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

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The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 2:5



Radical Solidarity

to be courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children

Our Respect Life ministry gathers every Thursday after 8:30 AM Mass to recite the rosary. We invite you to join us during the month of October for Respect Life Month. The Respect Life Rosary is being prayed with the specific intention of converting hearts to protect the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death.

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**PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR:** SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 8, 2023

Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass		
Sunday	The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses 8 AM - 2 PM Blood Drive - S.F.			
Monday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass Mark Bible Study - S.F. Peter Bible Study - S.C. Scouts Troop - PAC		
Tuesday	7:00 PM 9:00 AM	Liturgy Committee - S.G. <b>No Daily Mass</b> Wisdom Bible Study - S.C.		
	3:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	SAS Faculty Meeting - S.F. Women of Faith - St. Matthew Men's Scripture - C.R. Grief Support - S.C.		
Wednesday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Communion Service What We Believe Study - S.F. Acts Bible Study - S.G. Fulfilled Bible Study - S.C. John Bible Study - S.G. Hospitality Committee - S.F. Prime Timers Committee - S.C. Bell Choir - C.R. Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church Cub Scouts Comm Bl. Seelos Epic Bible Study - S.C. Timeline #1 Bible Study - S.G. King's Men - S.F. C Chancel Choir - C.R.		
Thursday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Rosary Pastoral Advisory Council - Conference Room Revelation Bible Study - S.C. Timeline #2 Bible Study - C.R. WWMIN Adoration-Ador.Chapel RCIA Inquiry - S.F.		
Friday	8:30 AM	<i>Church Office Closed</i> School Mass		
Saturday	8:30 AM 8 AM - 2 PM 9:00 AM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Family Adoration - Church LSU Tailgate-Back Parking Lot RCIA Rite of Welcome Retreat Rosary Coast to Coast Vigil Mass Cub Scouts Fundraiser - G.S.		
Sunday		The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Cub Scouts Fundraiser - G.S.</i>		
	<i>Coffee &amp; Donu</i> 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM	<i>ts after 8 &amp; 10 AM Masses - S.F.</i> RCIA Rite of Welcome- Church Children's Liturgy - S.F. Learning Group - Classrooms RCIC - S.J.		

11:00 AM

Altar Server Talk with PSR

# **WORSHIP**

#### Readings for the Week - October 1 - 8

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 10:1-12 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24 Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

#### Vocation View: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings encourage us to present our lives to God in the form of prayer and petitions that are full of gratitude. Let us, therefore, pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778 or jjohnson@diobr.org.

#### Family Adoration & Benediction

Join us for Adoration and Benediction the first Saturday of each month. The next date is Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 8:30 AM. Coffee and donuts in the St. Francis Room following Adoration.

#### Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Adoration

#### St. Fausting Kowalska (1905-1938) Feast: October 5

St. Faustina was the third child of 10 born to a poor, religious family in Poland. She first felt a calling to religious life after attending an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the age of seven.



When she was 19, she experienced her first

vision of Jesus. Faustina said Jesus told her to leave her home immediately and join a convent. In Warsaw, she approached a number of different convents but was repeatedly denied entry. Faustina was finally accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. When she took her religious vows as a nun, she chose the religious name of Sr. Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament.

Because of some chronic health issues, she was periodically sent to a sanatorium to recuperate. While convalescing, her visions increased. In 1931, Jesus came to her saying that he is the "King of Divine Mercy." He asked her to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy. He wanted her to be a model of how to be merciful to others and an instrument for re-emphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world. He directed her to "paint an image according to the pattern you see" with the inscription "Jesus I Trust in You." The image was to be solemnly blessed on the First Sunday of Easter. From that point forward the First Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. As per Jesus' instructions, on the altar was a large painted image of the "King of Divine Mercy." Faustina continued her work, even facilitating the printing of Divine Mercy religious cards in 1937. Despite her death in 1938, her message continues to spread throughout the world.

# MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Live Stream** 

**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

## **Baptism - September 2023**

Ivy Blake Womack - Child of Blake & Camille Womack.

## **OUTREACH**

## **Rest in Peace**

Vera Ryals - Mother of John (Cindy) Ryals.

#### **Blood Drive**

Join the Knights of Columbus #2807 and Our Lady of the Lake Center for Blood our next Blood Drive on October Sunday, 1, 2023, from 8 AM to 2 PM in the St. Francis Room. All donors will receive a free



T-shirt. Knights of Columbus #2807 will provide shrimp sauce piquant for all donors. Additional plate lunches will be available for purchase for \$10 each.

## **Pray for the Sick**

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

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, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Amanda Puissegur, Mary Lillie Martinez, Jill Bueche, Madden Brown, Aubrey Gautreau, Christopher Moreau, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Theresa Bourgeois, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Carl & Barbara Guidry, Chad Price, Michael Zeringue, Francine Blake, Robbie David, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Camille Seabolt, Suzanne Bernard, Debbie Joseph, 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, Linda Perry, Colleen Stanton, Angelo & Rosemary Silvio, Sarah Guidry & Baby Guidry, Jim Self

## 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, Sergeant Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Brian D. Duvic, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Martin, PFC Jacob Fontenot, SPC Kory A. Nijoka, PFC Quillan McMillan

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Spec4 Terrell Vidrine, 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

# FORMATION

#### **Cub Scouts Fundraiser**

Cub Scouts Pack 125 will be selling Cookie Dough and other items after all Masses the weekend of October 7-8. Funds raised help to defray cost for camping and other activities. Pack 125 thanks you for your support.

#### **Confirmation Year 1 Ritual & Session 1**

Confirmation Year 1 Ritual and Session 1 will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023, beginning at the Noon Mass. Candidates, their parents and sponsors are required to attend. We will begin our session with the celebration of 12 PM Mass. Lunch will be provided for the candidates and sponsors. Dismissal will be at 3:30 PM.

#### **Confirmation Year 1 Retreat**

The Mandatory Retreat for Confirmation Year 1 the weekend of October 21-22, 2023. Candidates should receive information and a permission slip via mail. If you have not received this paperwork please call the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

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

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in hopes of becoming Catholic? Inquiry sessions are held every Thursday in the St. Francis Room at 6:30 PM. For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

#### **Kids in Ministry Halloween Party**

Join us for a fun night at our annual KIM Halloween Party on **Sunday, October 29, 2023**, from 5-8 PM in the Parish Activity Center. This event is for babies through the 5th graders and their families. RSVP online through www.alphonsus.org by Wednesday, October 25.



### First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are separate from Faith Formation classes (religion classes). Children are required to have completed one year of Faith Formation classes or attend a Catholic school for one year prior to entering Sacramental preparation. Registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist sacramental preparation can be done online through the parish website or at the **Parent Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at St. Alphonsus 6:30 PM in the St. Francis Room**. This meeting is for *parents only*. Nursery will be provided. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you will need this service.

If your child is in the third grade or above, or your child is in second grade at another Catholic elementary school, and would like them to receive these Sacraments, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

## 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-onone 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 soon, and candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 to register or for more information.

# **COMMUNITY LIFE**

### 80th Birthday Celebration

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church honored all parishioners who turned 80 or older in 2023. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for hosting the reception after 4 PM Mass. Mr. Donald Kenaley (below right), who turned 94 over the summer, had the honor of cutting the cake as one of the oldest celebrants in attendance. *Photos by Donna Lambert*.



## 80th Birthday Celebration **Additional Names**

The following parishioners also celebrated birthdays with us this year and were not listed on the bulletin cover on September 17, 2023:

94 Years Old Marcella Corrick 83 Years Old

**88 Years Old** Mary Claire Garrene Emma Marchand

**86 Years Old** John Bourgeois

84 Years Old Joseph Michelli Peggy Broussard

82 Years Old Slavin "Bruce" Broussard

81 Years Old **Bobby Gauthier** 

80 Years Old Wayne Leader Mary Michelli



# **ADMINISTRATION**

## Gifts of Stewardship

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants." See Romans 14:7-9

For September 16-17, 2023, your Stewardship resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 11,818.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,495.00
Parish Soft	\$ 5,190.89
<b><u>Building/Maintenance Fund</u></b>	
Envelopes	\$ 575.00
Parish Soft	\$ 250.00
New Parish Activity Center Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 355.00
Parish Soft	\$ 267.39
Children	\$ 85.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 25.00
Catholic University	\$ 21.00
<b>Religious Education</b>	\$ 443.00
<b>Total Received</b>	\$ 20,525.28





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