

The First Reading casts a cold eye on the vanity of human life. One example of this ‘vanity’ is all the toil people put into acquiring wealth, only to have to leave it all to their heirs. The author is making the point that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Only faith in God and in an afterlife can provide a light in the darkness.

The Gospel is part of a longer section which deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. Here Jesus refuses to get involved in a family dispute. Instead, he focuses on the cause of the dispute – greed for possessions. His parable stresses the foolishness of depending on material things for one’s security rather than on God. In his search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life, and forgets his obligations to the poor. He is truly a ‘fool’ because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth which he had.



A message from Will Haislmaier, Youth Minister:

We are in the process of remodeling and decorating the Youth Office. For those of you unaware, the Youth Office (located next to the Mount Carmel Room) will be designated for the purpose of Youth Ministry and Evangelization. It is my intention that with this space our youth will feel that St. Alphonsus has a place for them where they can feel at home and seek out our Lord with friends and family.

However, we need your help. The Youth Room is currently without furniture or decorations. We are currently accepting donations to help furnish and decorate the youth space.

For a listing of items on the ‘wish list’ please go to: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LLZXAZ3XE4DB?ref=wl_share.

Our goal is to be fully operational by the beginning of September. I thank you for all your prayers and support and any donation is deeply appreciated. God Bless You my brothers and sisters and I look forward to serving you!



Youth Ministry Volunteers are also needed.

If interested in becoming a volunteer or for more information, please visit: <https://forms.gle/9V3Ez6UVJrhJTPNU6>.



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



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, August 5th 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 6th 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 Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Alice Davidson Hire

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 1
Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Galen Ferron
TUESDAY	AUGUST 2
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Arnold V. Walker
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 3
Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel
THURSDAY	AUGUST 4
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23	
6:30 a.m.	Salvation of Souls
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Broussard
FRIDAY	AUGUST 5
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn Conversion of Sinners
8:15 a.m.	
SATURDAY	AUGUST 6
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
SUNDAY	AUGUST 7
Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Julie Bond
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Special Intention
5:30 p.m.	Mr. Brent Davis

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,556.75
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$5,030.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Jeffrey Brochard, Kay Brochard, Roland and Margaret Broussard, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Vicki Carter, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Dale Dorcik, Marjorie DuBois, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Melissa Menard, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Jan Roberts, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers



Are you Searching for a Relationship with God? Do you want to learn more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?
For more information, call Rob or Christian Malloch at 228-872-6938 or the Parish Office at 228-875-5419.



Youth Ministry News: As summer ends and school begins, we are pleased to say it is with great joy that on September 11th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry will begin with its first event for the year. This night will be a moment for the families and the youth of St. Alphonsus to enjoy some food, fellowship and games! This will also be an opportunity to learn additional information about St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry, Life Teen, EDGE, and Confirmation. All families and youth are invited and encouraged to attend, and we hope to see you there!
Please look in the parish bulletin, my parish app, and St. Al’s Facebook for more information on the upcoming youth ministry calendar, events and programs.



Lessons on Adoration From the Life of Mary
Let’s take a look at the first three joyful mysteries, which have their foundation in the Gospels of St. Luke and St. Mark. In the mystery of the Annunciation, Jesus, the eternal Word of the Father, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Jesus comes to live in Mary - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity-because her soul is perfectly receptive to the workings and will of God. In the mystery of the Visitation, Our Lady carries Jesus, hidden in her womb, to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. In the meeting of these two holy women, extraordinary things happen; changes are wrought, signs given. Mary is caught up in an ecstatic hymn of praise to God, while the Holy Spirit fills Elizabeth and a prophecy flows from her lips: And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” (Lk 1:41-45) Finally, let’s take a look at the mystery of the Nativity - specifically, the response of the Magi when they finally have the consolation of looking upon the Lord whom they had so ardently sought: “And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him” (Mt 2:11). In sum, Mary becomes a living tabernacle. Jesus’ hidden presence has great power. As soon as God is made visible, He is adored.
An excerpt from the Manual for Eucharistic Adoration.



To sign up for a holy hour or to become a substitute, scan the QR code or visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com/signup.

You may also view the adoration schedule or sign up for a weekly adoration hour by visiting stalphonsus.weadorehim.com. If you know you cannot make your hour, please request a substitute on the website.

1. Log in to your adoration account at stalphonsus.weadorehim.com
 2. Click on ‘My Dashboard’
 3. Scroll down until you see ‘My Commitments’
 4. Click the yellow highlighted box that says, ‘Request Substitute’
 5. A text box will pop up asking you to confirm your sub request. Click on the green ‘Request Substitute’ box to confirm.
 6. Click ‘Okay’ to complete.
- The computer will now find you a substitute and let you know when one has been secured.
Call 228-282-0984 for any questions on logging in or using the website.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 3: Meet the Teacher, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Aug 5: First Day of School; Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 3: New Student Orientation, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 5: First Day of School



St. Alphonsus Parish is happy to announce that we will be hosting a one-day RETREAT on October 15th, featuring Fr. Mark Beard, the dynamic Director of *Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center* in Chatawa, MS. Fr. Mark’s topic will be *In Defense of Mother Church*, covering the scriptural basis of Catholic teachings and traditions.

The cost of the Retreat is \$75.00 which includes lunch and a retreat booklet. The schedule is as follows: 8:30 a.m. Check-in for all retreatants, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Retreat, (lunch provided) 4:00 p.m. Mass. Confession will be available before and after Mass. To register, please go to: www.Ourladyofhopems.com/events.
During these often-confusing times in which we are living, we believe that you will find Fr. Mark’s presentation.... informative, inspiring and hopeful!



The Bookstore and Gift Shop will reopen on Tuesday, August 2nd. They are open on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.

Commentary on the Doctrine Of the Most Holy Eucharist

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

III. The Eucharistic Banquet: Communion d) The Pledge of Future Glory

(Continued from last week)

Through the Eucharist, we confess that Christ has risen because His glorified humanity is present under the veils of the species of bread and wine. The Eucharist is the pledge of future glory and through it access to eternal life is given to us in the present. Likewise, we have a seed of our own resurrection; that is to say, the Body of Christ glorified in the Resurrection is made the instrument of the life-giving Spirit. When Holy Communion is consumed, life and resurrection are given to our body. The same Body of Christ which was born from the Virgin, crucified by men under Pontius Pilate and glorified by the Father on the third day, is substantially present in the Eucharist under the species. It is sure proof for us of the resurrection of the flesh, and therefore, of that of our own body, just as Christ rising took up again His own Body.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Wayne “Mac” McMurtray, uncle of Lisa Dalton of this parish, who passed away July 21st.

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

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