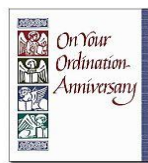


Christ says to us what he said to his apostles: ‘If you love me, keep my commandments’. We can’t truly call ourselves his disciples if we don’t listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. We know we fail and our lives are the poorer for that. We need the Lord’s help to do better. --New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Year of the Parish is approaching quickly and we will kick it off with a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Ocean Springs on Sunday, June 11th. We will begin in the church at 3:15 p.m. Please plan to be a part of this very important procession as we make a profound statement about our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and our Catholic faith. If you would like to participate in the procession but are unable to walk the route or if you are the owner of a golf cart and could help transport those who cannot walk the route, please contact Jenny Gordon @ 228-282-0984. What a beautiful way to practice the works of mercy for our parishioners who otherwise would not be able to participate in the procession. Thank you in advance! If you would like to learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival, check out the website eucharisticrevival.org and sign up to receive the weekly newsletter.

“Man should tremble, the world should quake, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest.”
~Saint Francis of Assisi



Congratulations Fr. Kennedy on your ninth year anniversary (May 10) to the Priesthood and Deacon Jim Gunkel and Deacon Jesus Arellano on your seventh year anniversary (May 21) as Permanent Deacons.
Thank you for your service to St. Alphonsus.

St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have met 98% (1,464.757) of our campaign goal! We are so close and just a few pledges away. If you are still interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift there is still time! We thank you for your generosity and prayers. Please continue to pray our campaign prayer for the success of our campaign throughout the years to come. We are excited to announce that the first project of our campaign, the school roof replacement, is scheduled to begin at the end of the month once students are off the campus. We will continue to provide updates as our campaign projects progress. Contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, pclasen@osstalphonus.org or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or making a pledge or donation.



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (May 20/21, 2023) for Catholic Communications. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



The Gulf Pine Catholic will publish the names of high school and college graduates in the June 9th issue of the Gulf Pine Catholic. We do not want to miss anybody – so please call the church office (875-5419) or email us (stalparishos@gmail.com) and give the name and school your child will be graduating from. The deadline to submit is Sunday, May 28th.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$14,077.30
Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 7,525.00
Monthly Poor Collection.....\$ 4,299.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	MAY 15
Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Fr. Kennedy
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
TUESDAY	MAY 16
Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. James & Mrs. Nancy Copen
WEDNESDAY	MAY 17
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Special Intention
THURSDAY	MAY 18
Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Deborah G. Foushee
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nick Thomas
FRIDAY	MAY 19
Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Warren Strayham
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Mangin
SATURDAY	MAY 20
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28;	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Anna Raley
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Josephine “Jo” Mihojevich
SUNDAY	MAY 21
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. P. Mark
9:00 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel
	Int. Deacon Jesus Arellano
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Carol May Peresich
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 Honor of Walking with Mom’s in Need

FAITH FORMATION

May 17: First Holy Communion Practice: 5:30 p.m. in the Church
May 18: RCIA: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room
May 21: 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@osstalphonus.org
First Holy Communion: 11:30 am Mass / **Confirmation:** 5:30 pm Mass



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) this coming week (May 15th – 19th). 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.



St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night on Thursday, May 18th 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.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. May 20th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



An anointing of the Sick will take place on Saturday, May 20th at 3:30 p.m. (before the 4:00 p.m. Mass) in the Church. This is for all elderly parishioners, anyone with an illness, or parishioners with elderly or homebound family members that may wish to receive this Sacrament. Requirements for celebrating the Anointing of the Sick:
-The sick person is anointed on the forehead and on the hands. It is appropriate to divide the sacramental form so that the first part is said while the forehead is anointed, the latter part while the hands are anointed. In case of necessity, however, it is sufficient that a single anointing be given on the forehead or , because of the particular condition of the sick person, on another suitable part of the body, while the whole sacramental form is said.
-Depending on the culture and traditions of different peoples, the number of anointings may be increased and the place of anointing may be changed. Directives on this should be included in the preparation of particular rituals.
-The following is the sacramental form with which the anointing of the sick is given in the Latin Rite: Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.



If you are interested in signing your child up to be an altar server, we are hoping to schedule an altar server training this spring or early summer. Please email or text John McMackin (jmcmack1@alumni.nd.edu / 228-229-6236) with your child’s name, the mass your family normally attends, and your availability for the months of May-July.”

**Altar Society Members for this week
Judi, Theresa, Jennifer, Pam, Gail, Mark**

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

May 17: First Holy Communion Practice, 5:30 p.m. in the Church
May 19: Children’s Mass, 8:15 a.m.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

May 17: Academic Awards Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.
May 20: Catholic Elementary School Track Meet, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



“When we sit before the Blessed Sacrament we are being transformed into His image! This is the key to transformation -the condition is ‘unveiled faces’-hiding nothing-leaving behind pride, doubts, sinfulness.....say we are sorry and leave them there.”

~Johnnette Benovic, Full of Grace, Women and the Abundant Life

“...but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirits and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. All of us, gazing with unveiled faces on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.”
2 Corinthians 3:16-18

Whether you are visiting the chapel for 10 minutes or 2 hours, please sign in using the IPAD. Also, be sure to sign out when you leave. This requires a simple tap on your name.

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

1. Go to the adoration website at stalphonus.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’

If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please reach out and call 228-282-0984. We are happy to help you navigate!



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store of Ocean Springs is very proud to host The Friends of The Library (FOL) of Ocean Springs and their Book Nook. On Saturday, May 20th, the FOL is running a book sale at the thrift store.

Are you familiar with Carl the Rooster? Yes, he was once Ocean Spring’s favorite downtown Rooster. At 11:00 a.m. on the 20th, Ms. Chelsea Prince will be reading and autographing her newly published book "Carl the Rooster". We look forward to seeing you at this event.



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 to receive the requirements and registration form. **Deadline: June 5, 2023.**