

Honoring the Dead on All Souls Day
All Souls Day is more than just a day of tradition; it's a time of spiritual reflection and deep connection with the souls of the departed. Through prayers, acts of remembrance, and visits to cemeteries, the faithful uphold the Catholic belief in the power of intercession and the importance of helping souls in purgatory attain eternal rest. By lighting candles, attending Mass, and offering prayers for the dead, families not only honor their loved ones but also strengthen their faith in God's promise of eternal life.

In the Catholic faith, All Souls Day reminds us of the fragility of life and the need to pray for those who have passed on. This day serves as a moment to reflect on the enduring bond between the living and the dead, grounded in love and spiritual support. Whether through traditional customs or personal acts of devotion, remembering the deceased on All Souls Day offers comfort and hope, reminding us of the eternal peace that awaits in the presence of God.

--Lauren Woodrell



The “Adopt A Pew” offerings were a total success. Many of you were not able to participate because the offerings were filled in just two weeks. We have extended the “Adopt A Pew” program to include the pews in the Adoration Chapel, as well as the opposite side of each pew in the Church. The Adoration Chapel pews will remain in the present chapel. When the new Chapel is built (time undetermined at present), those pews will be transferred to the new Chapel. Applications are available in the back of the church. Please contact Linda Martin at 228-324-3408.



Capital Campaign Update
We’re still on track to begin the next phase—work on the Church entrance and the breezeway between the school and the Church—sometime in the fourth quarter of this year. 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!



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, November 7th beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (November 8/9) for The National collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. This collection is taken up once every three years as approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to increase awareness and support of the mission, “Serving Those Who Serve.” The ministries offered by the AMS benefit those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, Veterans, and their families. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



St. Alphonsus Catholic School PTO invites you to join them in their annual Night of Neon 5K and Fun Run on Friday, November 7th with events beginning at 5:45 p.m. There is also a split-the-pot raffle. Tickets are 1 for \$20 or 6 for \$100. Sponsorship and registration information can be found at www.stalspto.com.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 3
Romans 11:29-36; Luke 6:30 a.m.	14:12-14 All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Int. Fr. Steve Geerling
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 4
Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 6:30 a.m.	14:15-24 All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Joseph Earley
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 5
Romans 13:8-10; Luke 6:30 a.m.	14:25-33 All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Mary Skaar
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 6
Romans 14:7-12; Luke 6:30 a.m.	15:1-10 All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Andy Harmon
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 7
Romans 15:14-21; Luke 6:30 a.m.	16:1-8 All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. John Morano
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 8
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 6:30 a.m.	16:9-15 All Souls
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Arthur Gianelloni
	All Souls
4:00 p.m.	Congregation
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 9
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Michael Seus
9:00 a.m.	Int. Louis and Irma Stiglet
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Clint Olivio
5:30 p.m.	All Souls



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Betty Bodin, Michael Bosarge, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Greg Brou, Jr., Valerie Brou, 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, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Dawn Fountain, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Caroline Gautier, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Margie Gammon, S ndra Grantham, Richard Harrison, Trent Hartzog, James Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Olivia Hood, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Fr. Jey Jordan, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Joey Kelley, Jack Kelly, Myra Kittle, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Carol Latham, Judy and Randy Lesso, Mary Lewis, Gordon Mathieu, Shellie McDaniel, Mrs. McKinney Steve Merkel, Thelma Miller, Iva Misko, Edward Necaize, Donna and Edward Necaize Jr., Ter se 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, Jimmie Shoemaker, Jr., Glenn Sigurnjak, Myrt Talbott, Brittany and John Thornton, Sarah Galle Traylor, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, Ashley Vickers and Glenn Williams, Sr.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of all the Faithful Departed



November is the Month of the Holy Souls

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is dedicated to remembering and praying for the souls of the deceased, especially those who may be in purgatory. All Saints' Day on November 1st honors all saints, known and unknown. All Souls' Day on November 2nd is a day to pray for all of the faithful departed. This month is a time for reflection on life, death, and hope for eternal life. An excellent way to pray for these holy souls is to offer your time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. These souls need our prayers!



Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.
~St. Gertrude the Great

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.



Tabitha Tip – Avoid Assumptions: Not all disabilities are visible. Be gracious in all interactions. Tabitha Tips is a new resource for our parish community. This endeavor is brought to you by The Tabitha Project, a ministry of the de l'Epee Deaf Center in collaboration with the Office of the Bishop - Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. The hope is that these tips will enrich parish life and encourage a spirit of welcome for ALL parishioners. For more information, contact Rachel Ryan at 228-897-2289 or rryan@biloxidiocese.org.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Our Lady is asking you, your family or ministry to pray the Rosary together for peace, healing, hope, conversion, penance and prayer.
Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the front of the Church to take home for one week the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue will be passed from family to family after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday’s. Instructions and an explanation on how to pray the Rosary will be provided with the statue. The phrase "a family that prays together stays together" suggests that shared faith and spirituality can strengthen family bonds and promote a sense of togetherness and support. Regular family prayer can foster unity and help family members grow closer to one another. The Rosary is the second most powerful prayer next to the Mass! At the first apparition of Fatima in 1917, Our Lady chose to identify herself as, "The Lady of the Rosary." The Rosary is a prayer that fits perfectly into the spiritual life of all who seek to allow Mary to be their light to Christ, to show them the path to Jesus.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
Your prayers are requested for the deceased priests and deacons who have ministered in the diocese, especially those who have died around this time of year:

Reverend Vincenzo D. DiLalla, November 2, 1990
Reverend Patrick Martin, November 16, 1991
Reverend Noel Fannon, November 19, 2019
Reverend Antone Lynch, November 20, 2019
Reverend Michael Leane, November 23, 1987
Deacon Tom Miller, November 18, 2017
Deacon Harold Gaule, November 20, 2018
Deacon Truett Roberts, November 25, 2021



A Baptism Class will be held in the Rectory on Wednesday, November 5th 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 (November 8th & 9th). They continue to need all sizes of diapers and Pull-Ups. Baby wipes are always in great need. 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. They also extend their deepest and most heartfelt thanks for your overwhelming generosity during the October Month Long Baby Shower. Contacts: Margaret @ 228-217-4742 or Mary @ 228-348-6092



PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to join us in praying the rosary outside on the lawn at the Villa Maria on Saturday, November 8th at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to praying with you!



Continuing Education for Adults is vital to living out your Catholic faith. Join our group as we enjoy **Coffee, Donuts,** and the study of the **Gospel of Matthew**, presented by Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. No registration is required. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020.
November 2: No Class
November 9: No Class

Elementary Religious Education:
Classes are held on Sunday’s from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in school building (enter between Parish Hall and East school entrance). For more information, please contact Jane Sema at jsema@osstalphonsus.org.



The Foundations Team invites you to join them for Wednesday Night Foundations in the Cafeteria (Parish Hall) on November 5th.

The evening will begin with supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Groups Meet from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come Fall in Love with our faith. For more information, scan the QR code.

Edge: 6th - 8th Grade
LifeTeen: 9th - 12th Grade
OCIA: Adults Interested in Becoming Catholic
Adult Study: Confirmed Adults – 33 Days to Morning Glory, a Marian Consecration.



Your Church Needs You - God is calling. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers at all the masses. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Alphonsus Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING
Sunday Collection.....\$6,684.43
Weekly Online Collection.....\$2,916.00
May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support