

By rabbinical count, 'the Law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The Scribe's question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament; the first in Deuteronomy 6:4 (First Reading), the second in Leviticus 19:18. What Jesus did was to put the two together, thus emphasizing the essential relatedness of them. No rabbi had previously done this. The emphasis on love became for Christians the identifying characteristic of their religion. The Scribe agreed fully with Jesus, and went on to declare that true love of God and the loving service of others are more important than elaborate cult. Nowhere else in the Gospels does the Scribe emerge in such a favorable light.



We extend our congratulations to Barney and Gail Banks. Barney and Gail are this year's recipient of the "Lumen Christi" award which was presented to them at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday (October 30) at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Each diocese nominates one candidate/couple as their recipient for this annual award which is presented to those who have been outstanding in their service to their parish.



Monday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints' Day. Because it falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation but you are encouraged to attend Mass. Morning masses will be held in the Church at 6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 3rd 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.



A Men's Cursillo will be held **November 4 – 7, 2021** at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. Registration forms are located in the back of the Church. For more information email Max Gianelloni at maxgusmc@aol.com (use subject line "Cursillo") or call Skip Carroll at 228-547-6562.



Reminder - Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!



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 8th – 12th.

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.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of all Deceased Members of St. Alphonsus Parish

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 1
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Eileen Burkhardt
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 2
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Waide J. Galle
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 3
Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Deceased Members Cole Family
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 4
Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Poor Souls
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 5
Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Irene Lenco Knodel
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 6
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Neil Gryder
	Mr. William "Bill" Gryder, IV
	Poor Souls
	Mr. André Kaufman
4:00 p.m.	Eunice and Albert Misko, Sr.
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 7
1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Thomas "Tommy" Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
5:30 p.m.	Mr. David Mohler

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,075.19
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$1,755.00
World Mission Sunday Collection	\$1,017.05

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, Julie P. Bond, 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, Margret Hebert, 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 Meggie, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaise, Leonard Necaise, Edward Necaise, 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., Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers, and Thane Williams.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten - 5th Grade: Sunday, 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.org

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)
Contact Patience Clasen at pclasen@osstalphonsus.org

Confirmation (11th 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

Nov 4: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room

Nov 7: No Faith Formation Classes
Adult Study Class, 10:15 a.m., Explaining The Faith...
Parish Hall Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.



We will host a family-friendly Parish Festival on Saturday, November 6th here at St. Alphonsus. We have also partnered with Downtown Cart Rentals and will be raffling off a golf cart on Sunday, November 7th. 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>

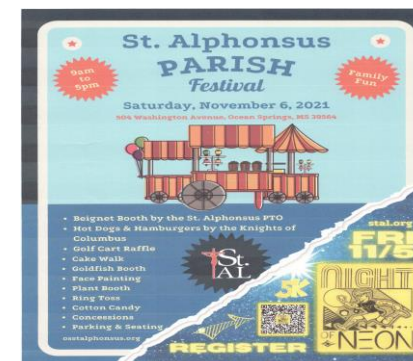
We are also in need of donated items. For your convenience, we have listed some of the items we are in need of. They are: Plants (see write up below), Seed Packets, Bags of Candy, Dum Dum Lollipops, Trinket Toys, Prize Toys, Stuffed Animals, Arts and Crafts Supplies, Individual Bags of Goldfish Crackers, Cakes, Cupcakes, Sweets (whole and individually wrapped and not dropped off until the Friday before the festival).

Got Plants?? Please donate! We are in need of small to medium size potted plants. This would be a great way to contribute to our goals of building community and raising funds! Plants may be dropped off at the parish office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on weekdays through November 4th and between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the KC Hall building on Friday, November 5th. Individual and business donations will be gratefully received. Thank you!

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).



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Theresa Hope Ettinger, sister of Kevin (Grace) Westbrook of this parish, who passed away October 15th in Memphis, Tennessee.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Nov 1: Children's Mass 8:15 a.m.

Nov 5: Night of Neon

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Nov 1: Junior High Boys Basketball Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Nov 3: Grandparents Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

Nov 4: Mass, 9:40 a.m.

Nov 5: Progress Reports / Pro Life Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.



Overcoming the World Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world (1 John 4:4). Another work of the Holy Spirit that frequently occurs as we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is directed toward the obstacles that block our way to God. St. Paul calls these obstacles "strongholds" that are raised up "against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). As we kneel before the Lord,

we begin to hear the Holy Spirit gently tell us that perfection cannot be United with imperfection. He tells us that in Christ we have been made holy, and that we should now live as the holy man or woman He has made us to be. Suddenly, we find God's mercy and power working in us, helping us to take these strongholds captive and demolish them one by one, over time. We find God's grace working in us, convincing us that we can overcome everything that separates us from Him. As we are moved to repentance and confession, something inside of us-yes, it is the Holy Spirit-infuses us with a divine conviction and power. We leave our time of adoration convinced that we can stop sinning, and we find a new and greater ability to say "no" to the temptations that assail us in fad course of our day. (Excerpt taken from Encountering Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration by The Word Among Us)

"Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

To sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration visit our website stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

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

289. When does the Church oblige her members to participate at Holy Mass? CCC 1389; 1417

The Church obliges the faithful to participate at Holy Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation. She recommends participation at Holy Mass on other days as well.

PRAYER / REFLECTION

Bearing the fruits of love

If only the heart was right we could give so much more. Lord, open our hearts when they are closed, soften them when they are hard, warm them when they are cold, brighten them when they are dark, fill them when they are empty, calm them when they are troubled, cleanse them when they are sullied, heal them when they are wounded, and mend them when they are broken, so that we, your disciples, may bear the fruits of love. Amen.