## St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church One Family United in Christ

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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time "Those who are just must be kind." – Wisdom 12:19

What am I seeking? What drives my life? What is my identity made of? What matters most to me? What am I doing with my life?

# COME SEE WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

To learn more, contact the Faith Formation Office at (225)261-4644. Thursday nights at 6:30 PM in the St. Clare Room beginning in August

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." - Jeremiah 29:13



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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JULY 22 - 30, 2023

Saturday	9:30 AM <b>4:00 PM</b>	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. <b>Vigil Mass</b>
Sunday	The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts after the 8 &amp; 10 AM Masses- S.F.</i>	
Monday	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass</b> Scouts - Lighthouse Scouts Parent Meeting - S.J.
Tuesday	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Daily Mass &amp; Novena</b> Men's Scripture - C.R. Grief Support - S.C. Women of Faith - S.J.
Wednesday	<b>8:30 AM</b> 6:30 PM	<b>Communion Service</b> King's Men - S.J.
Thursday	8:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Rosary Men's Club - S.F. Walking with Moms in Need Adoration Hour-Adoration Chapel Scouts Committee - Lighthouse
Friday	8:30 AM Church Office	Daily Mass es Close at 1 PM
Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sunday	The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	

## WORSHIP

## Readings for the Week - July 23 - 30

Sunday: Wis 12-13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

- **Tuesday**: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
- **Thursday**: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

## **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.

#### Welcome! Are You New to our Parish?

We are delighted to have you join us for worship at St. Alphonsus, and we hope you will join u again. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a parishioner by going to our website www.alphonsus.org. Under the "Forms" tab, you can find the printable form and the link to register online through ParishSoft.

## Vocation View: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

If God is calling you to full service in the Church, do not be afraid. Jesus promised He would be with us always. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778 or email jjohnson@diobr.org.

## Flowers for the Church

Want to place flowers in the church in memory or in honor of a loved one? Contact Robin at 225-261-4650 to schedule a weekend.

## **Coffee & Donuts**

Everyone is invited to join us for Coffee & Donuts this Sunday, July 23 in the St. Francis Room after the 8 AM & 10 AM Masses.

## Family Adoration & Benediction

Christ is present to us in a most special way. Have you been to Adoration? Come join us for Family Adoration & Benediction the first Saturday of each month. The next date for Family Adoration is August 5, 2023, at 8:30 AM in the Church. Coffee and donuts to follow.



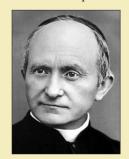
## Saints Who Promoted **Eucharistic Adoration**

#### St. Arnold Janssen (1837-1909) Feast: January 15

St. Arnold was of German and Dutch descent. His spiritual

formation was focused on love and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament.

His initial assignment as a priest was to teach science and mathematics; however, he developed a deep concern for the universal mission of the church. He resigned from his post and began his missionary work in Germany. At that time, the political climate of Germany was not



interested in Catholic missionaries, so he moved his efforts to China and other areas of the Far East. During this time, St. Arnold founded several missionary groups to help expand his mission.

Additionally, he was responsible for the formation of a group called the "Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration."

He was well known for his unshakeable trust in God.

"Prayer is the key to all things. Without it, we can accomplish nothing." - St. Arnold Janssen

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend Masses** Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Live Stream Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

**Daily Masses** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM

**Holy Day Masses** As Announced

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** 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.

Reconciliation 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.

#### Marriage

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.

#### **Funerals**

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.

#### **Prayer Line Beverly Heil**

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

## National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week - July 23-29, 2023

God designed marriage as an "intimate partnership of life and love" (see Gaudium et spes, no. 48). In God's design, marriage is a unique union of one man with one woman "for the whole of life" (see Canon 1055, The Code of Canon Law). Marriage is oriented to the good of the spouses and to the creation and nurture of new human life (see Gaudium et spes, no. 48). Making decisions about when and how many children to have in marriage is a sacred responsibility that God has entrusted to husband and wife. This is the foundation of what the Church calls, "Responsible Parenthood," the call to discern God's will for your marriage while respecting His design for life and love.

The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy. It is important to know that:

- Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid conception. These methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Some natural methods include use of fertility monitors to better understand the time of the wife's fertility. Married couples using NFP to postpone conception abstain from intercourse during the fertile phase of the wife's cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy. Married couples who use NFP to attempt a pregnancy make use of the fertile window - the optimum time when conception is likely.

- NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. (Standards for Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry, p. 23)

The dates of National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae vitae (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Learn more at: https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning



## **OUTREACH**

## 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.

**ARMY:** 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, SPC Kory A. Nijoka, PFC Quillan McMillan

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

**<u>AIR FORCE</u>**: Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, Senior Airman Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea, SSG Daniel Carter

**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**: EM2 Dylan Lirette, MK3 Kobe Naquin

## **Pray for the Sick**

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

Lucky Ross, Lauren Blanchard, Melissa Mudd, Nicole Tyson, Jimmy Alford, Chad Alford, Barbara Guidry, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kristen Clebert, Gavin Tullier, Maria Toups, Ashley Rogers, Louise Watson, Sandi Van Oss, Dennis Dicapo, Sr., Kelly Williber, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Theresa Bourgeois, Jan Bankston, Terry Laurent, Tammy Laurent, Harrison Simpson, Matthew Chambers, Horace "Sonny" McLin, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Pete Carmona, Jan Clary, Pam Cox, Judee Super, Ken Ray Family, Ryan Babin, Avery Donaldson, Freida Scallan, Logan Nguyen, 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, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Kenny Miller, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, 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, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Joan McIntyre, Charlotte St. Romain, Gary Whittington, Brenda Lovett, Janice Shaffett Hurst, Audie Miller, Vince Serio

## **Rest in Peace**

Billie Civello - Wife of Joseph Civello.

## Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

The 2023 hurricane season has begun, and now is the time to prepare your family for what may come. FEMA has a great plan on their website. The form is: **FEMA P-1094.** Just enter the above form number in your search engine. This form is available for print and will guide you through the process to create and practice your *Family Emergency Communications Plan*. Having your personal plan in place will make your family secure and make you better available to serve others in time of need. If you have special needs, please contact Donna at 225-261-4650.

There is great merit in praying for the best, but there is no harm in preparing for the worst!

## FORMATION

#### **PSR & Confirmation Registration**

Now accepting registration forms for 2023-2024 Faith Formation (PSR/CCD) and Sacramental Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, and Confirmation. Forms are available online on the parish website www.alphonsus.org, in the Gather Space, the Church Office, and the Faith Formation Office. Be sure to register before classes begin so materials can be ordered for your child. For further information, call the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

#### **Confirmation Helping Homeless**

Don't forget our Year 2 Confirmation Candidates help the homeless by collecting the items from the list below as well as gently used backpacks. As you travel this summer, please begin to collect these items. Items may be brought to the Faith Formation Office. Thanks for your generosity.

Item List: combs, bandaids, shampoo trial size, soap, chapstick, lotion trial size, wipes trial size, rain ponchos, T-shirts, socks, used duffle bags, used back packs, and bug spray.

#### Grow in Faith through a Bible Study

We are never too old to learn or begin something new. St. Alphonsus offers many opportunities to help you grow in faith. Joining a Bible Study will develop a deeper faith and understanding of God's word and will have a lasting impact on your life.

"Bible Study is a great way to learn about our faith. I took A Biblical Walk Through the Mass by Dr. Edward Sri. This was my first time doing a Bible study, and I've learned so much from that class. It feels different in Mass now, I notice more. I see why it is important. I see how it is biblical. I'm excited to see what I'll learn in this class!"

- Joseph Scarbrough

"Studying the Bible has empowered me. I am no longer afraid to talk about religion with others, now that I have such a better understanding of the Church, scripture, and how it relates to our lives today."

- Joette Taylor

## **Real World Youth Service Camp**

The Real World Youth Service Camp took place July 11-15, 2023. The high schools teens spent a week living in others' shoes and serving in community throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Through their work with several organizations that change lives, they also earned service hours. *Photos courtesy of Olga Johnson*.











# THEQLQGY QN TAP

Deacon Tim Messenger serves as Associate Director in the Office of the Diaconate, as Deacon Assistant at St. Margaret in Albany, and as Chaplain with the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW), where he is the Diocesan Prison Ministry Coordinator.

He is a proud father of four children and grandfather to ten grandchildren. Both he and his wife, Gloria, are very involved at St. Margaret's church in Albany.

Beyond the Barbed Wire is a mentoring program and collaborative effort between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge. Deacon Messenger uses this program to help former incarcerated persons to live a life beyond the prison walls.

## RSVP ONLINE AT WWW.ALPHONSUS.ORG

Beyond the Barbed Wire

DEACON TIMOTHY T. MESSENGER, SR.

## Sunday, August 13, 2023

CHILD CARE PROVIDED DINNER AT 5:30 PM TALK BEGINS AT 6 PM ST. FRANCIS ROOM 

## Year 2 Confirmation Candidates

This year you will need your sponsors at every meeting. Sponsors must be Confirmed and in good standing with the Church. Forms can be found on the parish website www.alphonsus.org. If you are missing a class and need a make-up, contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

## The King's Men Welcome Retreat

The King's Men will be hosting the annual Welcome Retreat, an incredible experience by Dynamic Catholic that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it, on

August 19-20, 2023, at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church/School. Register and pay fee online now at www.alphonsus.org. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.



## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

#### **Expectant Parents**

The following couples have been blessed with new life: **Drew & Bailey Dileo** Josh & Katy Hindrichs

#### **Reeve & Elena Legendre**

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

## Gifts of Stewardship

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's fi rst reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest. See Wisdom 12:19

For July 8-9, 2023, your Stewardship resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 15,954.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,334.00
Parish Soft	\$ 12,711.50
<b>Building/Maintenance Fund</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,146.00
Parish Soft	\$ 2,065.00
New Parish Activity Center Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 1,432.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,445.29
<u>Children</u>	\$ 55.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 90.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Total Received	\$ 36,237.79



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