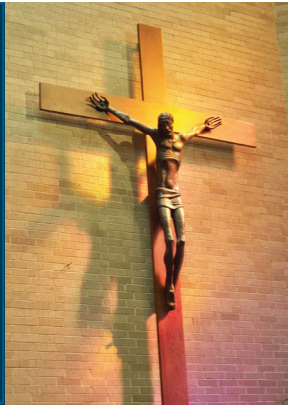




St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

Greenwell Springs, Louisiana
Diocese of Baton Rouge



First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2018 - Volume 10, Issue 7

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4



*Saturday Night
Roundup!*

2018 ST. ALPHONSUS AUCTION AND TASTE FAIR

Join us on Saturday, February 24, 2018!
St. Alphonsus Family Center
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

There will be good food, lots of fun and excitement, an abundance of items to bid on in our silent and live auctions, and a \$10,000 grand prize winner!

Auction items include, but are not limited to, gift baskets, a fishing excursion, LSU Baseball Tickets, a 4-day Orange Beach Vacation, luggage, class gifts from St. Alphonsus School, a day of golfing at Copper Mill & Carter Plantation, custom built table and bench, original wood carvings, a Stoeger 0020, Walker .44 caliber, 9" barrel pistol, a fishing excursion, and a getaway to The Villas at Carter Plantation.

Food vendors this year will provide you with an array of their signature dishes. Come and enjoy the culinary expertise of dishes prepared by:

- Carlton's Crawfish & Catering**Caliente's Mexican Craving*
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- Kristenwood Reception Hall**Sweet Impressions Bakery*
- Wing Stop**Dukes Seafood & Steakhouse**Buddy's BBQ*
- Lagniappe Restaurant**Don's Seafood**Sombrero's Catering Catered Central*

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.

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Angles in Catholic Tradition

Recently I was asked about angels and their place in our faith. I would like to offers some reflections on how they are a part of scripture and more importantly how they can be a great source for our spiritual lives especially during this Lenten Season.

When many of us were children we grew up in homes where devotion to the angels was part of the spiritual life of the family. We had our prayers to the angels and we had that special prayer to our Guardian Angel. Then, it seems that for many years, devotion and interest in the angels was not as prominent in the lives of Catholics. Today there is a renewed interest in angels.

The general picture we get in the New Testament is that angels are supernatural powers, natural heavenly beings that are a part of the world created by God. In Colossians 1:16 we read, "For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominations, or principalities of powers. All things were created through him and for him." This passage is describing angels surrounding the throne of God and offering God continuous praise and glory. There are many angels mentioned in the new Testament, but only two are given names, Gabriel and Michael. Gabriel is the messenger of God. It is Gabriel who brings the good news of Jesus birth (Luke 1:19). Michael is the warrior who leads the fight against Satan and the forces of sin. In the new testament we do not find any attempt to rank the angles which is a prominent concern in the literature of St. Paul. In Romans 8:36 Paul actually reduces them all in the category of principalities and powers. Paul sees the angels as part of God's creative act and subordinate to God.

In the life of Jesus angels figure in a threefold way as messengers of God. First, the announcement of the birth of Jesus to Mary is by an angel (Luke 1:26-38). After the birth of Jesus it is through the message of an angel to Joseph that leads him to take Mary and the child Jesus from the oncoming threat of King Herod. Later it is an angel that directs the return of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Second, the resurrection of Christ is announced by an angel (Matthew 28:2-7). This is very much like the Old Testament role of angels as messengers of God. Third, the role of angels in the life of Jesus regarding his second coming at the end of time (Mark 13:27; Matthew 24:31).

Many of the New Testament texts stress the superiority of Jesus over angels (Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 1:2). The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way, "Christ is the center of the angelic world. They are his angels" (331). In the past some writers tended to place angels ahead of Christ and in some sense attempted to take away the central role of Jesus as savior.

How should you and I view angels within the context of our spiritual lives?

1. We should focus more on God than on angels. For us the scriptures clearly describe their role as messengers from God. The angels clearly indicated by their actions that God was primary. The spotlight is always on God who sends them. The angels are intended to help us realize that they come from God to direct us back to God.

2. We need to place great trust in God's active presence in our lives. The angels, God's messengers, play an important part in God's care for His people. They serve to remind you and I that we are not alone but that through them God is taking care of us in many different ways.

3. The activity of angels constantly reminds us of Gods desire to liberate us. They are always an expression of God's care and protection for all of us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us once again, "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by the Angels' watchful care and intercession" (336).

In conclusion, from biblical evidence it is clear the we can see Jesus as God's messenger and servant par excellence. While he is not called an angel in the New Testament it is clear that in many ways Jesus takes over some of main functions of the "Messengers Angels". He is the one sent by God into our world and is God's presence in our everyday situations and activities. Truly God has visited and redeemed his people. His angels bring that transcendence of God closer to our daily lives by bringing us hope, love and care. I hope from this article that you allow the angels to lead you closer to God and his church.

May God bless you.

fr. Mike

Worship



Divine Mercy Novena

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the church during this Lenten season. Our Lord said, "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will".

Weddings

Married at St. Alphonsus during February, 2018. . .

2nd.. Julia Gabriela Lemus and Adam Philip Lemoine



Stations of the Cross

Family Stations of the cross will be on Friday, February 23 at 6:30pm. "The Way of the Cross for Young Christians" is intended to bridge the gap between youthful experience and mature meditation of the Stations of the Cross. All are invited to come participate in this devotion

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19;
 Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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.

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Parish Calendar of Events February 19 - 25, 2018

Monday..	8:30 AM	Mass
	9:00 AM	James Bible Study - S.F. (C)
	6:30 PM	Festival Committee - S.F. (A/B)
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts - S.J. / Blessed Seelos
Tuesday..	8:30 AM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Corinthians Study - S.G.
	10:30 AM	SAS Finance Board - Conf.
	4:00 PM	Galatians Study - Blessed Seelos
	6:30 PM	Divorced Ministry - S.F. (C)
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - St. Clare
	6:30 PM	Ephesians Study - 114
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study - C.R.
	6:30 PM	Adult Formation - S.F. (A/B)
	7:00 PM	H.S. Youth - Lighthouse
Wednesday..	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:00 AM	The Bible & The Sacraments S.F. (C)
	11:00 AM	Prophets Study - Choir Room
	11:00 AM	Matthew Bible Study - S.G.
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir - Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Divine Mercy - Church
	6:00 PM	Timeline Bible Study - S.G.
	6:00 PM	That Man Is You - St. Joseph
	6:30 PM	Young Adults - 116
	6:30 PM	Cub Scout Pack - S.F.
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - Choir Room
7:00 PM	Financial Peace - 114	
7:00 PM	Youth Board - Blessed Seelos	
Thursday..	8:30 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	Year 1 Confirm Mentors-S.G.
	6:30 PM	RCIA Scrutiny - S.F. (C)
	6:30 PM	Adult Formation - St. Clare
	7:00 PM	6th Grade Youth-Lighthouse
Friday..	8:30 AM	School Mass
	4:30 PM	Fried Fish Dinners - Pick up in parking lot
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross-Church
Saturday..	4:00 PM	Mass
Sunday..	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM	Mass
	10:00 AM	JAM - PreK 3 Classroom
	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy
	4:30 PM	Matthew Study - Blessed Seelos
	5:30 PM	FF Learning Groups - Church
	5:30 PM	Year 2 Confirmation - S.F.

S.F. - St. Francis
114, 116 - School Classroom
S.G. - St. Gerard
Conf. - Conference Room

S.C. - St. Clare
C.R. - Choir Room
H.S. - High School
S.J. - St. Joseph

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 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23

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, Brad and Christine Roy

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.

Welcome To Our New Parishioners

- Gerry & Phyllis Pedersen
- Betty Rickels
- Billy, Dawn & Alexandra Johnson
- Lila Villeneuve
- Scott, Simone, Kate & Jude Orillion
- Patrick, Megan & Elizabeth Jenkins
- Joseph & Marie Bergeron
- Vernon & Julia Raiford

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. 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.

Retrouvaille

This program can help your marriage. For confidential information call 800.470.2230 or visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Outreach

Rest In Peace

Mary Didier Garcia - Wife of Pedro Garcia. Daughter of Robert and Judy Didier. Sister of Laura Manno.

Ouida Gautreaux Davis - Mother of Carmen Damen and Mark Davis.

Pray for the Sick

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

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, Mary Beth Browning, Fisk Morris, Jean Firmin, Lisa Graffeo, Mollie 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, Gloria Mejia, Hunter Comeaux, Carrie Dunham, Mildred Faul, Charlie Firmin, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Barbara W. Flake, Clarence & Patricia Lorio, Kyle Tonguis, Pete Gonzales

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.

ARMY: ... Captain Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Captain Brian C. Greco, Specialist Sam Lockwood, Sgt. Richard Dupuy, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Specialist Ryan Smith

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NAVY: ... Lt. Col. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux

U.S. MARINE CORPS: ... Captain Blaine Ballard

St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Receive Outstanding Contribution Award 2017



Blood Donor weekend was held at St. Alphonsus on January 27th and 28th to honor all those that donated blood in 2017. A blessing was given to all the donors at each Mass. At the 10:00 AM Mass, the Knights of Columbus were given the Our Lady Of the Lake Blood Donor Center award for *Outstanding Contribution Award 2017-Best Overall* by Stephanie Gaudin the Parish Nurse who had received it earlier in the month.

This award was given to St. Alphonsus because through our four blood drives we donated the most blood of any organization that has blood drives for Our Lady Of the Lake. This is an amazing feat for a church. This award usually goes to a big business organization such as Dow Chemical.

The Knights of Columbus, who do an excellent job running the drives, do not take credit for the award—it is the people of St. Alphonsus who donate the blood that are the heroes.

Our first blood drive of 2018 is February 18th from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the St. Francis Room. The OLOL Blood Donation Center will also be sending a bus to help with overflow. This is the first step towards another award next year. Please join our award winning blood drive to start 2018 out right! All donors will receive a sausage PoBoy, chips and drink.

Thank You for Your Support

The family of Mary Garcia would like to thank the parishioners of St. Alphonsus for their prayers and wonderful support during Mary's illness. Also, many thanks to the Bereavement ministry for the food following the funeral. We appreciate all the loving care shown to us during her fight for life.

Formation

"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.

Year 2 Confirmation Candidates

Year 2 Confirmation meeting is Sunday, February 25. If you are in Learning Group 10th Grade, you will attend the Confirmation session instead of the Learning Group. We will begin at 5:30 in the St. Francis room and end at 7:30pm. Parents, if you have an 10th grader and younger student, the 10th grader will not be dismissed until 7:30pm. You will need to make arrangements to pick up younger children at 7:00 pm.

St. Alphonsus School Distinguished Graduate



Mrs. Kristin Speeg Lazarine is our 2018 Distinguished Graduate. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steve Speeg. Mrs. Lazarine graduated from St. Alphonsus School in 2000. She is currently the Director of Youth Ministry at Christ the King Church in Daphne, Alabama. She and her youth group helped our school and church after the terrible floods. We are so proud to have Mrs. Lazarine as our Distinguished Graduate!

Free Money Opportunities for St. Alphonsus School

Thank you to all who have continued to support our efforts at St. Alphonsus School by collecting Box Tops for Education, Community Coffee Proof of Purchase Coupons, Campbell's Soup Points, and Tyson Project A+ labels. The money generated from these programs is being dedicated to special events such as Grandparents' Day.

Please continue to collect these items and place them in the labeled box in the rear of the church, or you may send them to the school office. We appreciate your continued support in providing these extras for our school students.

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The advertisers on our bulletin make it possible for us to print our bulletin at no cost to the church. If you need a specific service consider using one of them!

Diaconate Program

St. Alphonsus had two parishioners currently enrolled in the Diaconate program with the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Pictured are Mark Reynaud and wife Sheila and Alex Campbell and wife Lindsey.



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.

Continue to Save Aluminum Pop Tabs

St. Alphonsus School is continuing to collect pop top tabs to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, Tennessee. The tabs are used by the House as part of an on-going fund raiser. Your tabs can be deposited in the display at the back of the church or dropped at the church office.

Youth Collecting Used Cell Phones

Please continue to collect used cell phones for the youth group. The used phones are given to a recycling company and the youth group is given money for the cell phones. Collection box for phones is in the Gathering Space.

Administration

Enhanced Hearing Headphones

The hearing headphones in the back of church have been checked and those that needed it had batteries replaced. If you use these devices regularly please be sure to replace them correctly on the charger after each use. If you find that you have a headphone that is not working properly bring it to the sacristy and let Fr. Mike know about the problem.

Bank Draft Available for Contributions

In addition to the monthly mailed envelopes and on line giving St. Alphonsus provides the opportunity for its parishioners to use automatic bank drafts in making contributions to the parish. This service is made available as we recognize that more and more of our parishioners have become accustomed to paying many of their bills through automatic bank drafts and other electronic means. If you would like to have your contributions made through bank drafts, please pick up a form at the parish office, have one mailed to you or visit our website. Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

Gifts of Stewardship

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

For February 3-4, 2018
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

<u>Weekly Collection</u>	
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Unidentified	\$ 1,679.00
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Bank Draft	\$ 3,241.00
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Unidentified	\$ 342.00
WeShare	\$ 10.00
Bank Draft	\$ 2,015.00
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