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## The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. – Matthew 4:17

## A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN

# WELCOME RETREAT THERE IS MORE TO LIFE

Beginning at 7:30 AM on Saturday, February 25, 2023, and ending Sunday, February 26 at 3:30 PM St. Alphonsus Church in the cafeteria

Do you sense that something's missing in your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person? Come to the Women's Welcome Weekend!

To register, go to www.alphonsus.org

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## **GENERATION TO GENERATION CAMPAIGN FOR TOMORROW UPDATE**



After two years of planning with the Master Planning Committee, which was interrupted by COVID-19, followed by months of planning and meetings with the staff, Pastoral Advisory Council, Church Finance Council, School Finance Committee, and the many ministries of our parish, it was announced in May 2022 that St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish would build a Parish Activity Center to accommodate the accelerated growth of our church and school community.

Described as a blessing from God, the ministries of our parish have continued to grow each year. This growth has far exceeded our campus capacity and is putting a strain on our current facilities and infringing on our ability to accommodate future growth.

Once again, St Alphonsus was blessed by being able to partner with our longtime church parishioners, the Firmin family, with Firmin Construction having the lowest bid. Through their generosity and cost-cutting measures by them and their sub-contractors, St Alphonsus realized hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings for this project.

The Generation to Generation Campaign was formed with the purpose of saving our parish additional expense. By paying off our construction loan ahead of time, St. Alphonsus will realize tens of thousands of dollars in additional savings by having the ability to pay our note off before its maturity. We know that there are some parishioners still prayerfully considering a contribution to this campaign, and it is not too late. This weekend, committee members will be available before and after all Masses to answer questions and pass out pledge cards.

If you haven't made a pledge yet, we ask you to consider doing so. No pledge is too small, and everyone can make a vested interest in our new Parish Activity Center. If a monetary pledge is not possible, we encourage a "prayerful pledge" for a safe and successful completion of this project. It will be so rewarding to have even the smallest vested interest in an activity that will demonstrate your support for the many ministries of our parish and our Catholic faith for Generations to Generations to come.

Lucky & Juanita Ross and Jason Kroll Co-chairs Generation to Generation Campaign for Tomorrow

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish celebrates the living waters of Christ by nourishing our Catholic community spiritually and academically so that Christ may be known in our world.

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JANUARY 21 - 29, 2023

Saturday	Confirmation Year 2 Retreat- Off-Campus11:00 AMPrayer Line Luncheon - S.F.4:00 PMVigil Mass		S L
Sunday	The Third Sund 8:00 AM, 10:00 A	ay in Ordinary Time AM & 12:00 PM Masses after 8 & 10 AM Masses - S.F. Children's Liturgy - S.F. RCIC - S.G. Learning Group - All rooms Theology on Tap - S.F.	S D M N H
Monday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass</b> Ephesians Study - S.F. Scouts - S.J., Blessed Seelos School Board - S.G. Fulfilled Study - S.C.	А <u>С</u> F
Tuesday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass Bible/Sacraments Study - S.C. Timeline Study - S.F. SAS Finance - S.G. Wisdom Study - SAS115 Confirmation Mentors - Conf. Family Catechesis - Church Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R. Ladies Welcome - Bl. Seelos	B C e re R S
Wednesday	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Hebrew Study - S.F. Matthew Study - S.G. Jesus the Way Study - S.C. Prophets Study - S.G. Timeline Study - S.F. A/B Bell Choir - C.R. Galatians Study - S.G. Genesis to Jesus Study - S.C. Cub Scouts - F.C. King's Men - S.J. Chancel Choir - C.R.	Fir 22 M C to ir Y
Thursday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass</b> ACTS Study - S.C. Men's Club - S.F. Scouts Committee - Bl. Seelos RCIA Session - C.R.	b h <u>F</u> C a
Friday	<b>8:30 AM</b> 5:00 PM	<b>School Mass</b> SAS H&S Family Night - F.C.	F
Saturday	9:30 AM <b>4:00 PM</b>	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. <b>Vigil Mass</b>	G e
Sunday		day in Ordinary Time M & 12:00 PM Masses Blood Drive - S.F.	P B

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

<u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Live Stream Sunday 10:00 AM or 12:00 PM on Facebook & YouTube

<u>Daily Masses</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

<u>Holy Day Masses</u> As Announced

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> For children kindergarten through second grade.

## **SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES**

#### **Baptism**

Contact Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office in the early months of pregnancy for dates and preparation requirements.

<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday 3:00 PM and by appointment

#### **Christian Initiation of Adults**

If interested in becoming Catholic and want more information on the process, call the Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

#### <u>Marriage</u>

Contact Sara Puissegur at the Parish Office six months to one year prior to projected wedding date for information concerning preparation programs.

#### Anointing of the Sick

You can receive this sacrament during a serious illness, before a major surgery, or for spiritual and mental healing. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### <u>Funerals</u>

Contact Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

#### **Formed**

Go to formed.org, find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

#### <u>Prayer Line</u>

Beverly Heil 225-772-4278 Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

#### Scam Warning

Anyone who receives any solicitation of gift cards or money from "Fr. Mike Moroney," a deacon, or church staff member via email or text should IGNORE the message. It is a SCAM. Our staff will never contact a parishioner to ask for gift cards or donations in these ways.

## WORSHIP

#### Vocation View: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus proclaimed this theme: "Reform your lives!" Are you bold enough to reform your life and proclaim the Good News—perhaps as a priest, sister or brother? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

#### Weekend Mass Live Stream

We will live stream the 12 PM Mass on Sunday, January 22.

#### Readings for the Week - January 22 - 29

**Sunday**: Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17: Mt 4:12-23 **Monday**: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30 **Tuesday**: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35 **Wednesday**: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;

Mk 16:15-18

**Thursday**: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41 Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

## OUTREACH

#### **Rest in Peace**

**Woodrow "Trey" Higginbotham, III -** Son of Woody & Camille Higginbotham.

#### After-Hours Emergency Number

If you need to reach our staff after-hours, please call 225-364-7728.

#### **Prayer Line Luncheon**

Reminder to all members of the St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Prayer Line to join us for the Luncheon and Meet and Greet on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11 AM.

#### **Pray for the Sick**

#### <u>Please note</u>: Names are removed after eight weeks.

Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Joan McIntyre, Charlotte St. Romain, Gary Whittington, Brenda Lovett, Christine Cobb, Kenny Kuykendall, Karen Rabalais, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Parker Coker, Cohen Coker, Corey Coker, Lucky Ross, Kersten Swiger, Kelly Williber, Mary Killet, Kevin Nicosia, Charles Cowart, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Theresa Bourgeois, Jan Bankston, Mary Bridges, Denise Cole, Timothy Cowart, Beryl Price, Cathy Huey, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Shelia Cassleberry, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, Janice Jeansonne, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Michael Morales, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Millie Strickland, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Kenny Miller, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Nicholas LaCroix, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Keira Boone, Stevie Calverley, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Gwen Moore, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Kelli Campo LaCroix, Donna Hebert, Greg Rabalais



#### Serving Our Country

If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 261-4650, and let us know their information.

#### <u>ARMY</u>

Major Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Brian D. Duvic, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Martin, Specialist E-4 Ethan Russell, PFC Jacob Fontenot, PFC Kory A. Nijoka, PFC Quillan McMillan

#### LA NATIONAL GUARD

Spec4 Terrell Vidrine, Scott Armand, First Lt. Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil

#### AIR FORCE

Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, Senior Airman Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea

#### **NAVY**

Com. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux, MMA3 Daniel Wesley, GM3 (SW/AW) Seth Minard, Seaman E4 3rd Class PE Evan Hayes, HN Bret Burns, HN3 Jacques Bourgeois

#### U.S. MARINE CORPS

Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos

#### U.S. COAST GUARD

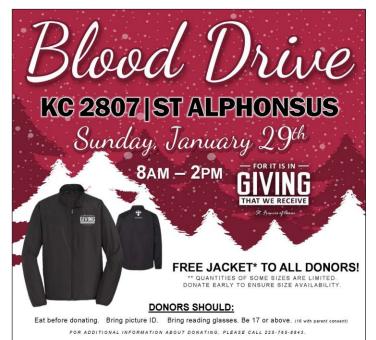
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#### Blood Drive, Bake Sale & Poboys

Our next Blood Drive with Our Lady of the Lake will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023, from 8 AM to 2 PM in the St. Francis Room. All donors will receive a free jacket.

The Knights of Columbus Council #2807 will be providing smoked sausage poboys to all donors. Additional take-out plates will be sold for \$8 each.

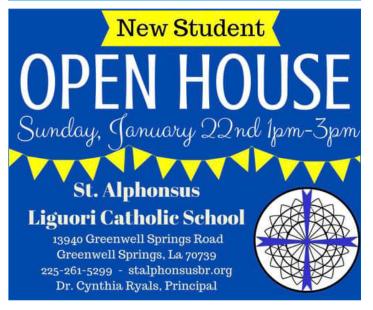
The K.C. Ladies Auxillary will also be having a Bake Sale during the Blood Drive.



#### Respect Life - Day of Prayer for the Unborn

On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, but many state and federal laws are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still very needed. January 22 is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." In all Dioceses of the United States of America, because January 22 falls on a Sunday this year, Monday, January 23 shall be observed as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. As individuals, we are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

## **ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL**



## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

#### **Milestone Wedding Anniversaries**

On Saturday, February 4 at the 4 PM Vigil Mass, we will be honoring couples married in the Catholic Church who are celebrating special wedding anniversaries, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and above, in 2023. A reception will follow for the honorees, their family and friends. **Couples celebrating are asked to RSVP and turn in their photo and form to the Church Office at 261-4650 by Tuesday, January 24.** If you are celebrating one of the above milestone anniversaries and have not received an invitation letter, please call the Church Office to request one.

#### **Expectant Parents**

The following couples have been blessed with new life: Jonathan & Taylor Sicard Barrett & Alex Bailey Ken & Shannon Brown Jacques & Morgan Barrick Russel & Dena Landry

If you or someone you know is expecting, call 225-261-4650 and let us know their names and their baby's due date.

## FORMATION

#### Learning Group

Next Learning Group class is Sunday, January 22, 2023.

#### **Family Catechesis**

Our next date for K-6th will be: Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

#### Year 2 Confirmation Candidates

Mandatory Retreat for Confirmation Year 2 will be the weekend of January 21-22, 2023. Please call the Faith Formation Office with any questions. Permission slips due in the Faith Formation Office prior to the retreat.

### St. Joseph's Altar Cookie Baking

Volunteers with St. Joseph's Altar completed baking cookies in the first two dates, so we will not be baking on January 21 or 28.

#### **Adult Confirmation**

This program is for baptized Catholics, ages 18 or older, who are practicing their faith but have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church. This annual program begins with a one-on-one interview for catechist to learn more about the candidate. This enables the catechist to tailor the program for all to receive the most benefit. Candidates are given the opportunity to (re)discover the essentials of our Catholic Faith. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to register or for more information.



#### THEOLOGY ON TAP **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023** DINNER AT 6:00 PM - SPEAKER AT 6:30 PM R.S.V.P. AT WWW.ALPHONSUS.ORG NURSERY AVAILABLE

## HOLINESS FOR ALL SEASONS

#### PRACTICAL TIPS FOR REMAINING **STEADFAST IN FAITH**



Our Lady University (FRANU). She is a graduate of Nicholls State University with degrees in Political Science and Education and Loyola University, with a Master's in Religious Education. She is a certified Spiritual Director graduating

Tammy Vidrine is Director of Campus Ministry at Franciscan Missionaries of

**GUEST SPEAKER** TAMMY VIDRINE

from the Archdiocesan Spiritual Direction Program. In her ministry, she develops and facilitates retreats and catechetical teachings for parishes and

at the GO Conference (Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference) in New Orleans. She has been married for 32 years with three adult children and two grandchildren.

Catholic schools in addition to speaking

## **ADMINISTRATION**

#### Gifts of Stewardship

For January 7-8, 2023, your Stewardship resulted in:

\$ 14,855.00
\$ 1,806.00
\$ 12,055.50
\$ 2,624.00
\$ 1,523.00
\$ 1,675.00
\$ 1,210.00
\$ 2,968.00
\$ 1,260.29
\$ 40.00
\$ 25.00
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#### Special Collections on Parish Soft Giving

Closes January 22, 2023



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