

The readings stress the importance of humility, especially for those in high places. The First Reading praises the person who is humble. A humble person is conscious of his own weakness, and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from. Such a person will find favor with God and with his friends and neighbors. Pride raises a barrier to God's graciousness and to communion with our fellows. This ties in with the Gospel where the key phrase is: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus criticizes those who thrust themselves forward and who engineer their way to the top. That's not the way to gain honor in the Kingdom. Honor in the Kingdom comes from the host, not from the guest. God confers honor on those who are humble. If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share our love. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God. But those who act from motives of disinterested charity will receive a reward at the resurrection. Here we also see Luke's concern for the poor and afflicted.



Fr. Mike is looking for people to help bring Holy Communion to the homebound and/or to visit with them and help them know they are not forgotten. If interested, call the Rectory at 875-5419.



TIME-TALENT-TREASURE: You are very generous with your Treasure – how about a little of your time? Just about one hour a month to help keep our house (St. Alphonsus Church) clean and beautiful. No heavy work. The Altar Society needs you, male or female. If interested or for more information, please call Rose Skelton at 228-697-2892.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, September 2nd beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, September 3rd 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 Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



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.



In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Month** and the first Sunday of October is designated as **Respect Life Sunday – October 2, 2022**. To learn more, contact Margaret Miller, coordinator Walking with Mom's in Need, at 228-217-4742 or mrmiller@biloxidiocese.org.

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



The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of all Pastors & Priests (past and present) of St. Alphonsus

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 29
1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Mark 6:17-29	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Malcolm Latour, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Sandra George Beemis
TUESDAY	AUGUST 30
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37	
6:30 a.m.	Int. St. Alphonsus Parishioners
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Eric Marcussen
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 31
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dan Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Elena Broussard
8:15 a.m.	Salvation of Souls
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39	
6:30 a.m.	Conversion of Sinners
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Sema
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5	
8:15 a.m.	The Pitalo Family
	The Jordan Family
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Ligaya Camagong
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 4
Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Edwin Catchot, Sr.
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Roland J. Hymel, Jr.
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Julie Bond

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,497.77
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,985.00
 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, 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 Necaize, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, 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. beginning September 8th. For additional information, contact Rob or Christina Malloch at 872-6938 or the Parish Office at 875-5419.



Registration for St. Alphonsus Elementary Youth, Kindergarten through Fifth Grades, has begun. Registration Forms are on our parish website at osstalphonus.org or a printed copy is available at each exit of the Church. Printed copies may be dropped off at the Church Office Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. or in the bookstore mailbox after office hours. It is our mission, as a parish, to insure everyone receiving a Sacrament is prepared for that Sacrament. The parish, with the parents, share the responsibility of preparing our youth for First Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation. The parish has ministries to help each individual be prepared for each Sacrament, but we need the parents to ensure that their children participate in youth ministries from Kindergarten through the twelfth grades each Sunday. **This year's classes begin September 11, 2022 and go through to May 21, 2023.** All parents are asked to attend a parent meeting on the first day of class, Sunday, September 11th. Elementary parents will meet during the elementary children's class time at 10:15 – 11:15 in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions regarding the elementary youth ministry, you may contact Janie Sema at 228-217-1392 or email jsema@osstalphonus.org.



Youth Ministry News: 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>.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Aug 30: PTO Mtg/Open House/Family Faith Formation, 6 p.m.
Sept 2: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Aug 30: Junior Class Ring Orders
Aug 31: PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
Sept 1: Mass 9:40 a.m.



Saints' Devotion to the Eucharist
Saint Clare is known to have saved the town of Assisi from the Saracens. As the Saracens were approaching the convent, Saint Clare took the ciborium, and going to the window, faced the direction which the invaders were coming. She raised the Blessed Sacrament, and upon this benediction, the Saracens fled the town and failed to return. Thus, the town of Assisi was spared from the attack. Saint Clare's actions showed her Faith in the Real Presence and of her confident trust in God: that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated host, and as God, He will protect and guide His children. Like Saint Clare, we should humbly present our needs to Christ, believing in His presence, remaining faithful to Him and trusting in Him. When we do so, we will experience the power of His love and grace in our lives, just as Saint Clare did.



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

You may also view the adoration schedule or sign up for a weekly adoration hour by visiting stalphonus.weadorehim.com. If you know you cannot make your hour, please request a substitute on the website. Log in to your adoration account; Click on 'My Dashboard'; Scroll down until you see 'My Commitments'; Click the yellow highlighted box that says, 'Request Substitute'; A text box will pop up asking you to confirm your sub request. Click on the green 'Request Substitute' box to confirm; 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 Parish 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.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Harold "Beans" Allen, brother-in-law of Rita Allen and uncle of Ralph (Robin) Allen of this parish, who passed away August 19th.
Dan Dietrick, Sr., brother of Peggy (Russell) Closson of this parish, who passed away August 23rd in Baton Rouge, LA. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

Pray For Vocations