



# St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



December 29, 2024-January 5, 2025

Volume 17, Issue 1

The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be  
has not yet been revealed." – 1 John 3:2a*

## SIGN UP FOR A FAMILY PHOTO SESSION FOR OUR *New Church Directory*



*It's time for a new church  
pictorial directory. It won't be  
our directory without you!  
Look for more  
information to follow.*

**BOOK NOW**

**Photography Dates:**

**Jan. 21-25 &**

**Jan. 28-Feb. 1**



**Universal  
Church Directories**

**Our Church Code: LA155**

**Password: photos**

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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## ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 28, 2024-JANUARY 1, 2025

Saturday	9:30 AM 4:00 PM	Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Luke Vigil Mass
Sunday	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
Monday		
Tuesday	New Year's Eve <i>Church Office Closed</i> 8:30 AM Daily Mass & Novena 6:30 PM Grief Support - S.C.	
Wednesday	New Year's Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Mass	

See pages 6-7 for full January 2025 Calendar

## WORSHIP

### Readings for the Week - Dec. 29-Jan. 5

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18  
**Wednesday:** Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### Readings for the Week - January 6-12

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Saturday Morning Mass & Adoration

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for Mass at 8 AM in the Church, followed by Family Adoration & Benediction 8:30 AM. Next date: January 4, 2025. We will have coffee and donuts in the St. Francis Room following Adoration.



## WORDS OF WISDOM

"He who trusts in God can do all things."  
 -St. Alphonsus Liguori



## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



*Holy Day of Obligation - January 1  
Masses at 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM*

### Featured Saint of the Week

**St. Lorenzo Ruiz (1600-1637)**

**Feast Day: September 28**



Lorenzo was born in Manila of mixed heritage; his mother was Filipino and his father was of Chinese descent. Both of his parents were devout converts to Christianity, instilling the same devotion and values into their son.

Lorenzo worked at his local parish church, and he also had a government job. As a respected member of the community, he had a wife and three children, plus he was an active member of the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, a lay organization.

In 1636 he was implicated in the murder of a Spaniard. The police issued a warrant for his arrest, but because of his heritage, Lorenzo was quite concerned that he would not be treated justly.

Knowing that some priests were leaving the country, Lorenzo and 3 Dominican priests boarded a ship that he thought was headed to Macau, a Portuguese colony in China. Unfortunately, the ship's actual destination was Japan. Upon their arrival, they were immediately arrested for the crime of being Christians. Christianity had recently become illegal in Japan, and the government was heavily involved in hellish persecutions.

The 4 men endured hideous tortures; then the government offered freedom if they would renounce their faith. Lorenzo's response was: "I am a Christian and this I profess until the hour of my death and for God I will give my life..."

A year later Lorenzo along with his priest friends were bound, and hanged upside down. This too had a special intentionally tortuous aspect, in that it would take at least 2 days of excruciating pain before they would succumb to death.

Lorenzo was about 37 when he died; he is the first Filipino saint and martyr. When canonized in 1987, it was the first time a canonization ceremony took place outside of the Vatican.

## 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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Respect Life Rosary on Thursday after Daily Mass

### Holy Day Masses

As Announced

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in kindergarten through second grade.

## SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

### Baptism

Contact Margaret Garza 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 Margaret Garza at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

### Formed

Go to [formed.org](http://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

## OUTREACH

### Rest in Peace

Ramona Hartman

Ricky Marshall - Nephew of Joe & Connie Silvio.

### *Christmas Flowers Offering In Memory Of*

*Thank you to all who have contributed to the cost of Christmas flowers this year. If your envelope was received December 9-15, your "In Memory Of" is listed below.*

Matthew Bossier	Joe LaFrance Family
Celeste B. Buhler	Pete J. Lopez, Jr.
Marcella Corrick	Mr. & Mrs. Pete J. Lopez, Sr.
Wesley Corrick	I.V. Macalusa Family
Buddy Doming	Glenn Pizzalato
Enos & Elaine Fife	Vincent & Gladys Pizzalato
Rhett Flosh	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Richard
Mindy Fontenot	Beverly Thibodeaux
Ray Fontenot	Lois Thibodeaux
Ciro & Josie Gulino	

### Pray for the Sick

**Please note:** Names are removed after 8 weeks.

Vickie Calamia, Tracy Yochim, Freida & Ellis Scallan, Richard White, Chris Weibelt, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus Templet, Mike Wilson, Lucille Dickerson, Belinda Marretta, Angela Geautreau, Karen Rabalais, Krysta Brown, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, 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, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, Stevie Calverley, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Karen Rabalais, Sonya Guedry, Marie Chamberlin, Ramona Hartman, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mark Mitchell, Lori LeSage Gautreaux, Ruth Riddle, Fr. Tom Duhe, Cindy Vavasseur, Rita Neck, Lex Verbois, Jackson Holley

## 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, SPC Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux


**LA NATIONAL GUARD:** Captain Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil

**AIR FORCE:** Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, SSgt. Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea, SSG Daniel Carter, TSgt. Danny Hausse

**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, HM3 Bret Burns, HN2 Jacques Bourgeois

**U.S. MARINE CORPS:** Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos, Lance Corp. Mahala Hausse, Lance Corporal Kristian Morris

**U.S. COAST GUARD:** EM2 Dylan Lirette, EM4 Kobe Naquin



**St. Alphonsus Catholic School**

**Forming Faith and Future**

- Certified, caring faculty
- Excellence in academics
- Religious education focused on our Catholic faith
- Weekly Mass
- Reading Lab Program
- Athletics 3rd-8th grade
- Morning and Extended Care Program
- Computer Lab
- 3rd-8th grade 1:1 Chromebook Program
- Multi-Media Library
- Science Lab
- Spanish
- High school credit in algebra 1, physical science, and Spanish 1
- Extracurricular activities/clubs
- Summer camp

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**New Student Registration Begins on January 6, 2025**



## Ushers Christmas Party

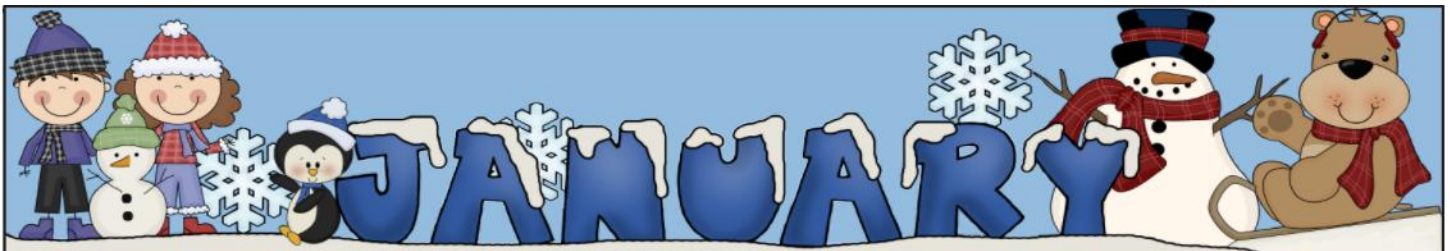
The St. Alphonsus Ushers held their annual Christmas Pot Luck Supper on December 14. At the supper, Fr. Jason presented Alvin Hebert with a certificate of recognition for over 40 years as the head usher for the 8 AM Mass. There were over 50 ushers and guests that attended, all brought either a covered dish or a dessert so the meal was absolutely awesome. Thank you to all ushers for all that you do! *Photos submitted by Ronnie Thibodeaux.*



## Mass Intentions January 2025

<b>Jan. 1</b>	8:30 AM	Rhonda Ann Miller	<b>Jan. 16</b>	8:30 AM	Michael Misuraca
	6:00 PM	Frank & Susie Calvaruso	<b>Jan. 17</b>	8:30 AM	Stacey Silvio
<b>Jan. 2</b>	8:30 AM	Ashlea Hood	<b>Jan. 18</b>	4:00 PM	Marcus Smith, Elmer, Irma & Fr. Kenny Laird, Joseph Bergeron & Krista Rabalais, Henri LeBlanc, Matthew Martone, R.B. & Marie Maranto, Sallie & Leo Nijoka, Glenn Battle, Louis & Maranto Family, Victor Vidaurre
<b>Jan. 3</b>	8:30 AM	Gay & Don McLean	<b>Jan. 19</b>	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased
<b>Jan. 4</b>	4:00 PM	Jocelyn Gerard		10:00 AM	Katie Bronosky
<b>Jan. 5</b>	8:00 AM	Kathleen Clement		12:00 PM	Michael Pecoraro
	10:00 AM	Donald Eugene Fauntleroy, Theresa & Joseph Rayburn, Maurice & Barbara Whitcomb, Arnaud & Grace Aymond, Lynn & Mary Ross, Gerard & Elizabeth Damen, Virginia Youngblood, Weber Mansur, Mike Hebert, Margaret Moran	<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>No Mass or C.S.</b>	
	12:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased	<b>Jan. 21</b>	8:30 AM	Jocelyn Gerard, Audie Miller, Weber Mansur, Kenneth Talbot, Lloyd & Frances Williams, Lee & Mary Lee Cifreo, Earl Speaks, Van Guarino, Glenn Battle, Linda Jarreau
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>No Mass or C.S.</b>				
<b>Jan. 7</b>	8:30 AM	Jim Blankenship, Glenn Battle, Todd Daigle, Bill Poche, C.J. & Alma Speaks, Dale Felps, Van Guarino, Gene Hebert, Steve Speeg, Phil & Stella Peck	<b>Jan. 22</b>	8:30 AM	Henri LeBlanc
<b>Jan. 8</b>	8:30 AM	Debbie Smith	<b>Jan. 23</b>	8:30 AM	Open
<b>Jan. 9</b>	8:30 AM	James Adam	<b>Jan. 24</b>	8:30 AM	Maxie & Marjorie Jeansonne
<b>Jan. 10</b>	8:30 AM	Audie Miller	<b>Jan. 25</b>	4:00 PM	Blanche & Couvillion Bordelon
<b>Jan. 11</b>	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased	<b>Jan. 26</b>	8:00 AM	Buster Giambrone, Inez Gerald, John Scarbrough, Louis "Andy" Juneau, Buddy Doming, Laura, J.L. & Jason Juneau, Shirley & Gary Crooks, Tommy Johnson, The Orillion Family, Gene Hebert
<b>Jan. 12</b>	8:00 AM	Don & Betty Norder		10:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased
	10:00 AM	Billy Bezdek & Babette Vlahos		12:00 PM	Robert Blake
	12:00 PM	Andy Juneau, Peggy Balado, Joe & Vivian Balado, Ernie Robertson, Theresa Bourgeois, Richard Ryder, Sr., Jeremy Polozola, Rosemary Truxillo, Neelis & Bernice Braud, Stephanie & Dean Strickland	<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>No Mass or C.S.</b>	
<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>No Mass or C.S.</b>				
<b>Jan. 14</b>	8:30 AM	Jerry Duncan, Charles & Rita Serio, Louise Serio, Cassie Sheehan, Luke Payer, Lloyd & Frances Williams, Lee & Mary Lee Cifreo, Dana Rodgers & Kenlie Jackson, Maurice & Barabara Whitcomb, Ashlea Hood	<b>Jan. 28</b>	8:30 AM	Mary Garcia, Gary Whittington, Frances Guerin, Chuck Stanton, Olive Mouch, Vincent & Gladys Pizzalato, Bruce Gauthier, Mona Barber, Henri LeBlanc, Open
<b>Jan. 15</b>	8:30 AM	Mary Gillespie	<b>Jan. 29</b>	8:30 AM	Janice Jeansonne
			<b>Jan. 30</b>	8:30 AM	Jerry Bennett
			<b>Jan. 31</b>	8:30 AM	JoAnn Phillips & Katherine Cambre

\* Mass Intentions listed as of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> 8:30 am - Mass 6:00 pm - Mass  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2 8:30 am - Mass <i>Respect Life Rosary</i>	3 8:30 am - Mass	4 8 am - Mass & Family Adoration-Church 4 pm - Mass
5 <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 8 am - Mass 10 am - Mass 12 pm - Mass  Youth Night	6 9 am - Wisdom Bible Study - S.F.	7 8:30 am - Mass 9 am - Epic Bible Study - S.C. 9 am - Adult Confirmation Interviews - F.F. Office 12 pm - Hospitality Committee - S.F. 5:30 pm - Adult Formation Planning Committee - S.G. 6 pm - Women of Faith- St. Matthew 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R.	8 8:30 am - Mass 9 am - Adult Confirm. Interviews-F.F. Office 9 am - ACTS Bible Study - S.F.C 9 am - James Bible Study - S.G. 11 am - Hebrews Bible Study - S.C. 11 am - Mark Bible Study - S.G. 12 pm - SVDP Meeting - S.F. 5 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church 5:30 pm - Bell Choir 6 pm - Cub Scouts Committee - St. Matt. 6 pm- Jesus the Way, the Truth & the Life Bible Study - S.G. 6 pm- Prophets Bible Study - S.C. 6 pm - King's Men - K.C. Hall 6 pm - SAS Girls Basketball Banquet - PAC E.H. 7 pm - Chancel Choir - C.R.	9 8:30 am - Mass <i>Respect Life Rosary</i> 9 am - Adult Confirm. Interviews-F.F. Office 10 am - Corinthians Study - S.C 11 am - Matthew Study - S.G. 6 pm - Confirmation Mentors Yr. 1 - Conf. Rm. 6 pm - OCIA Catechesis - S.F. C 6:30 pm - The Bible & Church Fathers Bible Study - S.G.	10 8:30 am - School Mass 9:15 am - Coffee Break - S.F. 6 pm - Cub Scouts Movie Night - Lighthouse	11 9:30 am - Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. 4 pm - Mass <i>Women's Welcome Retreat Sign up in Gather Space</i>
				<p><b>Key:</b></p> <p>S.F. - St. Francis Room      F.C. - Family Center            S.J. - St. Joseph Room      PAC - Parish Activity Center            S.C. - St. Clare Room      G.S. - Gather Space            S.G. - St. Gerard Room      MPB - Multi-Purpose Bldg.            SAS - School / Classroom      H.S. - High School Youth            C.R. - Choir Room              M.S. - Middle School Youth</p>		

**Join us for a WICKED GOOD evening at our**  
**St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church & School**  
**Auction, Taste Fair & \$10,000 Raffle**  
**Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 5 PM**  
**in the Parish Activity Center**

There's No Place Like  
**St. Alphonsus**

<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p><b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>  <b>Women's Welcome</b>  <b>Retreat Sign up in Gather Space</b>              8 am - Mass  <b>Coffee &amp; Donuts in S.F. after 8 AM &amp; 10 AM Masses</b>              10 am - Mass              10 am - Children's Liturgy - S.F.              10:15 am - OCIC, Learning Groups, Adaptive PSR              12 pm - Mass              12 pm - Confirmation - Church              6 pm - TOT Trivia Night - PAC</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>9 am - Wisdom Bible Study - S.F. C              6:30 pm - Scouts Parents - PAC Office              6:30 pm - Scouts Troop - St. Matthew              6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Den - St. Luke, John &amp; Mark</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>8:30 am - Mass              9 am - Epic Bible Study - S.C.              3:45 pm - SAS Faculty Meeting - S.F.              6 pm - Adult Confirmation - S.G.              6 pm - Women of Faith- St. Matthew              6:30 pm - First Reconciliation - Church              6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C.              6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>8:30 am - Mass              9 am - ACTS Bible Study - S.F.C              9 am - James Bible Study - S.G.              11 am - Hebrews Bible Study - S.C.              11 am - Mark Bible Study - S.G.              12 pm - HIVE Meeting - S.F.              5:30 pm - Bell Choir              5:30 pm - Family Catechesis 7-11- E.H.              6 pm- Jesus the Way, the Truth &amp; the Life Bible Study - S.G.              6 pm- Prophets Bible Study - S.C.              6 pm - King's Men - K.C. Hall              6:30 pm - Auction Committee - St. Matt.              7 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>8:30 am - Mass  <b>Respect Life Rosary</b>              9 am - St. Joseph Altar Fig Day - S.F.              10 am - First Corinthians Bible Study - S.C              11 am - Matthew Study - S.G.              6 pm - Confirmation Mentors Yr. 2 - Conf. Rm.              6 pm - OCIA              Catechesis - S.F. C              6:30 pm - The Bible &amp; Church Fathers Bible Study - S.G.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>8:30 am - School Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>8:30 am - Defenders of the Faith Conference - PAC              9 am - St. Joseph Altar Cookies - SAS Cafeteria              4 pm- Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Auction \$10K Raffle Tickets- Gather Space</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>8 am - 2 pm - Blood Drive- S.F.</b>              8 am - Mass              10 am - Mass              12 pm - Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Auction \$10K Raffle Tickets- Gather Space</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed</b>              9 am - St. Joseph Altar Cookies - SAS Cafeteria              9 am - Wisdom Bible Study - S.F.C              6:30 pm - Festival Committee - Conf. Rm.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>8:30 am- Mass              9 am - Epic Bible Study - S.C.  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b>              2 pm - SAS Finance Comm. - S.G.              6 pm - Adult Confirmation - S.G.              6 pm - Women of Faith- St. Matthew              6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C.              6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>8:30 am- Mass.              9 am - ACTS Bible Study - S.F.C              9 am - James Bible Study - S.G.              11 am - Hebrews Bible Study - S.C.              11 am - Mark Bible Study - S.G.  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b>              5:30 pm - Bell Choir              6 pm- Jesus the Way, the Truth &amp; the Life Bible Study - S.G.              6 pm- Prophets Bible Study - S.C.              6 pm - King's Men - K.C. Hall              7 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>8:30 am- Mass  <b>Respect Life Rosary</b>              10 am - First Corinthians Bible Study - S.C              11 am - Matthew Study - S.G.  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b>              6 pm - OCIA              Catechesis - S.F. C              6:30 pm - The Bible &amp; Church Fathers Bible Study - S.G.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>8:30 am- School Mass  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>9 am - St. Joseph Altar Cookies - SAS Cafeteria              9:30 am - Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J.  <b>10 am-4 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b>              4 pm- Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confirmation Retreat off-campus</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>              8 am - Mass              10 am - Mass  <b>Coffee &amp; Donuts after 8 &amp; 10 AM Masses</b>              10 am - Children's Liturgy - S.F.              10:15 am - OCIC, Learning Groups, Adaptive PSR              12 pm - Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>9 am - Wisdom Bible Study - S.F.C              6:30 pm - Scouts Parents - PAC Office              6:30 pm - Scouts Troop - St. Matthew              6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Pack - PAC E.H. A</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>8:30 am- Mass              9 am - Epic Bible Study - S.C.  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b>              5 pm - SVDP District Council meeting - S.F. C              6 pm - Adult Confirmation - S.G.              6 pm - Women of Faith- St. Matthew              6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C.              6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>8:30 am- Mass.              9 am - ACTS Bible Study - S.F.C              9 am - James Bible Study - S.G.              11 am - Hebrews Bible Study - S.C.              11 am - Mark Bible Study - S.G.  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b>              5:30 pm - Bell Choir              6 pm- Jesus the Way, the Truth &amp; the Life Bible Study - S.G.              6 pm- Prophets Bible Study - S.C.              6 pm - King's Men - K.C. Hall              7 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>8:30 am- Mass              10 am - First Corinthians Bible Study - S.C              11 am - Matthew Study - S.G.  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b>              5 pm - Men's Club Meeting - S.F.              6 pm - OCIA              Catechesis - S.F. C              6:30 pm - The Bible &amp; Church Fathers Bible Study - S.G.              6:30 pm - Scouts Troop Committee - St. Matthew</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>8:30 am- School Mass  <b>2-8 pm - Pictorial Photos - PAC E.H.</b></p>	



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Christmas Dance

Everyone had a great time listening to the Chris LeBlanc Band at our Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 14 at the Parish Activity Center. Photos by Lisa Lively.



## FORMATION

### Learning Group

Learning Group classes resume on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

### Confirmation Year 1 Session 3

December 12 from 12-3:30 PM, beginning with Mass at Noon. Lunch will be provided.

### First Reconciliation

The date for the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation is: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at St. Alphonsus Church  
**PLEASE NOTE: TIME HAS CHANGED TO 6:30 PM.**

### Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation preparation will begin January 7<sup>th</sup> with candidate interviews. Sessions begin Tuesday, January 14, 2025. If you or someone you know is interested in Confirming, contact the Faith Formation Office for more information at 261-4644.

### Confirmation Year 2

Retreat is January 25-26, 2025. Candidates will receive a packet in the mail. Permission forms due in the Faith Formation Office by January 17, 2025. This is the only retreat for Year 2. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 if you have questions.

### St. Joseph's Altar Cookie Baking

If you would like to help bake cookies our dates are: 1/18, 1/20, 1/25, and 2/1 (contingency date) in the school cafeteria at 9 AM. If you signed up to bring ingredients, they are due by January 9 by 1 PM.

A colorful graphic for Trivia Night. It features a lightbulb with a brain inside, and text that reads: "ST. ALPHONSUS T.O.T TRIVIA NIGHT Test Your Catholic Knowledge &amp; Win a Prize Sunday, January 12 in the Parish Activity Center. Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner included. Nursery provided with RSVP. For registration &amp; further information, go to www.alphonsus.org". The graphic is decorated with string lights and a brain icon.





### Kids in Ministry Christmas Party

Everyone had a great time at the Kids in Ministry Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7 at the Parish Activity Center. The King's Men prepared a pancake breakfast for everyone, and Santa Claus and Olaf made special appearances. The kids then enjoyed games and a snow machine outside. The event also included face painting, bingo, arts and crafts, letters to Santa, pictures with Santa, and a "snowball fight" room. *Photos submitted by Colby Novo.*





## Coffee Break

Happy New Year!  
Join us in the New Year as we learn from the book of Galatians. Our chapter study this month is "Freedom the Law Could Not Give."



Join us on Friday, January 10 at 9:15 AM in the St. Francis Room.

CoffeeBreak will help to refill items for the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry. Please bring jars of peanut butter and jelly to the January meeting.

## Theology on Tap

On November 17, 2024, Dr. Durwin Walker was the guest speaker at Theology on Tap. He spoke on Marian Theology. *Photos submitted by Olga Johnson.*



## Confirmation

This fall, our Confirmation students attended a retreat off-site and went on a detailed tour of St. Alphonsus Church, including the altar and the sacristy. *Photos submitted by Olga Johnson.*





# ADMINISTRATION

## Gifts of Stewardship

For December 14-15, 2024, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

### Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$15,213.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,683.00
Parish Soft	\$ 6,618.50
Bank Draft	\$ 2,774.00

### Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$ 550.00
Parish Soft	\$ 716.00

### New Parish Activity Center

Envelopes	\$ 1,280.00
Parish Soft	\$ 936.66

Children \$ 0.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 325.00

Christmas Offering \$ 531.00

Immaculate Conception \$ 335.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 2,929.00

**Total Received \$33,891.16**

**SVDP Thanksgiving \$ 170.00**

**SVDP Building Project \$ 8,312.09**

## A Note to our Generous Donors

As Christmas approaches, we want to wish all of our parishioners and visitors a joyous holiday season. This is a time when many people come to church and are extra generous, and we are so appreciative of every contribution made to our parish.

As we have multiple "building" collections at this time, our staff wanted to make sure everyone is carefully labeling their donations to ensure they go into the fund you want, especially if you are not utilizing the monthly envelope packet.

If you want to donate to the Building & Maintenance Fund, please make sure you note **Maintenance Fund** on the check's memo line or the front of the envelope.

If your donation is for your pledge for the Parish Activity Center's Generation to Generation Campaign, please make sure you write **PAC** on the check's memo line or the envelope, not just building.

We are also collecting donations for a new St. Vincent de Paul Building. There is no envelope for this currently. If you would like your donation to go toward this project, please make sure your check or envelope has **SVDP Building** on it.

If you are not receiving a monthly church envelope packet and would like to begin receiving envelopes, please contact Krystal at the Church Office at 225-261-4650. Using your church envelopes helps to ensure your donations go into the correct funds. If you turn in your donations in a plain envelope, please make sure your first and last name and address are written on the front. This will ensure that your donation will be recorded to the correct account and included in your tax donation letter.



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