



# St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

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*"The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."*

— James 3:18

## *Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service*

Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Reception to follow immediately

### *Michael "Mikey" D. Morace, Jr. Memories*

Mother's Day weekend in 1992 changed our lives forever. I got a phone call that a parent never wants to get; there had been an accident, and I needed to get there now. On May 10, 1992, Mikey received his wings as he went to his new home in Heaven.

Mikey was the youngest of my three children and the only boy, and of course, he was spoiled by his sisters. He loved anything outdoors, and if he wasn't hunting, he was fishing. Mikey had turned 15 on April 18, 1992, and he was a typical teenage boy.

I found a poem one day called "God's Loan." It's a daily reminder that our children are loaned to us by God, and that one day He will call them back home to Him.

There's not a day that goes by that I don't wonder what he would be today. Would he be married? Would he have children? What type of job would he have? My grandchildren never met Mikey, but they know all about him. My daughters have done a great job telling his story and making sure he is remembered.

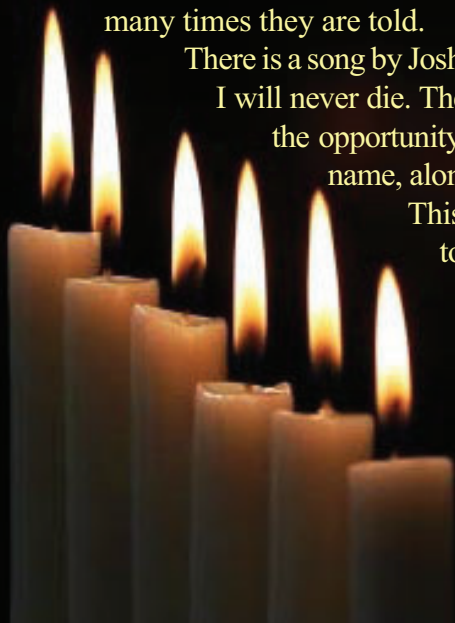
The memories never go away, and the stories my daughters tell will never get old no matter how many times they are told.

There is a song by Josh Groban called "Remember," and it says as long as you tell my story, I will never die. The Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service gives my family the opportunity to celebrate Mikey's life as we light a candle for him and say his name, along with all the other families who have also lost loved ones.

This is an invitation to all those who have lost a child and their families to come celebrate with us on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM when we will light a candle to Remember Our Children who were taken much too soon.

*-Linda Amoud*

*"The Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service helps me because after Mikey passed away I felt all alone, and because of the service, I and all those who attend who have lost a child know that we are not alone."*



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## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*September 24-30, 2018*

<b>Monday</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Mass Psalms Study- S.F. (C) Decor Committee- S.F. (A) Boy Scouts- Family Center/ S.J./Blessed Seelos
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Blood Pressure Checks- S.C. Exodus Study- S.G. Piano Tuning- Church, C.R. Timeline Study- Blessed Seelos RCIC- Family Center High School Youth- Lighthouse Divorce Group- S.F. (C) Grief Support Group- S.C. Men's Scripture Study- C.R. Mark Study- SAS 116 Balanced Women- SAS 115 Financial Peace U- SAS 114
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Communion Service Wisdom Bible Study- S.F. (C) John Bible Study- C.R. ACTS Bible Study- S.G. Bell Choir- C.R. Matthew Bible Study- Library Mary Bible Study- S.G. TMIY- S.J. Timeline Study- SAS 213 Young Adults- Blessed Seelos Chancel Choir- C.R.
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass Men's Club meeting- S.F. RCIA Inquiry- S.C.
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM	School Mass RCIA Retreat- S.F. (C)
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM	Mass Children's Liturgy Confirmation Year 3 Ritual-S.F. Boy Scouts Court of Honors- Family Center

**S.C.-** St. Clare

**S.J.-** St. Joseph

**S.F.-** St. Francis

**C.R.-** Choir Room

**SAS-** St. Alphonsus School Classroom

## 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.*

## WORSHIP

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

*Flowers in the church this weekend are  
in memory of Warren Guidry  
by Mrs. Ethel Guidry*

## OUTREACH

### Pray for the Sick

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

Mildred Faul, Charlie Firmin, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Patsy Sagona, Gwen and A.J. Aymond, Robert Forbes, Wayne and Carolyn Rogillio, Anna Leigh Fontenot, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Anthony Rodriguez, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Ben Crifasi, Jr., Nicholas LaCroix, Kenny Achord, Patsy Spiller, Karen Rabalais, Elaine McDowell, Rayne Lorio, Cheryl Watson, Jay Watson, Al Felps, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, GiGi Chenevert, Dr. Stephen Speeg, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Elizabeth Womacle, Chris Paille, Louvenia Ballard, Joseph C. Ballard, Pat Matthews, J.K. Malone, Joy Lonibos, Phyllis Lasserre, Sharon Loeb, Margaret Smith, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Allan Eddy, Cassie Sheehan, Jimmy Cooper, Kenny Peyton, Bruce Mayeaux, Melba Hanks, Francis Kallas, Charlie Crawford, Hope Broadus, Sharon Spiller, John Roberts, Ashley Usie, Donnie Pardue, A.W. Fuller, Brenda Guerin, Travis Dupuy, Ryan J. Rabalais, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Crystal Young, Julius Juneau, Earline Brown, Ronnie Collette, Jane Mizell, Marlene LeBlanc, Catherine Willis, Edna Ellis, Lynette Shaffett, Tiffany Penton, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, Irvin Townley, John Brocato, Mary Beth Browning, Fisk Morris, Jean Firmin, Lisa Graffeo, Mollea Hood, Ashlea Hood, Michael Morales, Dana Rogers, Gloria "Jinkie" Phillips, Theresa Ognibene, Adrian Kaiser, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Anna Kirby, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, Thomas Stewart, John Durrett, Ashley Townsend, Timothy Robertson, P.H. Zito, Gloria Denicola, Ron Dodson, John Riely, Sheryl Watson, Marian Robillard, Debbie Summers Crawford, Carol A. Roberts, Laverne Spillman, Anne Marie Small, Babette Vlahos

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

### Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am  
 Novena on Tuesday 8:30 am

### Communion Services

Wednesday 8:30 am

### Holy Day Masses

As Announced

### J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

During the school year for preschool ages 3-5 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.

## 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 Patrick 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](http://formed.org) and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway with our parish access code- 9R9K3M.

### Prayer Lines

Mary Frederick 225-261-5145  
 Adam Landry 225-261-8854

### **Parish Adoration/Benediction**

All families, all ages are invited to attend Parish Adoration on the first Saturday of every month starting between 8:30 AM- 9:00 AM in the church. Our first Saturday is October 6th. Please note this includes children of all ages, grandparents, singles, and married couples. Join us for donuts in the St. Francis Room after Adoration.

### **Serving Our Country**

If you have a family member serving in the military, please call 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, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Specialist Ryan Smith

**LA NATIONAL GUARD:** Spec4 Terrell Vidrine, Scott Armand

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

### **Flu Shots**

Flu shots will be given in the St. Francis Room on October 7, 2018 from 9 AM -12 Noon. Bring insurance card with you. Don't let the flu catch you!

### **Rest in Peace**

**Glory Montz-** Aunt of Don and Sandy Nijoka.

**Howard Richard-** Father of Mary Lopez.

**Rhett Flash-** Nephew of Mary Lopez.

**Verna' Langlois-** Mother of Renee Muse.

## **FORMATION**

### **Theology on Tap**

**Theology on Tap at St. Alphonsus with Stephanie Clouatre-Davis Sunday, October 14th at 7 PM in the Multi-Purpose Building**

Drinking Good Spirit(s)! Spirit(s): both holy and wholly intoxicating! Good spirits are the elixir of a healthy and holy life, but how to discern well what is truly good? St. Ignatius of Loyola left behind useful tools to help us discern the good spirits of our daily life in his Spiritual Exercises. Join us as we drink deeply and gather tools to live holy lives with good spirits!

### **Parent Formation Small Group**

All parents and adults are invited to join us for a small group round table discussion about our Catholic faith in order to share with your family and friends. We will meet in the choir room at 5:45 pm on the following Sundays: **10/21, 11/4, 1/6, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10**

# **Fill Up the Truck**



Help Support St. Vincent de Paul

## **FILL UP THE TRUCK**

*Sunday, September 23rd from 8:30 AM- 1:30 PM  
at the School Bus Port*

**Volunteers Needed to Load Truck**

**Acceptable Items: NEW OR GENTLY USED**

Furniture (NO mattresses or box springs), Clothes, Coats, Pots, Pans, Dishes, Small working appliances, Shoes, Etc.

Questions? Call the Church Office at 261-4650.

## ***Inquiry***

Are you interested or know of someone else interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Inquiry sessions take place every Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the St. Clare Room. Call the Faith Formation Office for more details at 261-4644.

## ***A Minute with the Deacon***

***Can a deacon administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?***

The focus of the sacrament that used to be called the “Last Rites” or “Extreme Unction” has changed. The Sacrament of “The Anointing of the Sick” is no longer limited to those on their death bed. It is now available to those preparing for a serious operation, the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced, as well as those in danger of death from sickness or old age. Therefore, one should not wait until the last moments before death to seek this sacrament.

The special grace of this sacrament has the following effects:

- unites the sick person to the passion of Christ;
- confers strength, peace and courage to endure the sufferings of illness or old age;
- forgives sins, if the person is unable to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation;
- restores health, if it is conducive to the salvation of the soul; and
- prepares one for passing over to eternal life.

According to Canon Law, only a priest (which would include a bishop) can administer this sacrament. However, in addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers the Sacrament of the Eucharist as “viaticum” (food for the journey) for those who are about to leave this life. It is food for the passage of life through death to eternal life. A deacon, as well as anyone permitted to bring the Eucharist to the sick, is a proper minister of “viaticum.” One might truly call this the sacrament for the dying.

## ***Confirmation Meeting***

Year 3 Ritual and Session 1 will be on Sunday, September 30, 2018 beginning at the noon Mass. Candidate their parents and sponsors are required to attend. We will begin our session with celebration of 12:00 Mass. Lunch will be provided for the candidates. Candidates will be dismissed at 5:00 PM. Candidates are asked to bring their Bible.

## ***Children’s Liturgy***

Children’s Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10:00 AM Mass. This ministry is for Children K– 2nd Grade. Children’s Liturgy helps children understand the Sunday Gospel reading. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact the Formation Office at 261-4644.

## ***Catholic Divorced Healing Ministry***

Divorced Group meets two Tuesdays each month from 6:30–8:30 pm in the St. Francis Room at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. They meet to discuss topics specific to this group. This group is for men and women seeking healing from divorce. Registration is required, and there is a fee to cover the cost of materials. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.

*Entering Canaan*  
**DAY OF  
 PRAYER & HEALING**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018  
 9 AM - 5 PM

**SUFFERING FROM A PAST ABORTION?  
 FEELING LIKE NO ONE UNDERSTANDS  
 WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH?  
 HEALING IS POSSIBLE.**

*You are not alone.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
 Contact Tara at  
 EnteringCanaanBR@yahoo.com or 256-568-6004  
 ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL**

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

### ***Blood Assurance Program***

Because of the generosity of the people of St. Alphonsus during our Blood Drives each year, any parishioner needing blood can have their blood needs covered by the church. If you or someone in your family needs blood, call the Church Office at 261-4650 and speak to Sara Patrick. The blood will be credited to your account at the hospital. Let Sara know the person’s name, date of birth, hospital (any hospital) and the amount of blood or blood products received. If you are interested in donating blood, the church’s final blood drive of 2018 will be held on Sunday, November 18th.

### ***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: Brice & Morgan Neames, Blake & Lauren Huval, Christopher & Jennifer Capone, Ben & Kristen Richard, Justin & Lindsey Dalier, and RaeAnn & Eric Antoon. If you know someone expecting, please call the Parish Office at 225-261-4650.

### ***2018 St. Alphonsus Hall of Fame***

Congratulations to **Angie Giovingo, Dot Harrison, Marie Lee, and Lucky & Juanita Ross** who will be inducted into the 2018 St. Alphonsus Liguori Hall of Fame on Sunday, October 14 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

## 2019 Louisiana Life March

Louisiana Right to Life will host four Louisiana Life March events around the state in 2019, including a new march in the Monroe area. Save these dates now and be sure to participate in at least one of these events in support of mothers and babies!

### Louisiana Life March South\*

Saturday morning, Jan. 26 | Downtown Baton Rouge

\* Please note the date change for Life March South from Saturday, Jan. 19 to Saturday, Jan. 26. This change was necessary due to scheduling conflicts in the downtown Baton Rouge area.

The 2019 theme will be "Louisiana Loves Life: Show Your Love." More details will be released soon about each of the marches. If you'd like to request promotional materials for a march near you, please email [info@prolifelouisiana.org](mailto:info@prolifelouisiana.org).



### Respect Life Ministry

**October is Respect Life Month.** Churches throughout the region are uniting together for a fall campaign of "40 Days for Life," a 40-day focused effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion starting on September 26 and ending on November 4.

In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting, churches will participate in peaceful prayer from 7 AM to 7 PM outside of the Delta abortion facility, located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church has volunteered to sponsor Tuesday, October 16th as our day to pray across the street from the abortion facility. Please consider joining us for one or more hours of prayer, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. We will have a sign-up table in the Gathering Space on the weekend of October 6th- 7th. You will be able to sign-up any time before or after every Mass.



## Past Hall of Fame Photos

St. Alphonsus Church is looking for photos of honorees from previous Hall of Fame ceremonies! If you or someone you know has photos of the Hall of Fame ceremonies from 1999 through 2013, please email them to [sara@alphonsus.org](mailto:sara@alphonsus.org). Thank you in advance.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Gifts of Stewardship

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

For **September 8-9, 2018**  
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

#### Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	22,667.00
Unidentified	\$	1,294.00
WeShare	\$	3,025.00

#### Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	2,360.00
WeShare	\$	830.00

<u>Children's Collection</u>	\$	25.50
<u>Assumption</u>	\$	110.00
<u>Catholic University</u>	\$	80.00
<u>Fr. John's Home Church in India</u>	\$	6,137.81

<b><u>Total Received</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,529.31</b>
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For **September 1-2, 2018**  
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

#### Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	21,579.93
Unidentified	\$	1,388.00
WeShare	\$	1,765.00
Bank Draft	\$	3,151.00

#### Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	5,374.00
WeShare	\$	35.00
Bank Draft	\$	2,180.00
Unidentified	\$	456.00

<u>Children's Collection</u>	\$	9.00
<u>Assumption</u>	\$	25.00
<u>Catholic University</u>	\$	364.00
<u>Catholic Charities</u>	\$	45.00

<b><u>Total Received</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,371.93</b>
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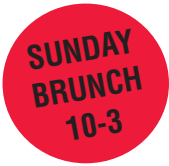
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