St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church One Family United in Christ

March 17, 2024

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33



All are invited to our parish's St. Joseph's Altar on March 16-17, 2024 in the Parish Activity Center.

Blessing of the Altar on Saturday, March 16 after the 4 PM Mass

Feeding of the Holy Family with meals to be served to the public on Sunday, March 17, 2024 after the 10 AM & 12 PM Masses

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: MARCH 16-24, 2024

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Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass (Bell Choir) Fair Raffle Ticket Pick-up - G.S.	
	5:00 PM	Blessing of St. Joseph's Altar - Parish Activity Center	
Sunday	The Fifth Sunda	av of Lent	
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	Fair Raffle Ticke		
	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy - S.F.	
	11 AM & 1 PM	St. Joseph's Altar - Feeding Holy Family/Public - PAC	
	4:00 PM	Middle School Youth - Lighthouse	
	6:30 PM	High School Youth - Lighthouse	
Monday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass	
	9:00 AM	Bible & Sacraments - S.F.	
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts Pack - PAC	
	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Scouts - Lighthouse Scouts Parents - S.J.	
Tuesday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM	Daily Mass & Novena Genesis to Jesus Study - S.C.	
	10:00 AM	SAS Finance Comm S.G.	
	6:00 PM	Adult Confirmation - S.G.	
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.	
	6:30 PM	Men's Scripture - C.R.	
	6:30 PM	Women of Faith - PAC S.M.	
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Communion Service	
	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Bible & Church Fathers - S.F.	
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	ACTS Study - S.G. No Greater Love Study - S.C.	
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.	
	6:00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church	
	6:00 PM	Timeline #1 Study - S.G.	
	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Family Catechesis K-6 - PAC King's Men - S.F. C	
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.	
Thursday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary	
Thursday	10:00 AM	James Bible Study - S.C.	
	11:00 AM	Timeline #2 Study - S.G.	
	6:30 PM	RCIA Scrutiny - S.F. C	
	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass Study - S.C.	
		Scouts Committee - Lighthouse	
Friday	8:30 AM 4-6 PM	School Mass Men's Club Fried Fish Dinners	
	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross - Church	
Saturday	9:30 AM	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J.	
Saturuay	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass	
	Fair	r Raffle Ticket Distribution - G.S.	
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		
	8 AM, 10 AM &		
	10:00 AM	et Distribution - G.S. Children's Liturgy - S.F.	
	1:00 PM	KIM Easter Eggstravaganza -	
		Back Parking Lot	
	4:30 PM	Middle & High School Youth	
		Movie - PAC	

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WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - March 17-24

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 **Monday**: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11 **Tuesday**: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29;

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56 Sunday: Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Church

The St. Alphonsus youth group invites you to join them in "Our Journey with Jesus." We encourage you to examine your heart and accept the task at hand as we face our daily challenges and respond to His call, especially focusing on the spiritual goal of the youth group: *when you fall, get back up again.* The evening will reflect on the Passion of Christ by utilizing prayer, music, and visual aids. Any youth interested in reading one of the stations for "Our Journey with Jesus," meet at the church for 6 PM; let us pick up our cross and follow him.

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) Feast Day: July 14

St. Kateri was born in New York. Her mother was an Algonquin who was captured by the Mohawks and ultimately married a tribal chief.

A smallpox epidemic affected her entire family. Her parents and brother died, but the four year old Kateri survived with numerous serious scars as well as impaired vision. She



was raised by an uncle who was chief of another Mohawk clan. As Kateri grew up, she was known as a skilled worker who was diligent and patient. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor

diligent and patient. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor for her, she refused the prospect of marriage. Kateri remained adamant about not marrying, so her parents eventually accepted it.

At age 19, Kateri converted to Catholicism taking a vow of chastity, and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision to convert was extremely unpopular with both her parents, and members of the tribe. She was persecuted daily; she was even accused of sorcery. Because of this she left her New York home and moved to a Christian native community south of Montreal,

Kateri was devout and steadfast in her faith, especially in praying for the conversion of her Mohawk tribe. Despite living with severe after-effects of smallpox, her Catholic devotion included self-mortification. She has been credited with a number of otherwise unexplained healings.

The name Kateri is the Mohawk version of Catherine, a name she took from St. Catherine of Sienna. Sadly, just five years after her Catholic conversion, she became ill and passed away at the age of 24.

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Live Stream Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

<u>Daily Masses</u> 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

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> For children 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.

<u>Marriage</u>

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, 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

Divine Mercy Novena

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



Mass Intentions for July-December

Our Mass Intentions book for July through December 2024 will open on Tuesday, April 2nd. Mass Intentions can be purchased for a \$5 donation each in the Church Office on weekdays. You may purchase up to three weekend and three weekday Mass Intentions at a time.

Easter Decor Schedule

Friday, March 22 at 9:30 AM - Decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Shred palmettos, make arrangements, hang red banners on altar and columns. Place reeds in basket with palms for procession by back access to sacristy. Place one empty basket on left side of altar.

Monday, March 25 at 9:30 AM - Change decor. Wrap trees with flowers ad fluff potted plants.

See full schedule on the church website.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Warren Couvillion - Husband of Hannah Couvillion.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.

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, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Betty Bordelon, Penny Lambert, Colleen Stanton, Lynn Bridges, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Sarah & Baby Guidry, Jeannine Cockerham, Chris Efferson, Jackie Goudeau, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Amanda Puissegur, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jill Bueche, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, Ronnie Kaiser, Jack and Phyllis Achord, Barry Woods, Jan DeFreitas, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Victor Vidaurre, Andy Juneau, Amee Juneau Bordelon, Marcella Corrick, Carson Felterman, Brett Crochet

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Special thanks to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry volunteers, who work hard to distribute food to those in need in our community every Wednesday morning. *Photo submitted by Mark Legendre*.



FORMATION

Confirmation

If you have missed a Confirmation session, please contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule a time to do a make-up session. If you need to complete Confirmation forms, most forms are located on the parish website www.alphonsus.org.

Family Catechesis

The last class for Family Catechesis **K-6th Grades** will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Please bring your completed book and log booklet to this meeting. Books will be graded. Parents and child are required to attend.

St. Joseph's Altar Images, Statues & Candles

We are preparing for the St. Joseph Altar that will take place March 17, 2024, after the 10 AM and Noon Masses. If you have statues, pictures, or candles you would like to lend us to decorate the altar, please bring those items to the Faith Formation Office by March 14. If you would like to display a photograph of a deceased loved one, please bring a copy of this picture to our office as well.

KIM Easter Eggstravaganza

The Easter Eggstavaganza will be on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, beginning at 1 PM in the back parking lot behind the gym. Please join us for food, crafts, games, and an Easter Egg Run. Visit the parish website alphonsus.org to R.S.V.P. For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

Kids in Ministry is collecting prefilled eggs for this event. Please drop off donations in the container in the Gather Space or the Faith Formation Office by March 22.

Save the Date: Theology on Tap

The last Theology on Tap for 2023-2024 will be on Sunday, April 14, 2024, with guest speaker Kathleen Higgins, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese.

2024 ST. ALPHONSUS AUCTION & TASTE FAIR

On Saturday, March 2, 2024, parishioners and supporters of St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish gathered in our new Parish Activity Center to eat, drink, and bid on a variety of silent and live auction items. Eight food vendors offered delicious samples of their specialties, and the Wine & Dine Pulls were as popular as ever. The costume contest was another highlight, helping bring together our circus theme. It was a truly enjoyable night and a highly successful fundraiser. Our gross revenue was approximately **\$250,000** this year. Thank you again to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, bidders, and those who attended. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Auction in 2025. *Photos by Sara Puissegur and Jeannine Cockerham*.



Youth Night Schedule

MEET US AT THE LIGHT HOUSE

- MARCH 17TH YOUTH NIGHT (MS 4:00-5:30/ HS 6:30- 8:00)
- MARCH 24TH PALM SUNDAY FUN DAY (MS & HS 4:30-8:00) AT PAC
- APRIL 7TH EASTER PARTY (MS AND HS 4:00- 8:00)
- APRIL 14TH YOUTH NIGHT (MS 4:00-5:30/ HS 6:30- 8:00)
- APRIL 21ST YOUTH NIGHT (MS 4:00-5:30/ HS 6:30- 8:00)
- APRIL 28TH YOUTH NIGHT (MS 4:00-5:30/ HS 6:30- 8:00)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Men's Club Fried Fish Dinners

Fish dinners will be available on the Fridays of Lent. Dinners are **\$10 each** and include fried fish, french fries, coleslaw, and a roll. Take out only from 4 PM until 6 PM (or sold out). Pick up dinners in the front parking lot on Greenwell Springs Road.

Join the Prime Timers for a

to the Silver Slipper

in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

on Friday, April 12, 2024

Leave St. Alphonsus at 8 AM. Arrive at Silver Slipper at 10 AM.

Arrive back at St. Alphonsus for 5 PM.

Cost: \$20 per person. Sign up in Church Office. Please make checks payable to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

Includes 1/2 off buffet and

a \$20 free play card.



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nners in the front parking lot on Greenwell Springs Roa

2024 Dates: March 15 & March 22

Clergy Dinner

There are 14 spots open for the Clergy Dinner on Saturday, June 8, 2024. Fr. Mike, Bishop Duca, and deacons will be serving a delicious meal. Seats cost \$250 each. If you would like to reserve a spot, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650.

2024 Festival of Two Rivers – Cash Raffle \$1 Ticket Distribution – March 16-24

Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets in the Gather Space of the church this weekend at all Masses. We will be leaving the tickets in the Gather Space the week of March 18-24. Any tickets not picked up by Sunday, March 24 at 1 PM will be mailed.

As you are aware, postage is sixty cents per letter. Therefore we ask you to pick your tickets up if at all possible. If all our tickets were picked up rather than mailed, we would have a cost savings of more than \$900. Thank you for your support of our raffle.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For **March 9-10, 2024**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 13,083.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,674.00
Parish Soft	\$ 13,258.50
Building/Maintenance Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 754.00
Parish Soft	\$ 3,596.00
New Parish Activity Center Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 1,669.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,280.29
Children	\$ 9.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 571.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 741.00
SVDP Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Total Received	\$ 36,645.79

Sponsorship Opportunities

Team Registration-\$900 Individual Registration- \$150 Hole Sponsorship-\$200 Food Sponsorship-\$800





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