

The theme of the First Reading and the Gospel is that of inclusiveness. At the time Isaiah was writing there were lots of foreigners in Israel. The question arose as to whether or not the benefits of salvation should be extended to them. Isaiah gave a clear and positive answer: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples," says the Lord. The early Church faced a similar problem with regard to the Gentiles. Matthew sees Jesus as having broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile. Even though his own mission was restricted to Israel, Jesus did reach out to individual Gentiles such as the Canaanite woman. Hence, after the resurrection of Jesus, the early Church extended its mission to the Gentiles.

--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



Faith Formation Registration for K-5th Grade, Edge, Lifeteen, & Confirmation begins this Sunday, August 20th.

A table will be set up after all Masses for your convenience or you may print the registration form off the parish website. For more information, contact Jane Sema (K-5) at jsema@osstalphonesus.org or Will Haislmaier (Edge, Lifeteen, Confirmation) at whaislmaier@osstalphonesus.org.



Are you Searching for a Relationship with God? Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian? Were you baptized Catholic but are not in full communion with the Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you want to convert to Catholicism from another church? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then St. Alphonsus Catholic Church invites you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Classes for RCIA will meet on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. beginning in September in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Room. For additional information, contact Deacon Jim Gunkel at 228-218-2160.

Interested in supporting the Youth Ministry? If you are, we invite you to join the Youth Ministry team on Thursday, August 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the KC Hall. Food and drinks will be provided and you will have a chance to meet those who help reach out to our youth. This is a great opportunity for all who are interested in helping in any way. For more information, please email Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonesus.org.



St. Alphonsus Parish and School are grateful and blessed to have your generous support of our Capital Campaign here at St. Alphonsus. The school roof is nearing completion and we are currently waiting on bids from contractors to begin the Church renovations. Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates.

Statements for August have been emailed or mailed to all who have made a pledge to our Capital Campaign. If you did not receive the statement, please call the rectory office at 875-5419. If you are still interested in making a pledge or a one-time gift there is still time! Contact Patience Clasen at (504) 920-5468, pclasen@osstalphonesus.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.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Owen Stubbs, grandson of Angela & Michael Stubbs of this parish, who passed away August 15th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.

The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Josephine Mihojevich



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, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	AUGUST 21
Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Dustin Cooper
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Carol Bradley
TUESDAY	AUGUST 22
Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Anthony Belson
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 23
Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Edward G. Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Henry "Danny" Seymour
THURSDAY	AUGUST 24
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51	
6:30 a.m.	Maria Trần Thị Sáu
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Jacob Smith
FRIDAY	AUGUST 25
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40	
6:30 a.m.	William and Catherine LaCroix
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Patty Bennetts
SATURDAY	AUGUST 26
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Fred Lusk, Jr.
4:00 p.m.	Int. Fr. Mike Snyder
SUNDAY	AUGUST 27
Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20	
7:30 a.m.	Congregation
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Bill Gryder
	Mr. Neil Gryder
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Ann Hymel
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Anne Decareaux



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Eucharistic Adoration

Listen for Jesus speaking to your heart before the Blessed Sacrament: Dear One, thank you so much for visiting Me, I love you so and your companionship gives Me great joy! Come to Me...and I will refresh you! I will hold you and

all of your loved ones and intentions in My Heart and Mind. Your loved ones are My loved ones, too. I will bring them to Our Father and send the Holy Spirit to strengthen you, and them.

All that concerns you concerns me. Tell Me everything! I am a good listener and have all the time in the world. Let Me fill you with love, joy and peace. Remember, I am always here for you. Please visit Me often and come again soon. I love you!

Jesus knows all about you – where you are and what you need...Be still, be quiet, and know HE IS GOD!

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 stalphonesus.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!



St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night (extreme adoration with music and a short talk) on Thursday, August 24th 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.

You are invited to Nativity BVM Cathedral for the First School Mass and Backpack Blessings of the year on Sunday, August 27th at 11:00 a.m. All students are encouraged to bring their book bags to have them blessed.



Are you looking for an opportunity to share your love for an hour or two during the week? St. Alphonsus School would love your help! They have started a program called **Hourly Angels** to help serve the Little Saints in our school. If you would like to help feed and/or comfort a toddler as they fall asleep, they could use your help. If you feel led to be of service, please contact Christina Malloch at 228-282-0607.

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Sunday Collection.....\$11,616.00
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,575.00
 The Assumption of the BVM Collection.....\$ 1,958.00
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JULY 17-21 INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL	TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:
JULY 22 - 1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN	Roundtrip Airfare from Gulfport, MS*
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Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,900 Per Person	Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,800 Per Person
Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,700 Per Person	Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,600 Per Person
Single Occupancy: \$2,600	Single Occupancy: \$2,300

To Register:
 Visit our website: caragrouptour.com/nec-2024-tour
 Email Paula Spears: Eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com

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



The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Ocean Springs announces their **Back-to-School Specials** - all of August and September, every day, clothing 1/2 off and their **Labor Day Holiday Sales**, Sept 2nd - Sept 9th, furniture 1/2 off and some select pieces at 75% off.



The last Saturday of each month, the **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store** will hold a book sale with the Friends of the Ocean Springs Library inside the thrift store (2200 Bienville Blvd Ocean Springs). Your purchases go to help feed, clothe, and support the poor, the homeless, the disabled and elderly, our veterans, trafficked women and children as well as providing funds to help victims of natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.



The **Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5th 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. Registration Deadline: Oct. 13, 2023.