

**The First Reading is an excerpt from Isaiah's fourth Servant Song.** The Servant offers his life in atonement for the sins of his people. His death will be the beginning of glorification for him and be a source of blessings for others. By reflecting on passages such as this, the early Christians came to an understanding of the saving sufferings and death of Jesus.

In the Gospel we see how far the apostles are from this spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Obviously they thought that his kingdom would be modeled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honor, power, and glory. But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom, service is what makes one great. He would set the example himself. He came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (a reference to his saving death). Authority in his Church must wear the unmistakable livery of service.



**The members of the Prayer Warriors for Our Shepherds Committee would like to thank the 210 parishioners who so generously signed up to contribute prayers to the Spiritual Bouquet that will be presented to our Diocesan Priests and Deacons at their respective Convocations.**

The Spiritual Gift consists of 577 Masses, 1642 Rosaries, 357 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration, 1267 Chaplets of Divine Mercy, 114 Novenas, 446 Memorares, and 145 Fasts. In addition, many thanks to the 40 Prayer Warriors who are praying daily for our Priests and Deacons throughout October.

Thanks also to the wonderful children and staff of St. Alphonsus School who have embraced this effort and in the process are expressing their prayers through a number of charming works of art which will be set up at the Convocations.

Prayer is Powerful! EVERY Prayer matters. Please continue to lift up our Bishop and all our clergy in your prayers. We benefit by the gift of their vocations.



**An Altar Server Training** will be held on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Items to be covered will be: setting up the Altar, lighting the candles, receiving the gifts, ringing the bells and after communion processes. All altar servers, or anyone wishing to become an altar server, is asked to please attend this training.



**An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.**



**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 November 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>.

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.



**The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses. They are now set up to take credit cards.**

### REFLECTION

#### The request that Jesus refused to grant

James and John were two opportunists. Their one aim was to rise in the ranks. To achieve their end they did not hesitate to beg. They did not mind how much envy and resentment they aroused in their companions. Their aim was to scramble up the career ladder. But at what price to themselves? If in the course of their rise to the top, people lose themselves, their own souls, whatever they do or achieve will be worthless. Power hardens the human heart. A hard-hearted person is incapable of love. It is by giving that we receive, and it is by serving that we grow in love.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 18</b>
2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 19</b>
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Betty Nutt
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 20</b>
Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Dr. Andy McCanna
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>
Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Carl Clark
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Johnny Norman
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22</b>
Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Glenn Ryan
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Cindy Ohler
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 23</b>
Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Tallulah Severino
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Bobby Beaugez
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 24</b>
Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Rosalie T. Trebotich
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder
	Mr. William "Bill" Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Nell Stanton

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,150.77
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$4,885.00
International Seafarers/Truckers Collection.....	\$1,116.77

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, Mercedes Bosarge, Shelle Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois,

Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Elena Broussard, Don Burchette, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Peggy Cox, Pat Cronin, Lisa Cabbage, 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, Catherine Jackson, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Dianne Kuljis, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Melissa Menard, EJ McIntyre, Cheryl Megie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaie, Leonard Necaie, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, 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, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Ashley Vickers, and Thane Williams.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)

**Edge (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

**Life Teen (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Contact Patience Clasen at [pclasen@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonsus.org)

**Confirmation (11<sup>th</sup> Gr):** Sunday, 6:30 p.m. (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

**RCIA:** Thursday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Contact Chris Molino at [cmolino@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:cmolino@osstalphonsus.org)

**Oct 21:** RCIA, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

**Oct 24:** Faith Formation Classes - Times Listed Above  
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Explaining The Faith...  
Parish Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.



**Parish Festival!** We are excited to announce we will host a family-friendly Parish Festival on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> here at St. Alphonsus. We have also partnered with Downtown Cart Rentals and will be raffling off a golf cart on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Proceeds from the festival and raffle will support the ministries of St. Alphonsus Parish.

**Would you like to help make the parish festival a success and don't know what you could do? There are actually several ways you can help.**

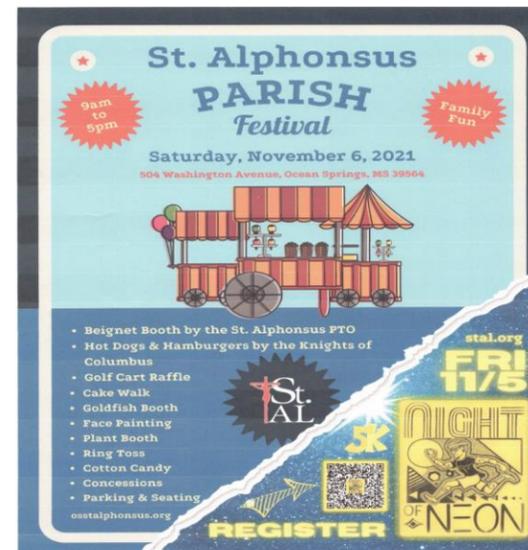
If you are able to volunteer your time please go to the link below. This will show you what is available and give you the ability to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4CABAA23A7F58-stalphonsus>

We are also in need of donated items. For your convenience, we have listed some of the items we are in need of. They are: Plants (various sizes), Seed Packets, 2-liter Bottles of Drinks, Bags of Candy, Dum Dum Lollipops, Trinket Toys, Prize Toys, Stuffed Animals, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Styrofoam Cups, Individual Bags of Goldfish Crackers, Cakes, Cupcakes, Sweets (whole and individually wrapped and not dropped off until the Friday before the festival), Paper Towels, Napkins and Disinfecting Wipes.

We also invite all parishioners to take a book of raffle tickets to buy or to sell.

Remember - all proceeds from the festival and raffle will support all the ministries here at St. Alphonsus Parish.

For more information, please contact Patience Clasen ([pclasen@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonsus.org)).



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of All Priests and Deacons**

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Oct 20:** Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.

**Oct 22:** Children's Mass 8:15 a.m. / Living Rosary 9:30 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Oct 17:** Fall Drama Production, 3:00 p.m.

**Oct 21:** PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m. / Mass, 9:40 a.m.



**Currently, there are 160 adorers signed up** who are committed to at least one hour a week and in some cases, several hours a week. Thank you to those who have made this commitment and are keeping it! Keep spreading the word about our adoration chapel and encourage your friends and family to stop in and check it out. They will thank you for it!

The check in system is working. Please remember to **CHECK IN** upon arriving at the chapel and **CHECK OUT** when you leave. To check in, simply tap your name. To check out, tap your name again. It's that simple. If you are visiting at a time other than your regularly scheduled hour, your name will not appear in the IPAD. Check in as a guest and tap your name upon leaving the chapel. If you haven't visited the chapel in 4 or more weeks during your committed hour, your name will be removed from the schedule to give others an opportunity to adore during that hour. You can always sign up again by visiting the website ([stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup](http://stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup)).

**Fix Your Eyes on Jesus** - Look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2).

The idea of fixing our eyes on Jesus is so simple that even a young child can understand it. As you kneel or sit before the Lord, call to mind your favorite images of Jesus. Some like to see him with his Blessed Mother, perhaps in their home at Nazareth or at the wedding feast of Cana. Others enjoy seeing Jesus at the Transfiguration, radiant with God's glory as he talks with Moses and Elijah. Still others prefer to see him feeding the five thousand or healing the hemorrhaging woman. Many people hold two images of Jesus dear to their hearts: the crucified Christ and the risen Lord seated at the right hand of his Father in glory.

When we begin to fix our eyes on one of these images and focus our attention on Jesus in the Sacrament, a couple of things begin to happen. First, the distractions of normal life, with all of its responsibilities, problems, and demands, fade away. Second, we begin to feel as if we have entered into heaven. We feel as if we too are "seated" with Jesus "in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 2:6). We get a taste of what it will be like when there will be no more suffering or pain, when we will be reunited with all of our loved ones, and when every hope and dream of ours will finally be fulfilled.

(Excerpt taken from Encountering Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration by The Word Among Us)

### The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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

**285. How long does the presence of Christ last in the Eucharist?** CCC 1377

The presence of Christ continues in the Eucharist as long as the eucharistic species subsist.

**286. What kind of worship is due to the sacrament of the Eucharist?** CCC 1378-1381; 1418

The worship due to the sacrament of the Eucharist, whether during the celebration of the Mass or outside it, is the worship of *latría*, that is, the adoration given to God alone. The Church guards with the greatest care Hosts that have been consecrated. She brings them to the sick and to other persons who find it impossible to participate at Mass. She also presents them for the solemn adoration of the faithful and she bears them in processions. The Church encourages the faithful to make frequent visits to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.