



Matthew has already introduced Jesus as the light of a darkened world (see Third Sunday). Now the function of enlightening and guiding a morally confused humanity is shared with his disciples. In the ancient world, salt was one of the most important necessities of life, especially for preserving and seasoning food. So too was light for obvious reasons. We shouldn't turn salt and light into allegories. They are just images. Both images are making the same point: Jesus' disciples have a vital role to play in the world through their good deeds. When the disciples stop witnessing through their deeds, they become as useless as salt that has lost its taste or a lamp that doesn't give light.




LOVE LIFE
From the womb to the tomb
Pennies for Life

For Valentine's Day, St Alphonsus Parish and School is again collecting Pennies for Life! Participants are asked to donate one penny for each year of their lives in thanksgiving to God for the life He has given them (any coin denomination or folding money is also accepted). The proceeds collected will be given to the Diocese of Biloxi Walking with Moms in Need Ministry. This ministry supports and provides assistance to mothers and babies in need. Donations may be placed in the large container, decorated with a red heart balloon, located at the entrance to the Church or School and donations will be accepted through Tuesday, February 14th. Thank you!!! For your willing heart, your precious time and love for others, especially the vulnerable mother and her child(ren) in need.


The Traditional Catholic Doctrine of Creation: The Only firm Foundation for a Culture of Life. Did we really evolve from monkeys? What do you think? The Evolution Debate: Who is telling the truth? Evolution scientists or Moses and Jesus? "If You Believed Moses, You Would Believe Me" were the words of Jesus (John 5:46) when people at the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem did not believe Him. You are invited to join us on Thursday, February 9th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church to find out and to restore your faith in the words of Moses and Jesus. This seminar is co-sponsored by the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation and St. Alphonsus Parish and will be presented by the founder and Director, Hugh Owen.



The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast on Sunday, February 12th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the KC Hall for \$8.00 a plate. Breakfast will include eggs & pancakes (to order), grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmelite Meeting Room.



Evening of Intercession - Intercessory prayer: You are invited to come and be a part of this night as we continue to learn to intercede and pray with faith in God's love, and with confidence and persistence, even to the point of bargaining with God. No petition is too small! Jesus calls us to join him in interceding for ourselves, our families, our friends, and even for those who may not like us. To ask God to soften our hearts and help us stay open to the mystery of the way he is at work among us. Join us on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please bring your rosary. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)




The Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of St. Alphonsus Parishioners

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	FEBRUARY 6
Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m.	Dr. & Mrs. Leon (Orpha) Striegel
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 7
Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13	
6:30 a.m.	Edward and Marie Weidner, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Wilda Yoast
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 8
Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Freddie Lusk, Sr.
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 9
Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Elena Diaz Broussard
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 10
Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Bridgett Kelley Shepard
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 11
Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls in Purgatory Protection of the Unborn
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Roberta Boyle
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 12
Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Diane Polite Barhanovich
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Judy Soares
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Ann Tootle

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,469.00
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,025.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Barney Banks, Kevin Barry, Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland and Margaret Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Pat Cronin, Billy Cruthirds, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Dale Dorcik, Marjorie DuBois, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Nancy Letort, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Johnny Mitchell, Edward Necaize, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Roger Parker, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Linda Smith, Leonard Tarrant, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.


Altar Society Members for next week
P Zuber, D Beaugez, D Helms, J Hillyard
Flowers – J Wade

FAITH FORMATION


Feb 8: Confirmation Class: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Feb 9: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room
Feb 12: Adult Study Class, after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room
Faith Formation Classes, Kindergarten – 5th Grade, 10:15 a.m.
 Contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonusus.org
Edge Class, 4:00 p.m.; **Life Teen Class,** 6:30 p.m.
 Contact Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonusus.org

The Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide meals on Sunday nights for our high schoolers. They meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel room and enjoy dinner together before starting the meeting. Thank you to all volunteers who have already provided meals, it is greatly appreciated!


Click on the link to view the details and to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ca9a622a1f58-help#/>



The Building on Faith, Growing to Serve Capital Campaign is well underway. After several weeks and months of hard work and sacrifice by our community, we are happy to report that our campaign total sits at just over \$900,000. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the many volunteers and donors who have stepped up with extreme generosity. Remember, the letter you received includes a financial request. It is not an *expectation*. It is an *invitation*. We invite you to pray about this campaign and our faith community. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever your decision, please know that we deeply appreciate your commitment. It is a true blessing to our parish and school, and so are you! We look forward to our campaign commitment weekend on February 18 and 19. As our community nears the finish line of this important effort, we'd like to ramp up the level of participation. If you haven't had the chance to join your fellow parishioners in supporting our campaign, it's not too late. Enclosed in the bulletin is a pledge card with additional campaign information. And, on February 18 and 19 during all Masses, we will celebrate Commitment Weekend. This event allows us to honor the many families who have helped our parish reach this point in the campaign, while offering everyone a final chance to invest in the future of St. Alphonsus. Please prayerfully consider supporting this critical effort.



The 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Mass Music Ministry is searching for musicians and vocalists to play/sing in their group. If interested, please see Erwin Gaines after the 5:30 p.m. Mass or leave your name and number with the Church Office.



St. Elizabeth Parish Marriage Couples Ministry Six Dates for catholic Couples: 6 sessions, every Monday, beginning Monday, February 6th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The facilitators will be Gina and Chris Cazaubon (228) 326-4419. For more information, call St. Elizabeth Seton at 875-0654. The cost is \$25 per couple and includes the HAPPY TOGETHER book. Childcare will be available.. You are asked to register as soon as possible so they can prepare better to serve you as you deserve.

A HEALING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST
 In connection with Our Lady of Lourdes, which St. Pope John Paul II designated as World Day of the Sick and in the Spirit of Eucharistic Revival, Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral will have Hour of Grace on Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. Come, let us pray for healing for the sick from Jesus in the Eucharist.

Pray For Vocations

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Feb 8: Progress Reports
Feb 10: Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Jan 7: Spring Band Parent Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
Feb 8: PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
Feb 9: Mass, 9:40 a.m.
Feb 10: Progress Reports / Varsity Cheer EOY Banquet, 5:30 p.m.



Why do we Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament?
 As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. He humbly presents himself under the veil of bread and wine. Come and adore Him anytime, night or day. Praise Him, thank Him, present your petitions, surrender yourself to Him, love Him. Come and receive the grace and love He is so willing to pour out upon you!

To view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour you have 3 options:

1. Go to the adoration website at stalphonusus.weadorehim.com
2. Scan the QR code



3. Click on the My Parish app, click the button 'Parish Info' and you will find 'We Adore Him Adoration Sign Up'

Once you have gotten to the website, click on Sign Up (if you don't already have an account) or Log In (if you have an existing account). You will need to create a password. If you cannot remember your password, click forgot password and create a new one. You will then gain access to the schedule to view available hours. It is important that you sign up as this will enable you to receive upcoming adoration event information as well as help in the safety of all who attends Adoration (i.e. receiving update of door code). If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!



St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night on Thursday, February 23rd from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. This is an evening for all to come and worship the Lord in the presence of His Eucharistic body. There will be music and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. We hope to see all of our parishioners at XLT and encourage all families to come. This is a great time to lay the burdens of everyday life at the feet of God and be filled with His peace.



Willwoods Faith and Marriage Married Couples Retreat

Attention All Married Couples: You are invited to attend an upcoming married couples retreat to attend an upcoming married couples retreat June 10th – 11th at the beautiful St. Joseph Abbey in Covington, LA. You and your spouse will spend time listening to inspiring talks, enjoy private couple time and individual prayer time, adoring the Lord in Eucharist Adoration, and celebrating the Sacraments with fellow couples from our parish. Through God's grace, you will walk away with a renewed strength and a deeper commitment to each other and to God. The retreat starts with breakfast Saturday morning and ends after lunch on Sunday. To register for your relaxing and rejuvenating retreat, visit FaithandMarriage.org. A suggested donation of \$325 for the couple is requested but not required. Cost should never be a reason why a couple cannot make the weekend! Scholarships are available! If you have any questions, please call (504) 830-3716. Limited space available.