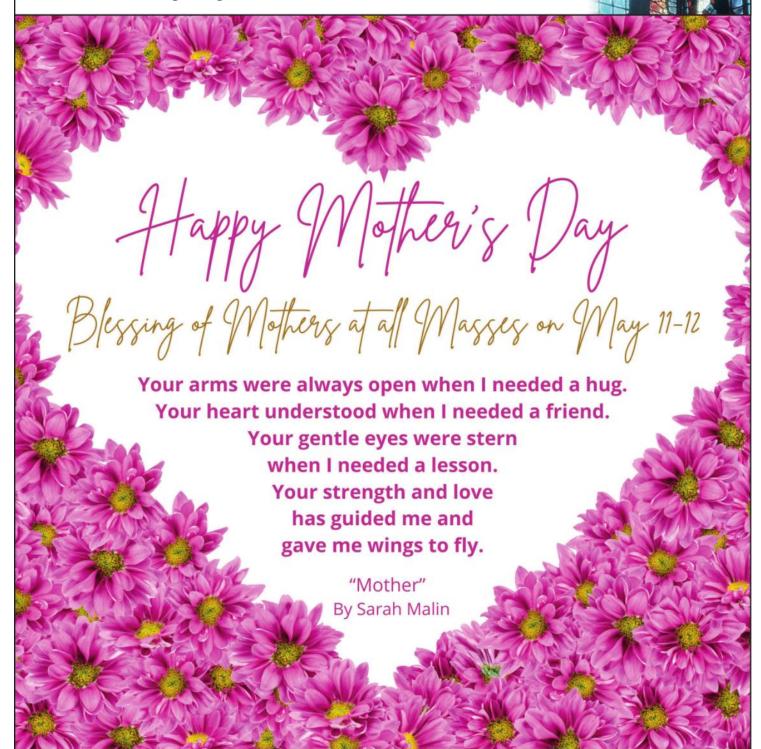


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#### The Ascension of the Lord

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." — Revelation 22:13



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Monday

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Fr. Mike Moroney *May 15, 2024* 



## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: MAY 11 - 19, 2024

Saturday 9:30 AM Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J.

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Mother's Day Blessing
Baby Bottle Fundraiser - G.S.

Sunday The Ascension of the Lord

8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Mother's Day Blessing at all Masses Baby Bottle Fundraiser - G.S.

Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses - S.F.

4:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Finals Night - Lighthouse

8:30 AM Daily Mass

9:00 AM SAS 8th Grade Awards - F.C. 9:30 AM SAS 8th Grade Graduation

Practice - Church

6:30 PM Scouts - PAC Offices

6:30 PM Scouts Parents - St. Matthew

Tuesday 8:30 AM Daily Mass & Novena

9:00 AM Church Finance Council - S.G. 11:00 AM Ladies Altar Society - S.F. 5:30 PM Adult Confirmation - St. Mark

6:30 PM Women of Faith - St. Matthew 6:30 PM Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 PM Men's Scripture - C.R.

Mass - Church, F.C.

SAS 8th Grade Graduation

Wednesday 8:30 AM Communion Service

7:00 PM

SAS Kindergarten Promotion - F.C.

12:00 PM HIVE Committee - S.F. 5:30 PM Bell Choir - C.R. 6:30 PM King's Men - St. Matthew 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - C.R.

Thursday 8:30 AM Daily Mass & Rosary 6:30 PM Scouts Committee -

Lighthouse

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Friday 8:30 AM School Mass

9:15 AM Coffee Break - S.F.

7:00 PM SAS Middle School Dance - F.C.

Saturday Cub Scouts Raingutter Regatta - PAC E.H.

4:00 PM Vigil Mass (Baptisms)

**Sunday** Pentecost Sunday

8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses (Baptisms)

## **WORSHIP**

## Readings for the Week - May 12-19

**Sunday**: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Wednesday**: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19 **Thursday**: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;

Jn 17:20-26

**Friday**: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19 **Saturday**: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 **Sunday**: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,

12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## **Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet**

Heavenly Father, please remember Leola Bourgeois, H.J. Banker, Fay Browning, Frances Simpson, and Theresa Simpson, so they may share in the spiritual benefits offered in this church in observance of Mother's Day.

#### Featured Saint of the Week

## St. Galgano Guidotti (1148-1181)

Feast Day: November 30

St. Galgano was the son of a feudal lord. Galgano became a knight and is said to have led a ruthless life in his early years.

Sir Galgano was a famous knight. In a dream, he was contacted by the Archangel Michael. St. Michael led a reluctant Galgano to a hill in Mt. Siepi (Italy), by



a small circular church. At this point, St. Michael asked him to renounce all worldly pleasure. Sir Galgano sarcastically responded: "I would gladly follow your order, but doing so for me would be as easy as splitting rocks with my sword". Galgano withdrew his sword to prove his point however, the sword quite easily penetrated the rock all the way to the hilt.

To this day, the sword remains in the same position. No one has been able to remove it. In 2001 tests were made verifying the sword was from the twelfth century. A 2 X 1 cavity discovered beneath the sword, (using radar technology) is thought to be the resting place of the Knight of God, St. Galgano.

These facts may sound familiar. There are some who have conjectured that the history of St. Galgano was the impetus for the story of King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table.

In this story however, many people made pilgrimages to his resting place and claimed him responsible for various miracles. After additional investigation of those claims it resulted in him being canonized.

St. Galgano was the first person canonized with a formal process by the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Lucius III declared his canonization in 1185.

## **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**

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** 

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

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.

#### **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, find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

#### **Prayer Line**

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## **OUTREACH**

#### **Rest in Peace**

Jerry Sanders Starkey - Mother of Sharon (Stephen) Whitlow.

#### **Martha's Meals of Mercy**

Martha's Meals of Mercy will bring meals to parishioners that are just coming home from the hospital, have just had a new baby, or are going through a traumatic time. The meals will be delivered for a short time- 2-3 times a week for 2-3 weeks.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry OR if you would like to be a Martha and provide meals, please notify the parish office at 225-261-4650. A representative of the ministry will call back and get information such as the number of people in the family, food allergies, likes and dislikes. Those receiving the meals will be asked to place a cooler at their door where the food will be placed at a specific day and time. That way they will not be disturbed.

## **Pray for the Sick**

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks.

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, Karen Rabalais, Lyndsey Quirk Neyland, Ben Guillory, Leslie F. Smith, Jason Lasseigne, Jennifer McMillan, Phyllis Rambo, Tiger Holt, 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, 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, Johnny Graves, John Desselle, Mary Delaney, Rita Neck, Joe Dillard, Thomas Laborie, Jackie McQueen, Colleen Stanton, Lynn Bridges, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Sarah & Baby Guidry, Jeannine Cockerham, Lisa Jones, Betty Bordelon, Freida Scallan, Joyce Lambert, Penny Lambert, Robert Lippert



## **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.

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

**U.S. COAST GUARD**: EM2 Dylan Lirette, MK3 Kobe Naquin

## **FORMATION**

## **PSR Registration begins June 1**

Public and private school students in K-11th grade are required to register for PSR each year. If your child is in public, private or a Catholic high school in 10th or 11th grade, they will need to register for Confirmation classes. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will begin June 1, 2024. Look for registration forms on our website, in the back of the church, and in the Faith Formation Office this summer.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Who helped you to grow in your faith? All of us want our parish to grow and thrive or we would not be here. We know the importance of our faith and how it has helped us throughout our lives, but who will make sure our Catholic beliefs and traditions will be passed on to the future? Volunteers are needed to share our faith. Catechist, catechist aides and mentors help the youth of our parish come to know the Holy Trinity and our sacred traditions. We aren't asking for you to have a degree in Theology or any degree, just a willingness to share what you have been given. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 261-4644.

#### Coffee Break

Friday, May 10 in the St. Francis Room
Social begins at 9:15 AM. Join us as we
continue to learn of the Holy Spirit. This
chapter we will discuss Peter, Paul and the rest of the story.



## **Vacation Bible School Registration Open**

Vacation Bible School is the week of June 17-21, 2024, for ages 5 to 11. Registration available on parish website. Children over 11 and adults needed to help make V.B.S. a success. Contact Colby at cnovo@alphonsus.org or 261-4644.

#### **VBS Needs Donations & Volunteers**

VBS is in need of your help. We are planning a wonderful week of fun and excitement. This year's theme is "Scuba diving into friendship with God." We are on the lookout for empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes, Tide or Gain pod containers, and empty egg cartons to make some of the decorations. If you have these items, please bring them to the Faith Formation Office.

If you can cut, your talents are requested. We have fish to be cut, and coral and other items that need to be made.

Supplies and directions can be picked up in the Faith Formation Office. Please contact us, and we will get you started. Items are due in the Faith Formation Office by Friday, May 31, 2024.

If you are interested in helping to set up VBS, we will begin setting up at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 12 through Friday, June 14 in the Parish Activity Center. Come join the fun and make some great memories for our children.

#### **VBS Needs Food Donations**

We are in need of the following food item donations for VBS. Please drop donations off in the Faith Formation Office by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

- 1) Buttery Round Crackers (Ritz-like) preferably packed in sleeves
- 2) Cheddar or American cheese in spray cans
- 3) Crunchy Cheetos (plain) 1oz individual serving bags
- 4) Vanilla Wafers
- 5) Funfetti icing 15.6 oz. tubs- Aqua Blue and Vibrant Green
- 6) Unrefrigerated Large Pepperoni slices (3½ inches)
- 7) Individually wrapped American cheese slices
- 8) Individual packs of snack sized M&Ms
- 9) Long Pull and Peel Twizzlers strawberry or cherry flavor
- 10) Medium-sized Glazed Honey Buns-Individually wrapped (not frosted)
- 11) Plain Honey Graham Crackers
- 12) Individual 1 oz. snack bags of Goldfish cheddar crackers
- 13) Plain popped popcorn
- 14) Chex Cereal- Rice, Wheat, or Corn.
- 15) Mini Pretzel twists
- 16) Paper plates approximately 8"
- 17) Plastic Spoons- teaspoon sized
- 18) Capri Suns
- 19) Water- 4 oz. bottles
- 20) Water- 16.9 oz. bottles
- 21) Mini plastic cups with lids 2 oz. size
- 22) 20 oz. Bowls
- 23) Cookies and chips in individual 1 serving packages
- 24) Individually wrapped cereal or protein bars

# YOUTH NIGHT MRY 12



- 4 7 PM at the Lighthouse
- · High school and middle school are invited for Finals Night
- Come and study for your final exams
- Breakfast supper will be served
- Wear your favorite (appropriate) pajamas
  - Must wear clothes under onesies (if applicable)
- · Bring questions, study material, etc.
  - Tutors of multiple subject areas will be present to assist you with any questions
- Small, occasional study breaks for short games

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

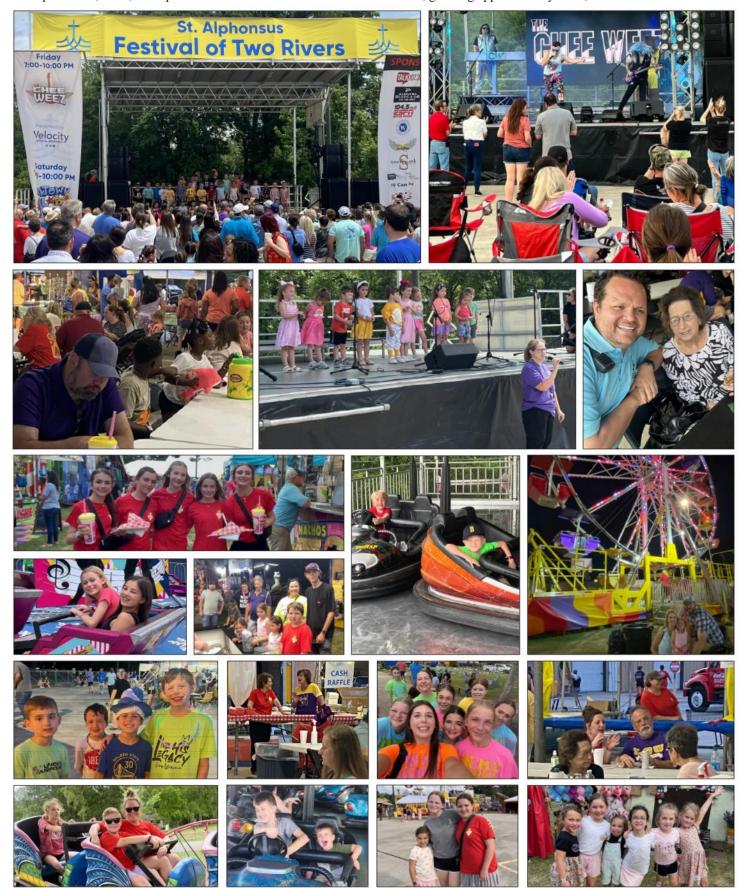
## **Ladies Altar Society**

Our May luncheon/meeting HAS BEEN MOVED to **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**, in the St. Francis Room at 11 AM. The cost of the meal will be \$10. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cherryl at 225-235-0198.



## **Festival of Two Rivers**

On April 26-28, 2024, St. Alphonsus had our most successful festival to date, grossing approximately \$280,000+. Photos submitted.

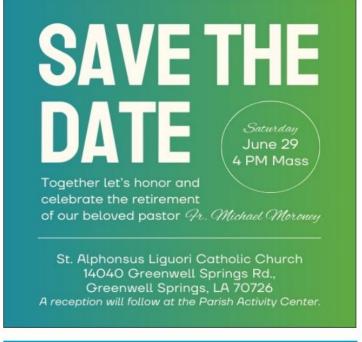


#### **Expectant Parents**

The following couples have been blessed with new life: Colby & Jessica Richey

If you or someone you know is expecting, call the Church Office and let us know their names and their baby's due date.





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