

Paul believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. Hence, he urges the Thessalonians to be watchful. However, Matthew has accepted that the *parousia* would be delayed. Even so, he too spoke about the necessity of being watchful. In the parable of the talents he spells out what this watchfulness consists in: it consists in carrying out the Lord's instructions to the best of one's God-given ability. The First Reading sets before us the example of a woman who uses her talents to live an industrious and virtuous life.

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



Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day and a most appropriate way to offer Thanks to God is to begin the day by attending Mass. **On Thursday morning we offer two Masses – 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** Please consider making one of these Masses your Thanksgiving to God before joining your family for the traditional meal later in the day. For those of you who will be traveling over the Thanksgiving period, we wish you a safe journey and a safe return home. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Thankful & Blessed There will be two tables in front of the Altar at the Thanksgiving Day Masses. One is for an item (e.g. bread, pie or wine) that you will have for your family dinner and the other is for food or money donations for the Saint Vincent de Paul. Please place them on the table before Mass or during the offertory.



The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd - Friday, November 24th.



The Bookstore and Gift Shop will be closed Thursday, November 23rd, Saturday, November 25th and Sunday, November 26th.



The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive in coordination with the local Blood Center. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26th in the KC Hall. Walk-ins are welcome!



You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. for a candlelight Eucharistic Procession around the church grounds followed by a meal and fellowship in the Parish Hall.



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](https://www.parishapp.com) to phone number [88202](https://www.parishapp.com), or by visiting [myparishapp.com](https://www.parishapp.com). To gain access to FORMED – go to the website at www.formed.org and enter our Parish Code [f1f5a9](https://www.formed.org) (case sensitive) on the homepage, create an account with your user name/email and password.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of Johnny Norman

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,096.58
Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 2,840.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 20
1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
6:30 a.m. Mr. RJ Domingue
8:15 a.m. All Souls

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21
2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Int. Mr. Alden Karp

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22
2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Freddie and Vera Lusk, Sr.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23
Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
7:30 a.m. Mr. Dan Dietrick, Sr.
9:00 a.m. All Souls

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24
1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
6:30 a.m. All Souls
8:15 a.m. Ms. Marguerite Norman

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25
1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
8:15 a.m. All Souls
4:00 p.m. Mr. Eddie Hire

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46
7:30 a.m. All Souls
9:00 a.m. Mr. Bill Gryder
Mr. Neil Gryder
Mr. David Lloyd
Congregation
11:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.



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, 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, Terese Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Thomas Peresich, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Linda Smith, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Dennis VanAcker, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Wanda Smith, stepmother of Shannon (Glenn) Williams of this parish, who passed away November 9th. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Eucharistic Adoration

What are some benefits of a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration?

Everyone that spends time in adoration of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist develops a personal relationship with Jesus, and grows in love and holiness. Quiet time with the Lord in adoration enables people to listen and recognize His voice as He speaks to their hearts. Many of the faithful who attend adoration report various miracles and healings. Parish communities experience increased Mass attendance, service of others, unity, conversions, the return of fallen away Catholics, as well as vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The laity work together to coordinate Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, helping to build a faith filled community.

This Thanksgiving week, pop into the chapel for 10, 20, 30 minutes to thank Jesus for the blessings in your life! He would love to see you!



St. Vincent dePaul Society held the long anticipated drawings for the prizes on Monday, November 6th, during their regular meeting.

We are forever grateful to all our friends and parishioners who purchased one or more tickets, or made a direct contribution to our cause without buying a ticket. Our campaign far exceeded our goal in raising \$10,301. This will go a long way to strengthening our budget for the next few months.

The following people won the prizes shown: Congratulations to our winners:

	Prize	Winner
1	Grand Prize: 3-Day Navarre Beach Getaway	Karen Schronk
2	Paradise Pier 4 All Day Passes	Jamie Lloyd
3	Barbara Hosey Watercolor Artwork	Charlene Langlinais
4	2 Simple Wills - Zuber Law Firm	Thelma Miller
5	Gulf Hills Package Wine & Liquor Basket	Les Beaugez
6	Woody's Roadside Biloxi \$30 Gift Certificate	Kevin Allen



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. November 19: Communion on the Tongue vs Hand...Part II
November 26: Thanksgiving Break



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 November 27th – December 1st. 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.



COME AND BE RENEWED

A National Eucharistic Congress is a gathering of the whole Church from across the nation.

Eucharistic adoration is a powerful part of every Eucharistic Congress.

It's been 83 years since a National Eucharistic Congress was held in the United States. It was 1941 when the Church in America last gathered for a National Eucharist Congress. Thousands of Catholics overwhelmed the Twin Cities with joyful processions, fervent worship, and public adoration of Our Lord. A lot has changed since then!

The world may look different today, but this gathering is a part of the same heritage as the Eucharistic Congresses from our history. We are on the cusp of a new chapter for the Church in the United States – a chapter that begins with the rebirth of this incredible legacy. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this generational moment! Reserve your passes today for the long-awaited 10th National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, where the Church will find blessing and renewal through a profound encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

National Eucharistic Congress
PRESENTED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI
JULY 17TH - 21ST 2024
View our available packages below:
*Only 225 tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis!

CONGRESS PACKAGE BY BUS 6 NIGHT:	CONGRESS PACKAGE BY AIR 4 NIGHT:
JULY 16 - 22	JULY 17 - 21
JULY 16 - 1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN	4 NIGHTS INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL - 4 STAR
JULY 17-21 INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL	TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:
JULY 22 - 1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN	Roundtrip Airfare from Gulfport, MS*
TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:	Roundtrip transfers in Indianapolis
Luxury Coach	FEATURES INCLUDE:
FEATURES INCLUDED:	CONVENTION EVENT PASS
CONVENTION EVENT PASS	
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



The St. Alphonsus 4th Degree Knights of Columbus are raffling off a Generac "CP2500i" 2500 W (60db.) Portable Quiet Generator to raise money for a new flagpole for St. Alphonsus Elementary School. The drawing will be held Wednesday, December 20th. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. You need not be present to win. See any Knight or call Chuck Nannery at 228-324-1586.