

The First Reading describes the persecution of the prophet Jeremiah. Having tried in vain to save his people, Jeremiah was now abandoned to his enemies. Christians have always seen him as a figure of Christ. His sufferings remind us of the sufferings of Jesus, and his rescue from the pit reminds us of Jesus' resurrection from the tomb.

The Gospel contains two sayings about the nature of Jesus' mission. His coming marks a time for making decisions. His followers will have to make crucial choices; they will have to choose to be for him or against him. Choosing for him may divide them from family members. In the early Church, conversion was likely to cause a family row. The convert was rejected by the family, and had therefore to make a choice between Christ and the family.



Monday, August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. We will still celebrate three masses this day – 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. (St. Alphonsus Elementary school children will attend) and 6:00 p.m.



You are invited to join parishioner Johnnie Bernhard in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Bookstore next Saturday, August 20th at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 21st at 10:00 a.m. as she signs copies of her latest novel, *HANNAH AND ARIELA*. The novel explores the theme of Jesus' greatest commandment in loving our neighbors as HE has loved us, when two women from very different worlds are connected one fateful night. Their mutual Catholic Faith and love of Mary protects them in a life and death decision.



Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer is going between the Lord and the person you are praying for, asking the Lord to show them his mercy and blessings.

You are invited to come and be a part of this night of intercession even if you have never heard about intercessory prayer before. We will meet in the church on Wednesday, August 24th from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm. Please bring your Rosary with you.



St. Alphonsus Parish is happy to announce that we will be hosting a one-day RETREAT on Saturday, 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!

For a listing of items on the 'wish list' please go to: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1LLZXA3XE4DB?ref=wl_sh_are.

**Altar Society Members for next week
Judi Anderson, Aline Balius, Theresa Stuart**



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of the Wedding of Hannah Malloch and Logan Short

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 15
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Dorothy Gates Collins
6:00 p.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners
TUESDAY	AUGUST 16
Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dan Nichols Xenachis
8:15 a.m.	Freddie and Vera Lusk
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 17
Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Anthony Goretski
THURSDAY	AUGUST 18
Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susan Garlotte
FRIDAY	AUGUST 19
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40	
6:30 a.m.	Intention Pregnancy Centers
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Willard Mansfield
SATURDAY	AUGUST 20
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12	
8:15 a.m.	Deceased Knights of Columbus
4:00 p.m.	Mr. George Sonnier
SUNDAY	AUGUST 21
Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Betty Lou Callegari
	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ryan
	Mr. John Mangin
9:00 a.m.	Int. Altar Society Members
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$13,639.71
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....	\$ 6,278.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 4,486.94
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, Billy Cruthirds, 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, Jack Kelly, 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

FAITH FORMATION



Are you Searching for a Relationship with God? Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian? 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 Rob or Christina Malloch at 872-6938 or the Parish Office at 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.

A message from Will Haismaier, Youth Minister: We are in the process of remodeling the Youth Office and our goal is to be fully operational by the beginning of September. The Youth Office 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. We are currently accepting donations to help furnish and decorate the youth space. I thank you for all your prayers and support and any donation is deeply appreciated.



Youth Ministry Volunteers are also needed. If interested in becoming a volunteer or for more information, please visit: <https://forms.gle/9V3Ez6UVJrhJTPNU6>.



The Knights of Columbus will begin serving breakfast the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month beginning September 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. You are invited to come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.



The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries will take place on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60 years of marriage or more in 2022 are welcome to attend. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours. A link for couples to register will also be set up on the Diocese website. Deadline for registration is October 14, 2022.



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ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

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

Aug 16-18: Fall Pictures

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 16: Band Parent Meeting, 5:45 p.m.

Aug 17: Meet the Teacher Night, 6:00 p.m.

Aug 18: Mass 9:40 a.m.



Saints' Devotion to the Eucharist

Mother Teresa: We are all familiar with this great saint who tenderly took care of Calcutta's poor. Not only was Mother Teresa attentive to the needs of the poor, but also to the need of each person to experience the love of Christ in the Eucharist. She herself uniquely understood the importance of and the powerful effect of Christ in the Eucharist for she said: "when you look at the crucifix you understand how much Jesus loved you then; when you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." As busy as Mother Teresa was, she and her nuns faithfully prayed a Holy Hour each day, knowing that the Eucharist was the source of their strength. We too should follow in the footsteps of Mother Teresa by taking some time each week to spend with Jesus in adoration. We should never be too busy to offer our day and week to God in this special way!



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.

As kids are heading back to school, you deserve some study time too! Join us for an opportunity to learn more about Pope St. John Paul II's Letter to Women. Published by Endow, this 8-week study introduces the concept of "woman" and her indispensable role in the Church, the family, society, and the world. This women's small study group will meet in the Mount Carmel meeting room on Sundays at 3:00 pm beginning Aug. 21st. Childcare is available upon advance request.

To sign up, scan QR code.

Are you searching for more?



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St. Alphonsus Small Group Study

Sundays at 3:00 p.m. for 8 weeks

Aug. 21 - Oct. 23

Our Lady of Mount Carmel meeting room

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