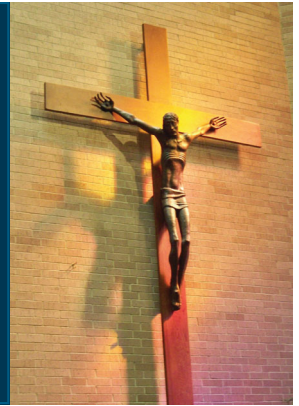




St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

Greenwell Springs, Louisiana
Diocese of Baton Rouge



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2018 - Volume 10, Issue 5
The Lord tells the number of stars and calls each by name. Psalm 147:4

St. Alphonsus Celebrates Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

In conjunction with World Marriage Day, St. Alphonsus Parish will honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. This celebration will take place at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Over 60

Marvin & Mary Claire Garrene (61)
Michael & Patsy Sagona (63)
Joseph & Sylvia Samson (63)
D.J. & Millie Strickland (70)

60 years

Joe & RoseAnn Dileo
Ray & Beverly Heil
Roy & Peggy LaFleur
James & Sybil LeSage
Delery & Barbara Matherne
Frank & Vivian Orlandi
Sammy & Frankie Rispono
Richard & Lenore Watson

55 Years

Paul & Deanne Burns
John & Barbara Culmone
Ted & Mary Ellerbee
Johnny & Mary Ann Long
Charles & Joan McIntyre
Anthony & Amelia Pecoraro
Cecil & Judy Raggio

50 Years

Ronnie & Barbara Bovard
Glen & Gwen Bueche
James & Jeannie Bueche

50 Years

Rockie & Juanita DeBenedetto
Larry & Marvel Demoulin
Larry & Joan Hebert
Adam & Eloise Landry
Don & Charleen Landry
Gordon & Sarah Landry
George & Belinda Marretta
Donald & Sandy Nijoka
Anthony & Carol Simon

45 Years

Pierre & Mary Aguiard
Gary & Linda Blanchard
Steven & Carmen Buhler
Scott & Mary Beth Browning
Gerard & Anne Cifreo
Jay & Alliene Dykes
Roland & Barbara Flake
Richard & Barbara Lewandowski
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Danny & Deborah Wellman

40 Years

Gregory & Anita Cambre
Mark & Kimberly Fabre
Thomas & Mamie Gerald
Timothy & Jeanne Hanegan
Albert & Suzanne Langlois
Ronald & Daphne LeSage

40 Years

Randall & Renee Muse
Glenn & Jan Schittone
Phillip & Lynette Shaffett
Stephen & Donna Speeg
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35 Years

Don & Donna Blanchard
Curtis & Mary Dixon
Todd & Susan Joffrion

30 Years

Curits & Shannon Addison
Brad & Sheri Broussard
Randy & Jeannie Chustz
Robert & Denise Eller
Johnnie & Pamela Rosette

25 Years

Mike & Shelley Buckley
Paul & Marci Esch
Billy & Melanie Harris
Tiger & Robyn Kusch
Laurence & Ann LeSage
Joseph & Tina Nijoka

20 years

Ken & Jennifer Jackson
Emile & Jolice Provost
Jason & Amy Ramsey

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Formation Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Daily Masses/Communion Services

Monday through Friday 8:30 am

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 am

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Reconciliation

Tuesday 8:00 am (during Lent)

Saturday 3:00 pm and by appointment

Prayer Line

261.5145....Mary Frederick

261.8854....Adam Landry

Baptism

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

Marriage

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

Funerals

Contact Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

Christian Initiation of Adults

If interested in becoming a Catholic and want more information on the process call the Formation Office, 261.4644.

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

During the school year for ages 3, 4 and 5 at 10:00 am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the school year at the 10:00 am Mass. For children kindergarten through 2nd grade.

St. Alphonsus School

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Lent, A Time to Make a U-Turn

With the approach of Ash Wednesday, this year celebrated on Valentines Day, it is a perfect time for all of us to recall God's great love and mercy for each of us.

Lent is a time to reflect on our gifts and talents and how well we use them. On Ash Wednesday, as is the custom, thousands of people will come to church to receive ashes as a reminder of God's gift to us. However we all know that Lent is not just one day, it is an invitation by God to journey with him during these very special days. We are all God's children and we need to remember that we are a gift from God. One day we will have to return that gift. Lent can be the time to reflect on destiny and a time to turn away from whatever is not of God in our lives. It is a time to reflect on our own personal role in the family and on our work, our church, and our community.

There are times in our lives that we become entrenched in our own opinions regardless of how damaging they may be to our families or others. It is often easier to blame others rather than change our own ways. It can be difficult for us to accept our shortcomings in life, especially if these shortcomings have to do with how we treat others. There are times when our treatment to others, or lack of, is tied to our own insecurities. For us, it is easier to find fault with others rather than dealing with our own issues. The question is "Am I clinging to an attitude that will ultimately hurt myself or others?" Lent can be a great time to deal with questions about self.

The Scriptures tell us "Jesus cried out as he was speaking in the Temple. You know me and you know where I am from." (John 7:28). In this scripture Jesus is testing the Jews as to their claim that they knew him and his family. Because they knew him he really could not be the Messiah. Jesus, of course, is right they had no idea who he was or where he came from. We should learn from Jesus and not claim or assume we know everything about someone just based on our assumptions or gossip. When we do this it is difficult to reverse the damage caused to reputations and the harm inflicted on a person that may never be undone. Lent can be a good time for a serious check on ourselves and a time to make changes in our lives where they are most needed. Opportunities are available during Lent for us through the meditation booklets, Stations of Cross each Friday evening, our Penance Service and faithful attendance at the Eucharist.

May God Bless each of you.

Jr. Mike

Mission Statement

We are a faith-filled community who,
through prayerful discernment,
call forth the gifts of the Spirit given to each individual,
that Christ may be known in our community
and in our world.

Parish Calendar of Events February 5 - 11, 2018

Monday..	8:30 AM	Mass
	9:00 AM	James Bible Study - St. Francis (C)
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts - St. Joseph/Blessed Seelos
	7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee - St. Gerard
Tuesday..	8:30 AM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Blood Pressure Screening - St. Clare
	9:00 AM	Corinthians Bible Study - St. Gerard
	11:00 AM	Altar Society - St. Francis
	4:00 PM	Galatians Bible Study - Blessed Seelos
	6:30 PM	Divorced Ministry - St. Francis (C)
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - St. Clare
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study - Choir Room
	6:30 PM	Ephesians Bible Study - Classroom 114
	6:30 PM	RCIC - Family Center 3
	7:00 PM	High School Youth - Lighthouse
Wednesday..	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:00 AM	Bible/Sacraments Study - St. Francis (C)
	11:00 AM	Prophets Bible Study - Choir Room
	11:00 AM	Matthew Bible Study - St. Gerard
	4:00 PM	Prime Timers Core Team - St. Clare
	5:00 PM	Hospitality Ministry - St. Clare
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir - Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Divine Mercy - Church
	6:00 PM	Timeline Bible Study - St. Francis (A/B)
	6:00 PM	Young Adult Ministry - Classroom 216
	6:30 PM	That Man Is You - St. Joseph
	7:00 PM	Financial Peace - Classroom 114
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - Choir Room
	7:00 PM	Youth Board - Blessed Seelos
Thursday..	8:30 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	Year 2 Confirmation Mentors - St. Gerard
	6:30 PM	RCIA - Choir Room
	7:00 PM	7th Grade Youth - Lighthouse
Friday..	8:30 AM	School Mass
	9:15 AM	CoffeeBreak - St. Francis
Saturday..	4:00 PM	Mass
Sunday..	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM	Mass

Worship

Baptized into our Faith Community

Welcomed into our community through the waters of baptism during January, 2018. . .

Jack Robert Templet - child of Garrett and Kelsea Dickerson Templet

Nathan Scott, Kohen Meredith, Sullivan Claire Beachum - children of Lisa Beachum

Rev. Charles Landry celebrates 35 years of Priestly Service

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church invites you to join in celebrating Fr. Charles Landry's thirty-five years as a priest. The Eucharistic liturgy will be at 10:15 AM on Sunday, February 4 at St. Gabriel Church (3625 Highway 75 in St. Gabriel, Louisiana). Dinner will follow in the Parish Activity Center.

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Worship

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Novena begins this Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00pm in the church. Please consider making this Novena a part of your Lenten Preparations. Our Lord said, "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will".

Outreach

Rest In Peace

Juanda Levert - Wife of August Levert.

Mary Vitrano Caruso - Mother of Michael Caruso.

Serving Our Country

If you have a family member serving in the military overseas please call the parish office, 261-4650, and let us know the name, rank and branch of military.

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Monthly Food Drive - February 10-11

All nonperishable food items and toiletries are needed at this time. Collection barrels are available in the Gathering Space. Monetary donations are accepted, checks should be made to St. Vincent dePaul, placed in an envelope marked St. Vincent dePaul and put in the collection.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks. Call the office to put name back on the list.

Mary Beth Browning, Fisk Morris, Jean Firmin, Lisa Graffeo, Mollea Hood, Ashlea Hood, Michael Morales, Ray Amond, Shawn Kean, Dana Rogers, Gloria "Jinkie" Phillips, Theresa Ognibene, Adrian Kaiser, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Anna Kirby, Jamie Samson, Doug Langlois, William Hanegan, Annaleigh Fontenot, Gayle McGrew, Mildred Faul, Charlie Firmin, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Ouida Davis, Barbara W. Flake, Douglas Cooper, Allan Eddy, Sally Stears, John Nicosia, Holly Hart, Anthony Collette, Jeff Ferguson, Ian Davis, Anthony Rodriguez, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nina Creel, Nancy Hill, Sonya Hunt, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, GiGi Chenevert, Dr. Stephen Speeg, Cheryl Watson, Betty Bellelo, Jack James Datz Jr., Roy Lefleur, Blanche Hoover, Pat Matthews, J.K. Malone, Joy Lonibos, Phyllis Lasserre, Sharon Loeb, Margaret Smith, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Suzanne Dupuy, Patsy Sagona, Courtney Brock, Bowen Christopher Yoho, Bennett Joseph Yoho, Marjorie Smith, Babette Vlahos, P.H. Zito, Marcella Corrick, Thomas Stewart, Nicholas LaCroix, A.J. Aymond, Cammy Gonzales, Bruce Mayeaux, Shane McMahon, Ann LeSage, Cassie Sheehan, Earline Brown, Ronnie Collette, Jane Mizell, Marlene LeBlanc, Catherine Willis, Edna Ellis, Lynette Shaffett, Tiffany Penton, Barbara Dearie, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Arlene Picard, Monica Hudson, Hope Broadus, Charlie Crawford, Ashley Usie, John Roberts, Marilyn McDonald, Merlyn Bourgeois, Gavin Tullier, Janice Desselle

Go Red Sunday

Did you know that heart disease is the #1 killer of men and women? On February 10th & 11th we will have "Go Red Sunday". Please join us by **wearing red to Mass** on that weekend to spread awareness of the importance of heart health. Make yourself a note and WEAR RED!!!

Day of Prayer and Healing for Those Touched by Abortion

Join us Saturday, February 17, for Entering Canaan - A Day of Prayer & Healing for women and men who have been touched by abortion. For more information, confidential inquiries or to register, please contact Tara at 225.938.3858 or EnteringCanaanBR@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge-Office of Marriage & Family Life.

Formation

Join us for CoffeeBreak



Friday, February 9 - St. Francis Room

9:15 AM - Coffee and Refreshments
9:45 AM - Prayer and Meditation
10:15 AM - Small Group Study

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie at 261.2116 or avon1.jackie@gmail.com.

"Sin and The Reality of Hell"

St. Alphonsus Adult Formation presents "Sin and The Reality of Hell" on Thursday, February 20, 7:00 PM, in the church. Guest speaker is Barry Schoedel, Associate Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in the Diocese of Baton Rouge and adjunct faculty for theology at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. He will address these topics in a way that illuminates the path of placing faith and hope in Jesus Crucified.

Steubenville on the Bayou

Registration is now open for Steubenville on the Bayou Youth Conference. High school teens interested in attending must pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit to Mrs. Cindi in the Faith Formation Office. The conference will be June 15-18 and the cost of the entire trip is \$250. Registration is due Friday, April 20. Rates may increase after deadline due to guidelines set by the conference. If there are any questions, please email Tyler Trahan, Youth Group Adult Leader, at tjtrahan90@gmail.com.

Learn More About Your Catholic Faith

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, Church History, the Sacraments, Catholic Scripture, and many more topics? Consider taking one of our many Ministry and Theology (MAT) courses for only \$15 each! Some courses are offered on various campuses around the diocese and some are offered online. They are open to everyone and are taught by very talented instructors from around our diocese! To learn more, visit the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis website at evangcatbr.org under the Certification tab. We would love to have you join us! If you have any questions, reach out to our staff at 225.336.8760.

Administration

Gifts of Stewardship

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

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WeShare	\$ 5,220.00

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Envelopes	\$ 618.00
WeShare	\$ 1,290.00

Children's Collection \$ 3.00

Solemnity of Mary \$ 65.00

Total Received \$ 26,458.00

For January 20-21, 2018
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$ 17,380.00
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WeShare	\$ 4,266.25
Bank Draft	\$ 5,824.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$ 748.00
WeShare	\$ 95.00

Children's Collection \$ 40.00

Solemnity of Mary \$ 310.00

Total Received \$ 29,970.25

Donate Online..WeShare



St. Alphonsus has made Online Giving available for parishioners who would like to make donations to our weekly offerings, as well as other parish collections. We are utilizing this technology for the well-being and growth of our parish community. There is NO cost to the parishioner to participate in the WeShare online giving program.

It's easy to allocate different amounts for different collections, and view complete, accurate financial records at any time. You can set up a one-time or recurring donation. It is quite easy; the link for WeShare is on the church website at www.alphonsus.org.

Community Life

Men's Club Annual Fried Fish Dinners



Fish dinners will be available on the Fridays of Lent. Dinners are \$7.00 and include fried fish, french fries, coleslaw and a roll. Take out only beginning at 4:30pm. Pick up dinners in the parking lot on Greenwell Springs Road.

Dinners available on: February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

Diocesan 25th, 50th, 65th or Greater Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Couples reaching their 25th, 50th, 65th or greater wedding anniversary at any time during 2018 are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass and Reception on February 25 at 2:00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. Bishop Muench will be the celebrant. Families of the honored couples are invited to the Mass and reception. Registration deadline is February 9th. Please contact the church office, 261.4650, if you are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 65th or greater anniversary and would like to attend the Mass and reception..

Welcome To Our New Parishioners

Johnnie, Pamela & Jon Briant Rosette
Braxton & Kaylea Cucullu
Lynn Kuber

Thomas Kyle, Andrea & Spencer Tonguis
Arthur & Marie Couvillon
Larry & Joan Hebert

Pray for our Expectant Families

Pray for expectant families who are members of the parish and have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love.

Dustin and Brittany Phillips, Chase and Cheryl Ranlett, Tim and Sarah Love, Pete and Marlana Firmin, Matthew and Angela Englade, Benjamin and Katie Foret, Chase and Brynn Martinez, Chase and Lacie Viola

If you are an expectant family, let us know so that your parish family can pray for you and your baby. Please contact the Parish Office, 261-4650, to arrange for your names to be listed in our bulletin.

Cajun Comic Relief

Join the Prime Timers on Saturday, March 10 for a Cajun Comedy show in Lafayette, Louisiana. Cost is \$76.00 per person which includes: Motor coach transportation, tickets to the show, back stage pass, lunch. Loading of bus at 1:00 PM, departure at 1:15 PM and return approximately 9:30 PM. Registration and full payment due by February 9. Payment is non-refundable; name changes can be made. Cost is based on 40 passengers, if less, cost will vary. Sign up in the parish office.



Ladies Altar Society

Our next luncheon/meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6 at 11:00 AM in the St. Francis Room. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 at the door. If you have any questions contact Sheryl, 225.235.5673.



St. Alphonsus 2018 Parish Cruise

All 90 of us had a wonderful time being pampered, dined and entertained for 7 days on the NCL Pearl! Adding to our enjoyment was visiting Cozumel, Mexico; Roatan, Honduras; Harvest Caye, Belize; and Costa Maya, Mexico. We now look forward to our 2019 River Cruise in Europe!

Saturday, February 24...St. Alphonsus Auction, Taste Fair & \$10,000 Raffle



Saturday Night Roundup!

Did You Know.....???

The St. Alphonsus Auction, Taste Fair and \$10,000 Raffle has raised money over the last ten years to help supplement both the school and church budgets.

Funds raised from this annual event have minimized the increase in tuition costs for students attending St. Alphonsus Catholic School.

Proceeds from our auction/taste fair/raffle event have allowed us to maintain the beautiful church and school facilities we utilize every day.

Our school is able to substantially reduce the debt on the Middle School Classroom Building because of money raised at this annual event.

Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space on February 10-11, February 17-18

You may also check in both the church and school office prior to these dates to purchase tickets for this annual event. You can enjoy visiting with friends, tasting food from local and surrounding area food vendors, and have a chance to win the \$10,000 grand prize. Be part of something big that significantly impacts something bigger – our faith family and school community

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