

**Everybody needs a home.** Jesus assures us that ultimately all of us have a home to go to, namely, the heavenly Father's house. He even promises to prepare a place for us in that house. This is a cause of tremendous hope for us.

Our sins cause us to stumble on the road to God's house. Let us confess them, asking forgiveness from God and from one another.

--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 National Eucharistic Revival is a 3 year movement to restore understanding and

devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We are currently in the Year of the Diocese phase of the revival. The Year of the Parish phase of the revival will begin in June with a Eucharistic Procession through Ocean Springs on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11th. This is the first of many events our parish is in the process of planning. Please keep your eyes open for news concerning the Eucharistic Revival and opportunities to help with this mission. If you would like to learn more about this national movement, check out the website [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) and sign up for the newsletter.

*"The Eucharistic Revival is intended to be far more than a series of events or a program. It aims to be a movement that enkindles a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and renews the Church."*

-Bishop Andrew Cozzens

**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@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonusus.org) or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or making a pledge or donation.



**Catholic Sharing Appeal Update:** We thank all who responded to help the less fortunate in our community. Our parish goal was \$70,146 and we are happy to say we have exceeded this and are at \$72,450.



**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.



**The Gulf Pine Catholic will publish the names of high school and college graduates in the June 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stalparishos@gmail.com)) and give the name and school your child will be graduating from. The deadline to submit is Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,013.61  
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 1,360.00  
 Tornado Relief Rolling Fork Community Collection...\$ 2,617.04  
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>                                     | <b>MAY 8</b>                      |
| Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26                       |                                   |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Joe Prejean                   |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Mr. Leo Galloway                  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                                    | <b>MAY 9</b>                      |
| Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a                     |                                   |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Int. Ms. Joyce Reynolds           |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Mr. Santo & Mrs. Michelina Loparo |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                  | <b>MAY 10</b>                     |
| Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8                          |                                   |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Sr.       |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Int. Mr. Robert Jeffries          |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                                   | <b>MAY 11</b>                     |
| Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11                        |                                   |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Edward and Marie Weidner, Sr.     |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Ms. Monica Goretski               |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                                     | <b>MAY 12</b>                     |
| Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17                      |                                   |
| 6:30 a.m.   | Mr. Dick Porterfield              |
| 8:15 a.m.   | Ms. Elizabeth Hughbanks           |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                                   | <b>MAY 13</b>                     |
| Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21;                      |                                   |
| 8:15 a.m.   | All Souls in Purgatory            |
| 4:00 p.m.   | Mr. Earl Hammond                  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                                     | <b>MAY 14</b>                     |
| Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 |                                   |
| 7:30 a.m.   | Congregation                      |
| 9:00 a.m.   | Mr. Bill Gryder                   |
|   | Mr. Neil Gryder                   |
| 11:30 a.m.  | Int. Walking with Mom's in Need   |
| 5:30 p.m.   | Int. All Moms                     |



**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 Necaize, 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 Antonia Mavar**

## FAITH FORMATION

**May 10: Confirmation Class:** 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**May 11: RCIA:** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mount Carmel Meeting Room

**May 14: 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@osstalphonusus.org](mailto:jsema@osstalphonusus.org)



**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](mailto: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."



**The Knights of Columbus will be handing out Carnations to all Mothers after mass next weekend (May 13/14) in honor of Mother's Day.**



**The Diocese of Biloxi is hiring a Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.** The Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry provides direct support and development of parish-based youth ministers in the outreach and evangelization and pastoral care of their youth. This support includes training, consultation, and resources for a comprehensive program for all parish youth ministers in ministry to their youth (Middle School and High Schoolers in Grades 6th through 12th) and young adults. This requires a diocesan-wide outreach and ministry to youth and young adults, which ideally might include the formation of multi-parish deanery areas. The Director would also oversee the coordination of diocesan-supported youth and young adult ministry events at the diocesan, regional, and national levels. Deadline to Apply is May 17, 2023. For more information, contact Ray Lacy at 228-702-2141 or [rlacy@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:rlacy@biloxidiocese.org). To download an application, visit [www.biloxidiocese.org/app-director-ym](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/app-director-ym).



**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 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated 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. You are asked to register whether you can attend or not. If you cannot attend a certificate will be mailed to you. The Mass will be followed with official pictures being taken and a reception at the Sacred Heart Center. 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: Gerard Benezue,** mother of Anne (Leonard) Tarrant and Beverly (Marion) Winters our parish family, who passed away April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Dale Snyder,** cousin of Fr. Mike, who passed away April 30<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to both families and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant them eternal peace.

## Pray For Vocations

## \*\*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 12:** Children's Mass, 8:15 a.m.

## ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

**May 9:** Senior Awards Banquet, 6:00 p.m.

**May 10:** Graduation Practice, 8:15 a.m. / Senior Walk/Parade, 10:00 a.m.

**May 12:** Graduation, 5:00 p.m.



**Bethesda Free Clinic extends a big Thank You** to the Knights of Columbus and St. Alphonsus parishioners for their support of the "Pasta for a Purpose" Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser last Saturday. Good food, good friends and a good time was had by all.



**Christ rebukes the crowd for seeing but not believing.** Faith enables us to see more than what is merely present before our eyes. We gaze upon what looks like a piece of bread yet see Christ present in the Eucharist, the "bread of life."

The crowds eyed a wise rabbi, while the disciples saw in that same humanity the Son of God. Those who "see the Son and believe in him" are destined for eternal life and shall be raised on the last day.

Dear Jesus, give us eyes of faith, just as you gave them to Saul, who once worked "to destroy the Church."

An excerpt from The Magnificat April 2023 issue.

"For in the warmth of his presence, our lives change. Without him, everything would truly be gray. Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: 'Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward. Lord, satisfy me with your presence.'" ~Pope Francis

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](http://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'

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

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:  
 Reverend Msgr. Patrick J. Carey, May 1, 1979  
 Reverend Msgr. Patrick K. Bambrick, May 1, 2002  
 Reverend John T. O'Brien, May 18, 2009  
 Reverend Dominic Phan - May 28, 2019

**Altar Society Members for this week**  
 Pat, Jenny, Donna, Deni, Julie, Juliana