

**Malachi attacks the laxity and carelessness that have set in regarding morality and worship.** He specifically takes the priests to task, berating them for not living up to their calling, and thus being responsible for the erosion of faith among the people.

In the Gospel we see how strong Jesus was in his criticism of those who use religion to gain spiritual power, and who do not live what is at the heart of religion: love and compassion, justice and faith.

Matthew applies it to Christian leaders, who are in danger of repeating the mistakes of the Pharisees.

The message is as relevant now as it was back then. Religious officeholders are still reluctant to let go of ostentatious dress, places of honor, titles and so on, which are clearly contrary to the spirit of the Gospel.

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



**A Baptism Class** will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (change from November 1 due to holy day). 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.



**The St. Alphonsus 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Each year every parish in the diocese is obligated to submit a financial report to the diocese for the previous fiscal year that ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This report, therefore, contains figures from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Our income at St. Alphonsus is derived primarily from our Sunday / Holy Day collections which are subdivided between envelope, online or loose checks (identifiable) and non-identifiable (loose cash) contributions.**

Income: Offertory	\$734,470.56
Investments, CSA, Use of Parish Prop	147,380.48
Repayment on Loan from School	40,000.00
Capital Campaign	<u>392,070.98</u>
Total Income	\$1,313,922.02
Expenses: Diocesan Support	\$ 55,675.66
School Support	164,659.61
Salary & Benefits	285,605.98
Overhead/Operating	165,189.32
Parish Programs	<u>22,924.77</u>
Total Expenses	\$694,055.34
Capital Expenses	22,515.77
Capital Campaign	<u>147,660.36</u>
	\$864,231.47



**Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Kathleen O’Brien Sulack**, sister-in-law of Elaine O’Brien of this parish, who passed away in Sunnyvale, California. We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>
Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 7</b>
Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 8</b>
Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Arthur Gianelloni
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 9</b>
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. John Cavadini
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 10</b>
Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8	
6:30 a.m.	All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Alfred Seymour
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15	
8:15 a.m.	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Mr. André Kaufman Albert & Eunice Misko, Sr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 12</b>
Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13	
7:30 a.m.	All Souls
9:00 a.m.	Int. Louis & Irma Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Robert Cox, Sr.
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, 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, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,591.80
Weekly Online Collection.....	\$2,325.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support	



**Adoration: An invitation to love, service and affirmation of human dignity.** Uniting with Jesus in the Eucharist and spending time with him in prayer is a literal nourishment for the soul, strengthening us in our faith and reaffirming how deeply we are loved. This encounter elicits our loving response in return, and we go out meant to be witnesses of his love to the whole world. Our faith is not meant to be isolating or stagnant, but something that is fruitful and built in communion with others.

We can only move forward in living our faith in action when we have a strong foundation in the Eucharistic Christ. Fostering this connection, especially through frequent participation in the Mass and opportunities for adoration, we can allow Jesus to work through us in ways we could never have imagined.

In the most common everyday interactions, we can bring joy and light to others — lifting up a family member, friend or co-worker who may be feeling down. Or through small acts of kindness, or in donating to local Church efforts to help women and families in need. Or even volunteering at local parishes or other Church groups dedicated to helping those in need. When service is grounded in prayer, we become powerful witnesses of God’s love to others in both ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Always remember that the time spent with Jesus in the Eucharist will reinforce how deeply you are loved and is also an invitation to love others in turn. Each time you reflect the love of Jesus to others, each action you take to affirm the dignity of another, each time you give someone hope that their life has meaning and worth, you are helping to build a culture of life.

By Kimberly Baker  
Our Sunday Visitor 10-23-23



### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (November 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>). 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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!



**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 5: No Class, Peter Anderson Festival  
November 12: Communion on the Tongue vs Hand...Part I



### The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory Of Deceased St. Alphonsus Parishioners



Dear Friends,

Amidst all the good news of revival happening coast to coast, today my heart is drawn to lift up one of the early martyrs of our country whom we remember today, St. Isaac Jogues. As a young teen, I remember noticing for the first time a statue of this saint in the dining hall of the religious community that ran my small Catholic school.

As I observed the statue, I asked a sister standing close by why St. Isaac’s hand was bandaged. She looked at me solemnly as she said, “When St. Isaac was being tortured, some of his fingers were violently gnawed off his hand. Those were the fingers he would need to celebrate Mass. He loved Jesus in the Eucharist so much that he petitioned the Holy See to give him special permission to celebrate Mass with his remaining digits, which Rome granted him with grateful affection.”

I can’t tell you how impactful it was for my teenage mind to integrate the story. Not only did this man leave his family and homeland to serve as a missionary priest, but—despite the hostility, torture, and risk of certain death—his heart was deeply committed to serving the people he had fallen in love with, the people he saw Christ in because he first knew Christ in the Eucharist. After ten years of tireless service, love, and celebrating the Eucharist in the “new world,” St. Isaac Jogues paid the ultimate price of his life when he was violently beheaded in October 1646. Perhaps we will not face the kind of martyrdom as St. Isaac Jogues did, but daily Christian living always necessitates an interior martyrdom. What am I holding onto, in the depths of my heart that I can lovingly surrender in favor of a deepening life in Christ?

You see, my friends, St. Isaac Jogues knew Jesus intimately, and because of this relationship, he was not afraid to take any risk for the sake of the Gospel. May his powerful example help us to be brave amidst the little daily renunciations Jesus invites us to make so that we too may share in the fullness of life that is only found through him, with him, and in him!

In Jesus,  
Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.  
Heart of the Revival Newsletter



**The Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree** will conduct a short flag retirement ceremony on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. on the church grounds behind the school. A flag retirement is a dignified event in which unserviceable flags are retired by burning as recommended by the US flag code and tradition. The public is invited as well as all students, faculty, parents and families. If anyone has a flag that is no longer serviceable, please feel free to add it to those to be retired.



**PLEASE JOIN US:** You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



**Evening of Intercessory Prayer** - November is the month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory! The purpose of purgatory is the purification of the human soul after death, of the faults and defects, and, as it were, gaps in their lives that still have to be clarified. St. Thomas Aquinas says, “Of all prayers, the most meritorious, the most acceptable to God are prayers for the dead, because they imply all the works of charity, both corporal, and spiritual.” Two effective ways to pray for our deceased family and friends, parishioners, and all souls in purgatory are praying the Divine Mercy chaplet and remembering them in your Rosary intentions. Please come join us as we intercede on the Holy Souls behalf and in praying the Holy Souls in Purgatory scriptural rosary on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. You can also find purgatory brochures, pamphlets and prayer cards at the entrances of the Church. Please bring your rosary. “In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.” (Philippians.4:6)



**A new Men’s Group has been started at the parish called Cor.** The group meets at 5:15 a.m. in the KC Hall and runs about 45 minutes. The point is to get to know each other, read a short reflection on the faith together, and then conclude by praying the rosary or spending time in the Adoration Chapel together.