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

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## The Transfiguration of the Lord

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Matthew 17:5



# **BUILDING PROGRESS UPDATE**

Many of the finishing touches are being put in place. The sign has been installed at the front of the building, as well as the moveable partition in Emmanuel Hall. Ceiling panels, fans, and lights have been installed at the pavilion, and Green Seasons has installed the landscaping. The conference rooms in our Parish Activity Center all have separate A/C systems, so these rooms will be ready to use when meetings resume this fall. Once the A/C units for Emmanuel Hall arrive, we will be able to announce a date for our Grand Opening!







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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: AUGUST 5 - 13, 2023

Saturday	8:30 AM 4:00 PM	Family Adoration - Church Vigil Mass <i>King's Men Welcome Retreat</i> <i>Sign-up - G.S</i> .	
Sunday	The Transfiguration of the Lord 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>King's Men Welcome Retreat Sign-up - G.S</i> .		
Monday	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Daily Mass</b> Scouts - Lighthouse Scouts Parent Meeting - S.J. Liturgy Committee - S.G.	
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	SAS First Day of School		
	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Communion Service</b> King's Men - S.J. K.C. Meeting - K.C. Hall	
Thursday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Rosary Pastoral Advisory - S.G. Walking with Moms in Need Adoration Hour-Adoration Chapel RCIA Inquiry - S.C.	
Friday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass	
Saturday	9:30 AM <b>4:00 PM</b>	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. <b>Vigil Mass</b>	
Sunday		<ul><li>Inday in Ordinary Time</li><li>M &amp; 12 PM Masses</li><li>Theology on Tap - S.F.</li></ul>	

## WORSHIP

## Vocation View: Transfiguration of the Lord

Let us pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life as a Church—not only for our diocese but also for the Church throughout the world. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778 or email jjohnson@diobr.org.

## 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.



### Readings for the Week - August 6 - 13

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

### Entering Canaan Post-Abortion Ministry

#### Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

This day of prayer and healing ministers to women on their journey to healing from the pain, isolation, and silent suffering of abortion to the freedom of forgiveness, healing, and peace through Christ. If you are suffering the loss of a child through abortion, you are not alone. For more information and to register, call 225-773-7845 or email EnteringCanaan@diobr.org

## The Eucharistic Martyrs of Casamari

### St. Simeon & Five Companions Feast: February 3

Simeon Cardon lived in 18th-century France. He became a priest, and courageously refused to the oath for the civil constitution of the clergy during the French revolution. In 1797, he went to Casamari, Italy, where he became the prior of a Cistercian abbey.

During a French campaign in Italy in 1799, around 15 soldiers started pillaging monasteries. The Benedictine abbey of Monte Cassion was ransacked. Many monks fled, but a few remained to defend the Eucharist. On the evening of May 12th, the soldiers arrived at Casamari Abbey. Father Simeon offered them hospitality, but they were looking for money and valuables. Faced with their violence in desecrating the church and the ciborium containing the Eucharistic species, the monks tried to put the consecrated particles in safekeeping, but were barbarously attacked and killed.

Father Simeon hid briefly in the garden, but then bravely returned to his cell and was met with a sword's edge. He lived to tell the French general about the massacre the next day before he died. As soon as possible, some of the Brothers in the monastery cemetery buried Father Simeon and five companions. Many graces were granted through their intercession until the abbot ordered them to stop in 1854 in order to preserve the peace of the monastery. A few years later, this prohibition was lifted, the graces multiplied, and the mortal remains were placed in the abbey church. In 2021, the Eucharistic martyrs of Casamari were beatified by Pope Francis.

Merciful Lord, may we sacrifice ourselves for you in the Eucharist and witness the wonders that result.

## 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** Gloria Jones

225-772-4278 225-337-8929

## Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

The Magnificat ministry for Catholic women invites you to join us on Saturday, August 26, 2023, for a Prayer Breakfast from 9 AM to Noon at the Oak Lodge Reception Center in Baton Rouge.

Our guest speaker will be Joshua B. Zelden, a seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He is the beloved son of Magnificat pillars Judy and Mike Zelden. A semester in Rome awakened his love for the beauty and splendor of the Catholic Church. He graduated from LSU Law School, was married briefly, and has a daughter. After divorcing and receiving an annulment, Joshua entered Notre Dame Seminary in the fall of 2020. As he begins his priestly formation, he has felt an overwhelming sense of peace and liberation. He will be giving his personal testimony. The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead us in praise and worship as well.

Tickets are \$27 per person and will be sold through August 23. No tickets will be available at the door. Register online or mail attendee name(s) and check (made out to BR Magnificat) to:

BR Magnificat, 8825 Wakefield Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Call (225) 272-7607 with questions.

## OUTREACH

### **Pray for the Sick**

#### Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.

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, Lucky Ross, Karen Rabalais, Lyndsey Quirk Neyland, Carole Thomas, Peggy Lafleur, Mary Catherine Guidry, AJ & Susan Dugas, Melise Efferson, Fran DeFelice, Cathey Chustz, Laurie Bernard

### **Rest in Peace**

Ronald Clay Gilliam II - Son of Ronald & Christine Gilliam.

### Retrouvaille - Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For more information about the September 15-17, 2023, program in Baton Rouge, please call 225-271-4092 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

## WELCOME OUR NEW CHURCH STAFF MEMBER

## Colby Novo Assistant Director of Faith Formation

Colby Novo began serving as the Assistant Director of Faith Formation in July 2023. He attended St. Alphonsus Catholic School from Kindergarten through eighth grade and graduated from Central High School in 2015. He recently finished his Associates of General Studies from Louisiana State University Eunice and



plans to pursue his Bachelor's degree. Colby has been a member of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church all of his life. He has volunteered with many of the programs here including the Youth Group, Confirmation, and Parish School of Religion.



God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless all students, teachers, and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **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.

### **New Members**

The following people have joined our parish family:

Dillon & Heather Altazan Nick, Kacey, Kinley, Kyndall & Kamryn Amorello Drew, Jessica, Nathan & Matthew Boatner Frederick, Alyse & Hansen Bordelon & Ava Graham Joel Broussard Lauren Copeland Thomas, Mary-Kathryn & Elsi DiStasio Mandy Falke & Kylea & Ella Saccaro Robert & Frances Melancon Zachary, Lesley, Caroline & Joseph Ott Kenneth Procell Victor & Debbie Vidaurre

## FORMATION

## Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Registration

Now accepting registration forms for 2023-2024 Faith Formation (PSR/CCD) and Sacramental Preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation. Forms are available online at the parish website www.alphonsus.org in the back of church, the parish office, the Faith Formation Offices. Be sure to register before classes begin so materials can be ordered for your child. For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

### Confirmation

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open now for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Forms may be found on the parish website www.alphonsus.org or in the back of church, the parish office or Faith Formation Office.

Year 2 Candidates remember Sponsors are required to attend all meetings in your second year. Sponsor Forms and other Confirmation forms can be found on the parish website www.alphonsus.org. If you have missed any sessions contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule time to make up that session. Questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

## **Catechist Training**

Catechist Training will be Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM in the St. Francis Room. All Faith Formation catechist and catechist aids are required to attend this training. Catechists will receive teacher manuals and instructions, Diocesan Training, teaching resources and information about the events planned for the upcoming year.

## **Unexpected Benefits of Bible Study Groups**

1. Bible Study groups follow Jesus' example. This is called the Discipleship model. Acts 2/42 tells us that first generation believers met in home and "devoted themselves to the apostles" teaching and to fellowship."

2. Accountability, we all have good intentions to stick with Bible study plans at home, yet distractions provide one reason after another to postpone or stop. Group members help to encourage and motivate each other.

3. Sometimes life is difficult. We can begin to think no one cares or understands what we are going through. Group members are there to listen and offer friendship and prayer.

4. By growing in understanding and knowledge of God, we can grow in love for one another and serve the body of Christ which will grow community.

5. A Bible Study group can be a place to transform our families, workplace and community.

Bible Studies begin in September. Consider signing up for one. Studies, times, and locations listed below.

## Sign up for a Bible Study Today!

All Bible Study registration forms can be found on the church website. The Bible Studies available for 2023-2024 are:

• Acts begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 9–11 AM in the St. Gerard Room with Joette Taylor.

• **Epic** begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the St. Clare Room with Margie Huguet.

• Fulfilled Part One & Two / No Greater Love begins on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 11 AM – 1 PM in the St. Clare Room with Peggy Broussard.

• The Gospel of John / Ephesians begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 11 AM to 1 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Joslyn Yeager.

• Mark / Bible & Sacraments begins on Monday, September 11, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM in the St. Francis Room with John Fabre.

• The Bible Timeline #1 begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6 – 8 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Lindsey Campbell.

• The Bible Timeline #2 begins on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 11 AM – 1 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Olga Johnson.

• Lectio Peter / Hebrews begins on Monday, September 11, 2023, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the St. Clare Room with Genet Scarbrough.

Revelation / James begins on Thursday, September 14. 2023, from 10 AM – 12 PM in the St. Clare Room with Loretta Martone.
Wisdom / Genesis to Jesus begins on Tuesday, September 12,

2023, from 9 – 11 AM in the St. Clare Room with Ann LeSage.

• What We Believe / The Bible & Church Fathers begins on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 9 - 11 AM in the St. Francis Room with Deanna Burns.

#### Inquiry - What Do Catholics Believe?

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in hopes of becoming Catholic? Inquiry will begin August 10<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held Thursday evenings in the St. Clare Room at 6:30 PM. The classes will transition to RCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

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# Join the fun!

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# Sign up for Cub Scouts

What: Pack 125 Round Up Night Who: Boys and Girls K- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

When: Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6 PM

Where: St. Alphonsus Multi-Purpose Building behind the gym.

During the year we have outdoor activities, earn Belt Loops, receive awards for achievements, and build and race your own Pinewood Derby race car. Come make new friends.

For more information, call 225-261-4644

## Theology on Tap

Our first Theology on Tap of 2023-2024 will be "Beyond the Barbed Wire" with Deacon Timothy T. Messenger. Our guest speaker serves as the Associate Director in the Diaconate, as Deacon Assistant at St. Margaret in Albany, and Chaplain with the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women. Join us for dinner at 5:30 PM on Sunday, August 13, 2023, followed by the talk. Child care available. Please RSVP through the church website by August 9.

### The King's Men Welcome Retreat

The King's Men will host 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 online at www.alphonsus.org. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.

### **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. Candidates are given the opportunity to (re)discover the essentials of our Catholic Faith. Sessions begin in December and candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to register or for more information.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### Gifts of Stewardship

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," sings the psalmist; "He answers all our needs." Often, though, it is with the open hands of generous stewards willing to share His many gifts that God's people are fed and their needs are met. See Psalm 145

For July	22-23, 2023,	your Stewards	<i>hip</i> resulted in:
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Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 13,647.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,353.00
Parish Soft	\$ 6,819.50
<b>Building/Maintenance Fund</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 710.00
Parish Soft	\$ 787.00
New Parish Activity Center Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 455.00
Parish Soft	\$ 754.63
New Building Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Children	\$ 22.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Total Received	\$ 24,658.13





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