

**The parables of the treasure and the pearl have the same message:** The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this. The parable of the net has the same message as that of the wheat and the weeds. In its present stage the kingdom contains both good and bad things. Only at the final judgement will they be separated.  
--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Any parent with a child for baptism must attend this class prior to scheduling a baptism date. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Godparents who are not registered /active members of St. Alphonsus must present a letter from their pastor giving them permission to be a godparent. A godparent must be a Catholic in good standing with the church, receiving the sacraments on a regular basis. Class lasts a little over one hour. Baptisms are scheduled each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.

When parents have their children baptized they indicate their desire to have their children grow up and live as children of God and brothers or sisters of Jesus, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Through birth a child is given to parents; through baptism a child is given to God. At baptism the parents acknowledge that their parenthood is a participation in God's parenthood that all fatherhood and motherhood comes from God. Thus baptism frees the parents from a sense of owning their children. Children belong to God and are given to the parents to love and care for in God's name. It is the parents' vocation to welcome their children as honored guests in their home and bring them to the physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom that enables them to leave the home and become parents themselves. Baptism reminds parents of this vocation and sets children on the path of freedom.



**You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction** on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



**You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion** on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**All are invited to join in the recitation of the most holy Rosary after the 8:15 a.m. Mass every Monday.** The intentions will be for: 1. The purification of the Church...our

Pope, cardinals, bishops, priests and laity. 2. The healing and restoration of Family Life, in accord with Our Father's Will. 3. Any personal intentions.

Please meet in front of Our Lady's statue, on the right hand side of the altar, for the rosary recitation.



**St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have your generous support of our Capital Campaign here at St. Alphonsus.**

**We currently have \$1,474,242 pledged of our \$1,500,000 goal!** If you are interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift, contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, [pclasen@osstalphonsus.org](mailto:pclasen@osstalphonsus.org) or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or to make a pledge or donation. Please continue to pray our campaign prayer for the success of our campaign throughout the years to come.



**Please show your support for your parish by also supporting our advertisers.** We wouldn't be able to bring you our bulletin every week without them. Please encourage and remind others to show their support and shop local!

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 31</b>
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Mathilde and Fernand Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Catherine Barnes
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 1</b>
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dick Porterfield
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Santo Padula, II
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 2</b>
Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 3</b>
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53	
6:30 a.m.	Salvation of Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Deacon Jim Gunkel
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 4</b>
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Robert Cox, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Mangin
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 5</b>
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Sister Stephanie Sema
4:00 p.m.	Int. Ms. Avery Laine Williams
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 6</b>
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Homebound
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Nick Thomas
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Vara Lyons
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



**Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends:** 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, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Ida Jean Ellis, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Charlie Goff, Sandra Grantham, Trent Hartzog, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Rich Mihai, 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, Renee McVeay Spicer, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$9,886.50
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,630.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



**The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Alice Davidson Hire**



**Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Saint Arnold Janssen** - "Out of love for me you are present in the Blessed Sacrament; therefore I long for you, O my dearest Jesus."

Arnold Janssen was born in 1837 and decided early on to become a priest. As a youth, he developed the habit of "quarter-hour prayer": making acts of faith, hope, and charity every fifteen minutes, aided by church bells or clock chimes. He was an excellent student, with a special interest in math and science. Ordained in 1861, he served as a generous and enterprising teacher for many years, until a dispute with the local school board drove him to resign. The board refused to permit the funds he had raised for a Marian statue to be used for that purpose. He set out to help rekindle the missionary spirit of his German homeland. He established two missionary communities, later inviting volunteers from the women's active branch to become contemplatives. The Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration wore pink habits, as if to be roses before the Blessed Sacrament. Their task was to pray for the missionary work, especially in perpetual adoration and the Divine Office. The Pink Sisters, as they became known, are still in existence, and their convent in Philadelphia has had over 100 years of continuous adoration. Janssen died at 71 and was canonized in 2003.

*Beloved Lord, through the prayers of Saint Arnold Janssen and the community he founded, may your Church be renewed in missionary zeal.*  
~Magnificat June 2023 Volume 25, No. 4

Consider spending one hour of your week in front of the Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There, in the silence, you will find peace and joy that only He can provide.

If you are signed up on the website for an adoration hour and are not going anymore, please return to adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for us to keep Him company! If you are absolutely unable to fulfill your commitment, please remove yourself from the schedule.

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 [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'

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 Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is hiring an Executive Assistant** for the Offices of Mission Advancement, Lay Personnel, Evangelization, and the Catholic Foundation in the mission to form Intentional Disciples of



Jesus. The position requires the flawless execution of complex administrative tasks. For a complete job description and/or application, visit [www.biloxidiocese.org/admin-assistant](http://www.biloxidiocese.org/admin-assistant) or scan the QR code.



**The Ocean Springs Church Women** will meet on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at St. John's Episcopal Church (705 Rayburn Ave). Fellowship begins at 9:00 a.m. followed with the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The speaker is the Chaplin at the Adult Detention Center and will share the various opportunities for service there. For further information, please call the First Presbyterian Church office at 875-5326.



St. John the Evangelist Parish in Gulfport will hold a **Grief Support Group** meeting on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> in their parish office at 4:00 p.m.  
For more information, call 228-864-2272



**OPUS SANCTORUM ANGELORUM:** You are invited to join us in a "Consecration to the Guardian Angel" Study, beginning Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Mount Carmel Room after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Regarding the ANGELS..."The Catechism points out, "From its beginning until death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (St. Basil)" (CCC336). Most Catholics know little about the holy angels except for the prayer, "Angel of God, My Guardian Dear". Yet how much more progress we could make in our spiritual life if we looked more often to him who was given to us specifically as a "shepherd leading us to life".

In an address to American pilgrims on October 3, 1958, Pope Pius XII reminded them that our lives are surrounded by the holy angels: "Each one of us, even the poorest of the poor, has angels watching over him. The angels are glorious, pure and splendid, but they been given to us as companions along the way of life. They have the task of watching over you all, so that you do not stray away from Christ, your Lord." At the end of the audience, he admonished the faithful: "Have a familiar relationship with the angels, whose constant care is directed towards your salvation and holiness. God willing, you will spend an eternity of joy with the angels: learn to get to know them now!"

In order to bring this devotion to the Guardian Angel to its full development, the Holy See approved a Consecration to the Guardian Angel. Through the consecration we open ourselves more for the influence of our personal Guardian Angel, so that he can guide, protect, strengthen and enlighten us towards greater union with God."

And, given the confusion in our current culture, we are certainly in need of the help of the angels and they need us.

For further information please contact Maria Padula (330) 461-6119 or Denise Wilson (228) 238-3273.

### Eucharistic Revival



**Turn to the Eucharist**

If the poison of pride is swelling up in you, turn to the Eucharist; and that Bread, which is your God humbling and disguising Himself, will teach you humility.

If the fever of selfish greed rages in you, feed on this Bread; and you will learn generosity.

If the cold wind of coveting withers you, hasten to the Bread of Angels; and charity will come to blossom in your heart.

If you feel the itch of intemperance, nourish yourself with the Flesh and Blood Christ, who practiced heroic self-control during His earthly life; and you will become temperate.

If you are lazy and sluggish about spiritual things, strengthen yourself with this heavenly food; and you will grow fervent.

Lastly, if you feel scorched by the fever of impurity, go to the banquet of the Angels; and the spotless Flesh of Christ will make you pure and chaste.

~St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

We hope that you enjoyed hearing the personal testimonies and viewing the many Eucharistic Miracles that were on display last weekend. We are very grateful to the Eucharistic Evangelism team for all they are doing in our diocese to promote Eucharistic Adoration. 25 of our parishioners signed up to begin adoring Jesus in our chapel!

We ask that you pray for the evangelism team as they travel to St. Clare Parish in Waveland August 12-13<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival log on [@eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org).



**The Bookstore and Gift Shop** is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses.