


The First Reading casts a cold eye on the vanity of human life. One example of this ‘vanity’ is all the toil people put into acquiring wealth, only to have to leave it all to their heirs. The author is making the point that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Only faith in God and in an afterlife can provide a light in the darkness. The Gospel is part of a longer section which deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. Here Jesus refused to get involved in a family dispute. Instead, he focuses on the cause of the dispute – greed for possessions. His parable stressed the foolishness of depending on material things for one’s security rather than on God. In his search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life, and forgets his obligations to the poor. He is truly a ‘fool’ because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth which he had.


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




Capital Campaign Update

Installation of new flooring under the pews has been completed and the repositioning of the pews is taking place. Work to extend the choir loft continues on schedule. We are excited to be back in the Church for weekend masses beginning this weekend (August 2/3). Please note – Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. will still be held in the Chapel.

The Parish sends out monthly Capital Campaign statements to all who still owe on their campaign pledge. If you have not received one, please let the parish know. If you need to update/change your pledge or set up a contribution, you may do so via our website www.osstalphonsus.org or by contacting the parish office at 875-5419. Without the continued support of our gracious parishioners and families, we would not have met our capital campaign goal or be positioned to move forward with needed improvements to our Church facilities. Thank you for your support in the past, present, and future!



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. 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 4th Sunday immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory with information on the child prior to attending the class.




The Second Sunday Collection for Walking With Moms in Need will be held next weekend, August 9th & 10th. They continue to need all sizes of diapers and have a special need for size 2T-3T Pull-Ups. They are also completely out of baby wipes. Donations of gift cards of \$20 or less from Visa, Walmart, Target, any grocery store, and fast food restaurants are very helpful for emergency situations or for needs we don’t supply. Baby necessities, clothes, and baby equipment are in constant demand. As always, they thank you for your kindness, support, and generosity for this much needed ministry. Contact Margaret @ 228-217-4742 or Mary @ 228-348-6092 for more information.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK


MONDAY	AUGUST 4
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21	
6:30 a.m.	Simon and Barbara Latour
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
TUESDAY	AUGUST 5
Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Dianne Tootle
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Yvonne Viguerie
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 6
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Katherine Walker Hanning
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Grace Westbrook
THURSDAY	AUGUST 7
Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. James “Nestor” Gauthier
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Sandro Ravera
FRIDAY	AUGUST 8
Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Charlie Jensen
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Verda Troney
SATURDAY	AUGUST 9
Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Richard “Dick” Smith
	Ms. Anita Grace White
	4:00 p.m.
Congregation	
SUNDAY	AUGUST 10
Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Glen Syring
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
5:30 p.m.	Int. Marty and Lois Keefe



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Arlene Burns, Mildred “Tootsie” Caillavet, Benny and Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Dale Diaz, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, Sandra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Terri Jurich, Otis Kaufman, Joey Kelley, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaise, Donna and Edward Necaise Jr., Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Cody Parker, Kathy Pasquini, The Petitjean Family, Jean Petricca, Richard Potash, MaraLou Guice Richards, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Julia Sarpy, Jerry Schneider, Courtney Severino, Dale Seymour, Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.


WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$7,032.25
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,246.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support



The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. What better way to honor Our Lady this month than to visit her Son in the adoration chapel. Mary was the first adorer of Jesus. Let us follow her example and adore Jesus, the One who sacrificed everything to save us!




O IMMACULATA, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, (name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you.

If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: “She will crush your head,” and, “You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world.” Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.


V. Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin.
R. Give me strength against your enemies.
Written by St. Maximilian Kolbe

If you currently have a designated adoration hour on the We Adore Him website and have not been going for 3 months or more, your name will be removed from the schedule. If you need to try a new hour, please visit stalphonsus.weadorehim.com to view the schedule and choose a new hour.




Bethesda Free Health Clinic will be holding their Summer Fundraising event on Saturday August 9th, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the WAMA Community Center on Washington Avenue. Tickets are \$40 and available on Eventbrite.


This event features acclaimed New Orleans author, Valorie Hart, celebrating her book "Bohemian Soul: The Vanishing Interiors of New Orleans," capturing the soul of New Orleans homes and interiors. Books will be available for purchase during her meet & greet. Guests will enjoy tapas donated by Mosaic and Evergreen restaurants, music by DJ Chuck, signature cocktails and sweet treats. Guests are invited to express their Boho Style on the strut worthy catwalk. Groups welcome to compete for 3 - \$100 prizes. Individuals have a chance to win door prizes of Robin Santana Pottery. For more info, or pay by check, please email director@bfhcd.com.



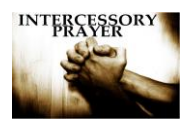
St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs, would like to invite you to their annual Evangelization Retreat! God is moving and leading us in a new and exciting direction, and you don’t want to miss out. The retreats will be based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius. There will be plenty of quiet time to reflect on Scripture. We will also have time for Confession and Adoration, and we will have Mass before we head home on Sunday. Our theme this year is “Called”. We will dive deep into what that call is and how do we live that out in today’s world. The **Women’s Retreat** will be Saturday, August 9– Sunday, August 10 and the **Men’s Retreat** will be Saturday, August 16– Sunday, August 17. The retreats will take place at the William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. The cost is \$130.00. This includes transportation to and from the retreat, all meals, and a private room with a private bath. We will meet at 6:45 am on Sat. morning at St. Elizabeth and return to St. Elizabeth around noon on Sunday. You can sign up here: <https://www.stelseton.com/evangelization-retreat> or feel free to call Shellie in the office at 228-875-0654 if you have any questions.



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, August 9th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



Friday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Vigil Mass will be Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Friday will be at 6:30 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. (school children will attend), 12 Noon and 6:00 p.m.



EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MONDAY, AUGUST 18th at 6:30 p.m. join us in praying the ROSARY and EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH in Ocean Springs.

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons God gives to mankind. If we want peace to come to earth and morality to return then all of us must unite in prayer for this to happen. If all the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ will unite in this Rosary prayer, then through those prayers His divine grace will pour out over the world and change it for the better.


August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Let us all come together and pray with Our Blessed Mother Mary, our greatest intercessor, with all our hearts!

Rosaries are available!
PLEASE EVERYONE JOIN US IN THIS NEED FOR PRAYER!!!



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all English weekend Masses.



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 55321, 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.

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 Morgan Kavanagh, August 6, 1998
Reverend Ivan Weis, August 7, 2007
Reverend Patrick C. Grant, August 9, 1991
Reverend John P. Robinson, August 10, 1977
Rev. Msgr. Francis Farrell, August 12, 2017
Rev. Msgr. James McGough, August 12, 2024
Reverend Paul Gillis, August 14, 1995
Rev. Phillip McLoone, SSJ, August 18, 1977
Rev. William Kelley, SVD, August 28, 2002