

The First Reading states, ‘God’s ways are not our ways, God’s thoughts are not our thoughts’. Just how vast is the difference between God’s ways and our ways, between God’s thoughts and our thoughts, is illustrated in the Gospel. God’s generosity utterly transcends human generosity.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard was aimed at the Pharisees. These legalistically minded men were critical of Jesus because he befriended sinners and outcasts. In the parable Jesus faces up to his critics, and show them what God is like: God is generous and full of compassion for the poor and the outcast. In that respect the parable is similar to that of the prodigal son.

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

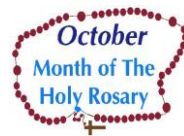


A Meeting for Confirmation candidates and parents will be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonus.org.



The International Centennial Pilgrim Image of our Lady of Fatima will be at Nativity Cathedral the weekend of September 30th/October 1st. The theme this year is “The Urgent Call for Prayer and Reparation: The Appeal of Our Lady of Fatima”.



October is the month of the Rosary. As we pray the rosary before each mass, please consider praying the rosary at home as a family once a day even if it is just you and your spouse. It is a great way to spend time together and build family unity. Remember as a great priest once said “A Family that Prays Together Stays Together”.



During the month of October, the ushers will do a head count of all in attendance at all weekend Masses (men, women and children). The Diocese requests all parishes to do this for the entire month of October.



Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



The St. Alphonsus KC Auxiliary will host a Baby Shower for the entire month of October in honor of “Our Blessed Lady’s Rosary”. All supplies will benefit our diocese’s “Walking with Moms in Need.” A donation box will be located in the front foyer. “Every Good and Perfect gift comes from above.” James 1:17



This year’s theme for Walking with Mom’s in Need is entitled “Radical Solidarity”. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice”, but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: “In firmly rejecting ‘prochoice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women...the only honest stance in these cases, is that of Radical Solidarity with the Woman. It is not right to leave her alone.”

--St. Pope John Paul II



DEO Gloria: Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. You are invited to join us for a beautiful evening of the word, ancient hymns and chants and Adoration of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Joe Prejean
8:15 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Henry Endt, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Marley Severino
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Ed Dietrick, Jr.
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard M. Durkin, Sr.
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9	
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:15 a.m.	Mr. David Riemann
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Louis Keys
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Margaret Wright Foushee
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45	
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mental Disabilities
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Michael Mitchell, Jr.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 1
Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32	
7:30 a.m.	Int. Stubb’s Family
9:00 a.m.	Congregation
11:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Ann Hymel
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Cynthia Penegy



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, Benny and 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, Sandra Grantham, Josh Hamilton, 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 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.....\$9,547.81
 Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,260.00
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



ADORATION

When in Adoration, we look at the consecrated Host, the sign of creation speaks to us. And so, we encounter the greatness of his gift; but we also encounter the Passion, the Cross of Jesus, and his Resurrection. Through this gaze of Adoration, he draws us toward himself, within his mystery, through which he wants to transform us as he transformed the Host. ~Pope Benedict XVI

There are many daytime hours as well as early morning hours that Jesus is left alone in our chapel. Please prayerfully consider sitting in His presence for 1 hour a week.

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 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 call Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984. She will be happy to help you navigate!



Adult Study is held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room. Videos are by Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian helpers. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. **All are invited to attend.**
 September 24: The Pride Movement...God’s Plan? Part I
 October 1: The Pride Movement...God’s Plan? Part II



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 Red Mass invoking the blessings of the Holy Spirit over the legal community will be held at Nativity BVM Cathedral on Sunday, October 15th at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following, there will be a reception in the Sacred Heart Center. This year Judge Leslie Southwick of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will be speaking. All judges, lawyers, public officials, and people of good faith are invited to attend.



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

Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates.

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@osstalphonus.org or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or to make a pledge or donation.

Please continue to pray our campaign



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Deacon Greg Miller



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Imagine Catholics from every parish in the U.S. gathered before Our Lord, ready to be renewed in our mission as a light to the nations.

Jesus wants to **heal and strengthen** his whole Church, and YOU are an essential member of our Catholic family. We want you to come and experience God’s goodness at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

From July 17–21, 2024, we will come together to be healed—both individually and as a Church family. This will be a compelling public witness to the power of our God!

Then, we will be **sent back** to every corner of the nation, overflowing with grace to share. Will you be there?

For more information on travel packages through the Diocese of Biloxi visit: caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour or email Paula Spears

at eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com



St. Vincent DePaul Help Thy Neighbor Raffle

The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent DePaul Conference is announcing its first semi-annual raffle!

Win the Grand Prize getaway to Navarre Beach, Florida, where you can stay in 2BR/2BA condo (2nd floor)

overlooking the pool, just steps away from the beach! Schedule your vacation at your convenience!

Other prizes include: 4 all day passes to Paradise Pier at Margaritaville in Biloxi; a basket from Gulf Hills Package; a watercolor artwork by Barbara Hosey; a \$30 gift card for Woody’s Restaurant in Biloxi; and one family can win the writing of 2 simple wills by Zuber Law Firm!

Tickets will be available after masses this weekend (September 23/24), October 7th/8th, October 21st/22nd and November 4th/5th. Tickets are also available in the Parish Office (available during regular working hours), the Parish Bookstore or from any St. Vincent DePaul Conference member.

Winners will be drawn on the evening of Monday, November 6th. You need not be present to win. Once a winning ticket is drawn, it will be held out of additional prize drawings – so buy several tickets to increase your chances of winning!!

The conference mission is to serve the very poor and those in need in our community. It operates completely off donations. Our St. Vincent DePaul conference is running low on funds because of the enormous need we are facing to assist the poor. We hope you can help us continue our mission!



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.



Our Parish App is one great way to help make the liturgical season more present in your daily life.

Helpful reflections will aid you in reflecting on the Mass readings each day. Also – under FORMED, you will be able to stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read bestselling Catholic eBooks, and listen to audio presentations from the Church’s most compelling speakers and is available from virtually any device...anytime, anywhere. **Don’t have the App or FORMED yet?** If you have either an iPhone or Android smart phone you can download the App by texting **App** to phone number **88202**, or by visiting myparishapp.com. To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code f1f5a9 (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.