will be held at Sue Mihal's house beginning Tuesday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. A Salad Luncheon, for those interested in the Book Study, will be held on Tuesday, September 14th at 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call Sue at 601-573-0020.



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.

REFLECTION

Precious gifts

The gift of hearing is a precious gift. But it is only with the heart that we can hear rightly. The cry of a needy person may reach our ears, but unless it reaches our heart we will not feel the person's pain, and it is unlikely that we will respond. And the gift of speech is a precious gift. But again it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly. For our words to ring true, they must come from the heart. If they come only from the lips, they will have a hollow sound and will have little effect. They will be like a wind that ruffles the surface of the water but leaves the depths untouched. But words that come from the heart, enter the heart.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Sept 6: Labor Day Holiday – No School
Sept 8: Progress Reports
Sept 10: Children's/Grandparents Day Mass 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Sept 6: Labor Day Holiday – No School
Sept 8: Family Evening of Adoration, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Sept 9: Mass, 9:40 a.m.
Sept 11: Alumni Mass and Social, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.



Currently, we have 155 adorers signed up, covering 109 hours. If your hour falls during the 6:30 am or the 8:15 am daily mass, please attend mass. If you committed to an hour and are not going, please make this a priority and start going. If you decide you can't keep this commitment, please remove yourself from the schedule on the website, stalphonusus.weadorehim.com. New people are signing up and looking for an open hour or an hour with only 1 other person already committed. It is deceiving when several people are signed up for the same hour but only 1, or perhaps, none are going. We are trying very hard to become a perpetual chapel and need everyone to do their part. It may take time to figure out which hour works best for you and that is alright. Just make sure to switch your hour on the website so we can keep it as up to date as possible.

The following hours need coverage in the Chapel:

Sunday (17 hours): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11:00 a.m.
12, 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11:00 p.m.
Monday (7 hours): 12, 1, 2, 3, 4:00 a.m.; 2, 11:00 p.m.
Tuesday (7 hours): 1, 2, 3, 4 a.m.; 5, 10, 11:00 p.m.
Wednesday (6 hours): 12, 1, 2, 4, 6:00 a.m.; 11:00 p.m.
Thursday (5 hours): 1, 2, 3, 6:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.
Friday (10 hours): 3, 4, 6, 10:00 a.m.; 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:00 p.m.
Saturday (15 hours): 12, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10:00 a.m.
1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11:00 p.m.

To view the schedule and sign up, visit: stalphonusus.weadorehim.com/signup

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

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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

278. Who is the minister for the celebration of the Eucharist? CCC 1348; 1411

The celebrant of the Eucharist is a validly ordained priest (bishop or priest) who acts in the Person of Christ the Head and in the name of the Church.

279: What are the essential and necessary elements for celebrating the Eucharist? CCC 1412

The essential elements are wheat bread and grape wine.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:
Arthur Bousqueto, brother-in-law of Norma Williams of this parish, who passed away August 21st in Hattiesburg.
Carlus Raez, brother of Marti Lynn of this parish, who passed away August 27th.
We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.