

History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. In the Gospel we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord. The parable is an allegory of God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son is Jesus himself whom they killed. Like the parable of the two sons, this parable was directed at the chief priests and elders. It was meant as a warning, but it went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Gentiles replaced the Jews as God's people. All this would have been clear to Matthew's readers.
--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



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.



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.**



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room.



St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night (extreme adoration with music) on Thursday, October 19th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. The intention for the upcoming XLT will be for vocations. For holy marriages, holy priest, holy sisters and brothers and all clergy. We will start with a brief talk on discernment and vocation. Everyone has a calling to a holy vocation. After the talk we invite you to stay for adoration, confession, praise and worship. Please come out and join us.



For the month of November we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. Envelopes are available either in your monthly contribution package or at the exits of the Church. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your donation and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.

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 Peter Quinn, October 8, 2004
- Reverend James B. Taylor, October 17, 2004
- Monsignor Andrew L. Murray, October 20, 2009
- Monsignor Francis Quinn, October 22, 1990
- Most Rev. Roger P. Morin – October 31, 2019

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 9
Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Malcolm Latour
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Mildred Leonard Foushee
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 10
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42	
6:30 a.m.	Fr. Mark Beard
8:15 a.m.	Int. Larry and Debbie Schroer
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 11
Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Rev. Alfred L. Camp
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 12
Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Robert Cox, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Linda Schafer
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 13
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Gay and Gerald Hopkins
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Mangin
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 14
Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nick Thomas
4:00 p.m.	Mr. Ernest Talbott, Jr.
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 15
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Christina Freeman
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Patrick Wagner
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Int. Poor / Those in Need



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 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, Renee McVeay Spicer, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$13,005.25
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$ 1,835.00
Poor Collection.....	\$ 3,452.55

May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support




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 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 all 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.
October 8: Transgenderism...a Catholic perspective...Part I
October 15: Transgenderism...a Catholic perspective...Part II



Bishop Kihneman invites all members of the legal profession to attend the annual Red Mass on October 15, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Judges are invited to robe and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for the Mass, you are asked to RSVP by emailing rsvp@biloxidiocese.org, visiting <https://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp>, or calling 228-702-2100.
The Red Mass, a historical tradition in the Catholic Church, is an ecumenical event in that it is intended to bless the entire judiciary, members of the bar, lawmakers, and elected officials for the coming year.



Bishop Kihneman will recognize and bless members of the medical community at our annual diocesan White Mass on Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Doctors, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, are invited to wear their white coats and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for Mass, please RSVP by emailing rsvp@biloxidiocese.org, visiting <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/white-mass-rsvp>, or calling 228-702-2100.



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@osstalphonsus.org or the parish office with any questions about the campaign or to make a pledge or donation. Please continue to pray for our campaign.



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 (October 7th/8th), and also 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!! Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.
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 Divine Will Study Group will meet in the Mount Carmel Room from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 13th and October 27th.



Evening of Intercessory Prayer - October is the month of the Holy Rosary! The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer. Without this contemplative dimension, it would lose its meaning, as Pope Paul VI clearly pointed out: "Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ: 'In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words' (Mt 6:7). By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed". Come join us as we intercede in prayer on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please bring your rosary. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians.4:6)

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Mass means?

Everything, every prayer, and every gesture of the mass has a meaning directly tied to biblical references. From the entrance hymn and sign of the cross to the dismissal, "The mass is ended, go in peace," all of it has a deep meaning that leads to the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Catholic mass is where heaven touches the earth. This sacred tradition has been handed down through the ages to us from the earliest Christians.

The priest will answer a question submitted by a parishioner after Sunday masses. Please place your question in the box on the table in the back of the church.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Kay Lang, aunt of Kay Trahan of this parish, who passed away September 19th in Bay St. Louis. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.