

**The Emmaus story is a sophisticated eucharistic catechesis:** a ‘liturgy of the Word’ is followed by a ‘liturgy of the Eucharist’. The expression ‘breaking of bread’ is a technical term for the Eucharist. Luke deliberately uses eucharistic language: Jesus *took* bread, *blessed, broke, gave* it to them.

By the time Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord’s death and resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story Luke makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken.

The Christians of Luke’s time had those same means of recognizing the Lord – the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday service. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.



**As celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus,** please consider joining all the faithful in the Diocese of Biloxi in participating in this year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal. Our parish CSA goal for this year is \$70,146. We are still short \$1,586 to reach that goal. A gift, of any amount, combined with others, really does make an impact for the mission of the Church. If needed, pledge envelopes are available at the church exits. Please make all checks out to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and mail directly to the Diocese. We thank those who have already responded to help the less fortunate in our community.



**A Special Collection will be taken up next weekend (April 29/30) for the needs of the people affected by the devastating tornado in the Rolling Fork Community.**



**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, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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)



**St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night** on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**The Lord Is My Help** needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$8,165.40  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,030.00  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 24</b>
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Augustine and Mrs. Angie Padula
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 25</b>
1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Tommy Dimitry
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Marco St. John
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 26</b>
Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 27</b>
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51	
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Liam Pentony
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Carol Bradley
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 28</b>
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Peggy Rockwell
8:15 a.m.	Int. Robert & Jane Sema
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b>
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69;	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Cody
4:00 p.m.	Int. Mr. Chad Williams
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b>
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Myrna Jean Daniels
9:00 a.m.	Int. Ms. Irma Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Wagner
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



**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, Carol Lee Cantin, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Billy Cruthirds, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Nija Fountain, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Iva Misko, Edward Necaie, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Thomas Peresich, 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.



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Bill and Dot Collins**

## FAITH FORMATION

**Apr 26: Confirmation Class:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Apr 27: RCIA:** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room  
**Apr 30: Adult Study Class,** after 9am Mass, Mount Carmel Mtg Room  
**Faith Formation Classes,** Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 10:15 a.m.  
 Contact Jane Sema at [jsema@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonsus.org)  
**Edge Class,** 4:00 p.m. **Life Teen Class,** 6:30 p.m.  
 Contact Will Haislmaier at [whaislmaier@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:whaislmaier@osstalphonsus.org)



**Youth Ministry Bake Sale Fundraiser** -- Next Sunday (April 30) after each mass there will be a bake sale hosted by the St. Alphonsus Youth Ministry. They are hoping to raise money for the annual Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference. The funds raised will help pay for transportation, food and extra spaces to the conference for those who are less fortunate. All donations will be deeply appreciated.



**Bethesda Free Clinic is having a "Pasta for a Purpose" Fundraiser** on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the KC Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus will be cooking their famous Spaghetti Dinner and Wine & Beer will be included. Entertainment by the Dueling Pianos with audience participation! VIP Table Sponsorship for Reserved Seating for 8 plus Recognition \$450, Gold Sponsorship includes 2 ticket plus Recognition, Individual Tickets \$55 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 228-818-9191 or go to [www.BFHCD.com](http://www.BFHCD.com).



**Attention St. Alphonsus Graduating High School Seniors:** There is a \$1,000 Scholarship available from The Chris Nielsen Scholarship Fund to be given away by the Knights of Columbus. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please email Brian Sanderson at [bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com](mailto:bsanderson@cardinalgroupllc.com) to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2023.**



**The Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries** will take place on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023 are welcome to attend. Registration Forms are available in the Rectory Office during regular business hours or you may register on the diocese website at: [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org). Deadline for registration is October 13, 2023.



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:**  
**Anna Raley,** a member of our parish community, who passed away April 13<sup>th</sup>.  
**Linda Seymour,** aunt of Arnie (Shelley) Seymour of this parish, who passed away April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**Kathleen Goldsberry,** a member of our parish community, who passed away April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**Josephine “Jo” Mihojevich,** a member of our parish family, who passed away April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
**Mary Elizabeth “Sue” Papania,** sister-in-law of Ken (Sharon) Papania of this parish, who passed away April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
**P Mark,** father of Fr. Chinnappa Mark, who passed away April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
**John Mitchell,** a member of our parish family, who passed away April 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

## \*\*School Subsidy Policy\*\*

### Registration for the 2023/2024 School Year Going on Now

St. Alphonsus Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Parish Staff, wishes to reiterate the established policy concerning subsidy of our young people at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School. In order for students to receive subsidized tuition at St. Alphonsus Elementary School or St. Patrick High School, the following must be followed:

1. The Family must be registered in St. Alphonsus Parish
2. Contribute to the support of the parish through the regular use of the envelope system or some other agreed upon service.

## ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

**Apr 26:** Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.; Progress Reports  
**Apr 28:** Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.  
**Apr 30:** Student Mass, 5:30 p.m. Mass

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**Apr 23:** Spring Drama Production, 2:00 p.m.  
**Apr 27:** Mass, 9:40 a.m.; Powerlifting Banquet, 6:00 p.m.  
**Apr 28:** Junior High Dance, 6:00 p.m.



*“A Holy Hour of Adoration in our modern rat race is necessary for authentic prayer.”*  
 ~Blessed Fulton Sheen

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

1. Go to the adoration website at [stalphonsus.weadorehim.com](http://stalphonsus.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!



**You are invited to join a Special Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** with Fr. Mike Snyder and Terri Smith of the MIR Group May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The cost is \$3,297 per person, based on double occupancy, and includes roundtrip airfare from New Orleans, 7 nights accommodations in Medjugorje, breakfast and dinner daily, airport transfers, all tips and gratuities and an English speaking Catholic guide. To book your pilgrimage, call 800-715-6670 or go online to [www.catholicjourneys.com/smith](http://www.catholicjourneys.com/smith).



**Mass for Family and Friends:** You can have Masses offered for the Intention of family and friends as well as for the deceased. Mass cards are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

**Altar Society Members for this week**  
**Terry, Aline, Anna Beth, Lois, Jamie, Norma**