

Councils & Committees

Church Finance Council

Advises the pastor on matters relating to the financial management of the parish. Reviews and approves the annual church budget and reviews monthly revenue and expenses. Membership is by appointment.

Chair: Darryl Serio, 261-6029

Staff Liaison: Melissa LeSage, 261-4650

Pastoral Advisory Council

This council assists the pastor in fulfilling the pastoral mission of the parish by concentrating its efforts on creating a vision for future growth and by setting goals and objectives to achieve that vision.

Chair: Joette Taylor

Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

St. Matthew's Guild (Money Counters)

Individuals appointed by the parish priest and staff meet during daytime hours to count money and prepare the bank deposits. Time commitment is approximately 2-3 hours every 8 weeks.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Sara Puissegur, 261-4650

St. Alphonsus Catholic School

St. Alphonsus School Grades Pre-K3-8

The Mission of St. Alphonsus Catholic School is to provide a faith-filled education, which promotes academic excellence for each student.

Contact: School Office, 261-5299

Staff Liaison: Kristy Monsour, 261-5299

St. Alphonsus School Board

An advisory board to the pastor and school principal. The board is comprised of appointed parishioners who have a special interest in serving our school.

Chair: Lynn Kennedy, 921-4767

Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

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Chair: Monica Zumo

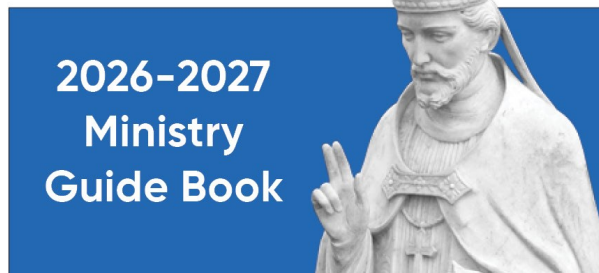
Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Home & School Association

The Home and School Association has as its main purpose the coordination of parent volunteers which include but are not limited to: fund-raising, open houses for prospective students, teacher appreciation activities, vision and hearing screenings, directory publications, etc.

President: Lacey Keller, 235-0987

Staff Liaison: Kristy Monsour, 261-5299



Contact Information

Church Address: 14040 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739
Church Office: 225-261-4650 **Open Mon-Th** 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Formation Office: 225-261-4644 **Open Tues-Th** 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Both the Church & Formation Office are open Fridays 8:30 AM—1:30 PM
Church Website: alphonsus.org
School Address: 13940 Greenwell Springs Rd., Greenwell Springs, LA 70739
School Office: 225-261-5299 **School Website:** stalphonsusbr.org

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Jason Palermo jpalermo@diobr.org
Director of Administration	Lisa Lively llively@alphonsus.org
Permanent Deacon	Robert Kusch rkusch@diobr.org
Permanent Deacon	Ronnie Hebert rjhebert@diobr.org
Director of Faith Formation	Olga Johnson ojohnson@alphonsus.org
Assistant Director of Faith Formation	Colby Novo cnovo@alphonsus.org
Finance Manager	Melissa LeSage melissa@alphonsus.org
Administrative Assistant	Krystal Armand krystal@alphonsus.org
Communication Specialist	Sara Puissegur sara@alphonsus.org
Community Outreach Coordinator	Donna Lambert donna@alphonsus.org
Faith Formation Secretary	Cindi Schlatre cindi@alphonsus.org
Receptionist	Margaret Garza mgarza@alphonsus.org
Youth Minister	Amy Varnado avarnado@alphonsus.org
Facilities Manager	Dale Hodges dhodges@stalphonsusbr.org
Maintenance	Preston “Chip” Lovett plovett@alphonsus.org
Custodian	Michelle Morgan

School Staff

Principal	Kristy Monsour kmonsour@stalphonsusbr.org
Assistant Principal	Kristin Tate ktate@stalphonsusbr.org

Liturgy Planning Committee

Plans and coordinates overall liturgical services and worship ministries. Monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month and as need arises.
Chair: Paul Greehy, 445-4576
Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Music

Chancel Choir

Share musical talents at 10 AM Mass on Sunday and other occasions. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7 PM-8 PM in September through May.
Contact: David Aguillard, dagu2again@aol.com

Hand Bell Choir

The Celestial Ringers play hand bell music for Christmas, Easter and other events. Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:45 PM in September through May.
Contact: Becky Maus, 225-772-7396

Youth Choir

St. Alphonsus Youth Choir sings at 12:00 PM Mass and various diocesan and church parish events. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 10:15 AM and are scheduled accordingly for other events.
Contact: David Aguillard, dagu2again@aol.com

Parish Mission

Our parish offers an annual parish mission, which provides an opportunity to reflect on one's life in Christ and celebrate the Catholic faith.
Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4650

Sacristans

Prepare for the Eucharistic celebration by placing the necessary vessels in their proper places and cleaning them after Mass. Scheduled in advance honoring Mass preferences.
Contact: Krystal Armand, 261-4650, krystal@alphonsus.org
Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Ushers

Service organization that assists at weekend Masses and donates time and talent in various church activities.
Contact: Ronnie Thibodeaux, 261-8191
Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650



Worship Ministries

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration Chapel

Adorers commit to one hour of prayer each week in the Adoration Chapel. Adorers select the time and day of their commitment. Anyone is welcome to visit the chapel and sign in as a visitor.

Contact: Joette Taylor, 235-0103

Staff Liaison: Margaret Garza, 261-4650

1st Saturday Mass, followed by Family Adoration and Benediction

All parishioners and their families are invited to attend Mass and Adoration on the first Saturday of every month. Join us in the Church for Mass at 8 AM, followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 AM. Please note this includes children of all ages, parents, grandparents, singles, and married couples.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Altar Servers

Boys and girls, 3rd grade and older, can sign up to assist the priest at weekend Masses. Scheduled in advance honoring Mass preferences.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Krystal Armand, 261-4650

Divine Mercy

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Starting in Lent, a group meets every Wednesday at 6 PM to pray the Divine Mercy Novena, completing the novena on the Wednesday before Divine Mercy Sunday. Open to everyone.

Contact: Donna Speeg, 921-8037

Staff Liaison: Margaret Garza, 261-4650

Environmental/Seasonal Décor

Plans and decorates church for seasonal services. Meetings scheduled as need arises.

Contact: Karen Graves, 572-0316

Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion assist in ministering the Body and Blood of Christ to the Church community at Mass. They also bring communion to nursing homes, the homebound and to hospital patients. Eucharistic Ministers must meet certain criteria and then are appointed by the pastor. Appointments are made two to three times a year.

Contact: Krystal Armand, 261-4650, krystal@alphonsus.org

Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Lectors

Readers who proclaim the word of God at weekend and weekday Masses. Scheduled in advance honoring Mass preferences.

Contact: Krystal Armand, 261-4650, krystal@alphonsus.org

Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Parish Events

Auction/Taste Fair/\$10,000 Raffle

Our Auction, Taste Fair, and \$10,000 Raffle Drawing will take place on March 6, 2027. Consider being a sponsor, donating an item, volunteering your time, and joining us for an evening of food and excitement.

Chair: Kyle Cutrer, 324-2988

Contact & Staff Liaison: Sara Puissegur, 261-4650

Festival of Two Rivers

Our next St. Alphonsus Festival of Two Rivers will be held on April 23-25, 2027. Be a part of this extra special event and join us for fun, food, games, rides, bingo, and entertainment. Volunteer your time and talents by working in a booth or by helping with set up and clean up or by donating items for our plant booth, sweet booth, frozen foods, etc.

1st Chair: Devin Knapps, 938-4415

Contact & Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Coffee and Donuts

To welcome and provide fellowship. Coffee and donuts are usually served after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Hosts: Hospitality Committee, Knights of Columbus # 2807, and the Men's Club

Contact & Staff Liaison: Lisa Livey, 261-4650

80th Birthday Celebration

This annual event celebrates the time and talents that those turning 80+ give to God and His Church. Parishioners will be invited through the bulletin and email and asked to RSVP. Our next event will be held on September 12, 2026.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Krystal Armand, 261-4650

Milestone Wedding Anniversary Celebration

St. Alphonsus will honor married couples in the parish celebrating a “milestone anniversary” (20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60+) at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 13, 2027. A reception will follow for the honorees, their family, and friends.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Lisa Livey, 261-4650

Remembering our Children

On Worldwide Candlelight Day, Sunday, December 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM, we will especially remember and celebrate the life, love and light of our children who have gone much too soon. This candlelight service will symbolize that the light of these precious children will forever be held in our hearts.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Lisa Livey, 261-4650

St. Joseph's Altar

The construction of elaborate altars for the Feast of Saint Joseph, celebrated annually in March, are used to thank St. Joseph for answering a prayer or to ask for help. We need parishioners to donate ingredients, bake cookies and bread, and help prepare and serve food.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Veterans Mass & Military Recognition

We invite everyone in our community to help us express our gratitude for all military service members on Sunday, November 8, 2026. All veterans and active-duty personnel will be honored and given a special blessing during the 12 Noon Mass.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650

Adult Formation

Bible Studies

We offer several opportunities to learn more about the Word of God in small groups. Join one of our weekly Bible studies like Revelation, Timeline, Matthew, etc. Registration opens in August. Bible studies meet from September through May.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Coffee Break

Meets on the second Friday of each month in September through May. Fellowship, Bible Study, Prayer Sisters, Christmas Luncheon/Ornament Exchange, Spring Trip, and End of the Year In-House Service Project with Luncheon. All ladies are invited. You do not have to be a member of St. Alphonsus.

Contact: Jackie Rembert, 261-3116, avon1.jackie@gmail.com

Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Corpus Christi Prayer Group

Group that focuses on God, giving Him thanks and praise through prayer and song. Meets bi-monthly on the second and fourth Saturday from 9:30-11:00 AM in the St. Matthew Room in the Parish Activity Center.

Contact: Jean LeBlanc, 225-261-7168

Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4650

The King's Men

The King's Men is designed to help men strengthen their spiritual life through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. This group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Every August, they host the Men's Welcome Retreat.

Contact: Mark Dugar, markdugar@hotmail.com

Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Men's Scripture

Many of us know the Scripture readings from Mass, but do you know how they apply to our everyday life? Come share time with Scripture from the Sunday readings and fellowship with other men of the parish on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Choir Room.

Contact: Don Kenaley, donaldkenaley@gmail.com

Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Small Christian Communities

Ongoing adult faith opportunity to pray, share and grow in faith through the study of the Sunday Scriptures. Small groups of 5-12 adults or families meet at agreed upon times in member homes.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Cindi Schlatre, 261-4644

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Baptisms for children up to age six are held on Sundays after the 12:00p.m Mass based on Father Jason's availability. Unbaptized children age seven and older must go through the Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC).

Contact & Staff Liaison: Margaret Garza, 261-4650

Christian Initiation (OCIA/OCIC)

The Order of Christian Initiation is the process in which adults and children age seven and up becoming full participating members of the Catholic Church. Adults meet every Thursday at 6:30 PM starting in August. Children meet on Sunday mornings.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Confirmation - Adults

For adults who wish to complete the sacraments of initiation. Candidates must attend six sessions before they receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Cindi Schlatre, 261-4644

Confirmation - Youth

Preparation takes place in seventh grade. The journey includes meetings, retreats, and service projects. This is an opportunity for our teens to learn more about the faith and grow in understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Contact: Kyle Cutrer, 324-2988

Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

First Eucharist

Young people who are in their second year of formation are eligible to receive this sacrament. Parents must attend one seminar, and parent and child must attend one retreat to prepare the child to receive the Eucharist. Celebrated on the Third Sunday of Easter.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

First Reconciliation

Parents with children in their second year of formation attend one seminar and one retreat to help them instruct their child for the reception of the sacrament.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Marriage Preparation

Engaged couples should contact St. Alphonsus Church at least six months in advance of the date they wish to be married and may book the church for their wedding up to one year in advance. The couple must complete paperwork and take the Premarital Inventory at the Church Office. Engaged couples are also required to attend one of the Diocesan Pre-Canna retreats or an equivalent program.

Contact & Wedding Coordinator: Sara Puissegur, 261-4650

Vocations

Coordinate parish efforts to increase awareness of vocations.

Contact & Pastor: Fr. Jason Palermo, 261-4650

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers bring parishioners, 60 years and older, together in a social setting for activities. These activities include trips, entertainment, speakers, and other fun functions. Every parishioner who is 60 years or older automatically belongs to the Prime Timers and is invited to participate in all activities. No membership needed.

Contacts: John & Barbara Culmone, 261-1462

Staff Liaison: Lisa Lively, 261-4650

Prison Ministry

Volunteers age 18+ share their faith with and minister to the inmates at Dixon Correctional Institute on Friday evenings.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Deacon Ronnie Hebert, 261-6517

Prayer Line

Special needs and urgent prayer requests are received by a chairperson and passed on to those serving in this ministry on the same day. This ensures a quick response for prayers. If you have a physical limitation or are homebound and wish to be involved, this is the perfect ministry for you as the only requirements are a telephone and time to make a call.

Contacts: Beverly Heil, 225-772-4278, and Gloria Jones, 225-337-8929

Staff Liaison: Lisa Lively, 261-4650

Respect Life Ministry

This ministry proclaims the sanctity and value of human life from birth to natural death as a gift from God and the foundation of human dignity. Members of this ministry gather on Thursday mornings following the 8:30 AM Mass to pray the respect life rosary. Baby bottle campaigns are held annually on Mother's Day weekend to help support Women's New Life Clinic.

Contact: Randy Damen, 229-9922, and Carmen Damen, 247-4696

Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Volunteers help in the Food Pantry, assess the need for Emergency Financial Assistance, and help with projects such as the Fill a Prescription fundraiser. SVDP can aid with electric and water bills, but does not offer rental assistance. For more information, call the hotline 225-261-1222, leave a voicemail, and a representative will call you back.

Contacts: Karen Graves, 572-0316, and Jackie Guidry, 921-5789

Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650

Theology on Tap

This evening gives us an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith from guest priests and speakers on select Sunday nights. Dinner is served at 6 PM, followed by the presentation at 6:30 PM. Anyone age 21+ is welcome. An RSVP before each event is encouraged for food purposes.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Wisdom Wednesday

On select Wednesday nights, guest speakers are hosted in Emmanuel Hall to give our parish the opportunity to learn and grow in our faith.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Women of Faith

Group of women coming together to learn more about the scriptures weekly on Tuesdays from 6-8 PM. See the weekly bulletin for schedule and meeting room.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Children & Youth

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Catechists work with children in kindergarten through second grade to help them understand the Liturgy of the Word during the 10 AM Mass throughout the school year.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Colby Novo, 261-4644

Faith Formation (Parish School of Religion)

Religious instruction for children who attend private or public school:

Learning Groups - Instruction by teachers and aides in a classroom setting on select Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM for kindergarten through seventh grade.

Family Catechesis - Parents receive instructional materials and provide faith formation to their child(ren) in kindergarten-seventh grade. Meet in person once a month on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Colby Novo, 261-4644

Kids in Ministry

Hosts parties and activities for preschool and elementary age children throughout the Central community. Each year we have a Fall Fest, a Christmas Party, and an Easter Eggstravaganza.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Colby Novo, 261-4644

Scouts

Scouting America and Cub Scouts programs build strong moral backgrounds and provide skills that will help young people function successfully in the "adult world." All scouts meetings are held weekly at 6:30 PM on Mondays—Troop 322 for boys, Troop 1322 for girls, and Pack 125 for both.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Cindi Schlatter, 261-4644

Vacation Bible School

A week-long morning program in June for children entering Kindergarten (age five) through sixth grade. Activities include Bible stories, crafts, skits, and snacks. See our website for details.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Colby Novo, adffj@alpbonsus.org, 261-4644

Youth Ministry

All youth in grades six through twelve are invited to participate regardless of which school you attend. Youth nights are held on select Wednesday nights from 6-8 PM in the Lighthouse, which include activities based on our Catholic faith! Other activities include games, Bible study, retreats, social events, missions, and pilgrimages, such as the March for Life and Steubenville. Youth members can find forms on the parish website. All middle and high school youth are encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Amy Varnado, avarnado@alphonsus.org, 261-4644

Outreach & Service Ministries

Advent Tree

Our church community participates in this Christmas outreach project providing gifts for families through selected agencies and local families in need annually.

Contact: John Culmone, 261-1462

Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650

Bereavement

This ministry has two parts. The first part of the ministry is to journey with the bereaved family through planning the funeral liturgy, the actual funeral, and follow up after the funeral. The second part of the ministry provides food for the families after the funeral. The recitation of the rosary at wake services, as requested, is handled by the Ladies Altar Society or Knights of Columbus.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Margaret Garza, 261-4650

Blood Drives & Blood Assurance Program

The Knights of Columbus #2807 host quarterly blood drives and provide a free meal for blood donors. All parishioners are covered for any blood that they receive by the blood assurance program at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a Catholic women's organization focused on spiritual growth and charitable service. The St. Alphonsus group is Chapter 2823.

Staff Liaison: Krystal Armand, 261-4650

Disaster Preparedness

Aids families in creating their own Family Emergency Communications Plan and organizes relief aid when needed. In the unfortunate event that a disaster affects our parish or area, volunteers are needed to assist in various categories including: preparation of the facility, assisting special needs parishioners, rescue/reunification, medical needs, food, water, social media, communications, and recovery.

Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650

Grief Support Group

A group of adults who have lost loved ones gather at St. Alphonsus to support each other through their grief every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the St. Clare Room. This group is free and open to everyone in the local community.

Contact: Glenn Jarreau, 287-1295

Staff Liaison: Lisa Lively, 261-4650

Habitat for Humanity

Local Catholic Churches come together to build affordable housing for families in need.

Contact: Glenn Jarreau, 225-287-1295

Staff Liaison: Lisa Lively, 261-4650

Homebound Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers take communion to homebound parishioners. Ministry can be during day or evening hours.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650

Hospitality Ministry

Plans, coordinates, and hosts parish receptions including: Milestone Anniversaries, Veterans Appreciation, 80th Birthday, Remembering Our Children, and the Parish Mission. Hosts Coffee and Donuts after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses on the second Sunday of certain months. They also host the Frozen Foods and Sweets Booths for the Festival.

Contact: Juanita Beard, 223-1749, and Janet Haynes, 278-0431

Staff Liaison: Lisa Lively, 261-4650

Knights of Columbus (St. Alphonsus Council #2807)

Catholic Family Fraternal Organization for practicing Catholic men 18 years and older. We invite you to join us in working for the good of the St. Alphonsus community.

Contact: Fred Anson, 362-1224

Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Ladies Altar Society

Women's organization that donates their time and talents to help with parish activities. They are responsible for the church linens, selling religious candles and articles, the recitation of the rosary at wake services as requested, and providing the priest with items he needs for the church. Members gather four times a year for a general meeting and luncheon.

Contact: Diane Pizzalato, 921-8356, and Cheryl Alford, 235-0198

Staff Liaison: Margaret Garza, 261-4650

Martha's Meals of Mercy

Provides meals 2-3 times a week for a period of 2-3 weeks to those in need due to a recent hospitalization, a new baby, a crisis in the family, etc. The frequency you have to cook is up to you. If you do not cook, you can help by transporting food to recipients as needed.

Contact: Debra Efferson, 261-8116 or 235-8175

Staff Liaison: Margaret Garza, 261-4650

Men's Club

Committed to spiritual, service, and social opportunities for adult men of the parish. Monthly meetings including dinner are held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Contact: Billy Harris, 261-3718, 936-8036, billandmel@bellsouth.net

Staff Liaison: Olga Johnson, 261-4644

Nursing Home Ministry

Volunteers assist the residents at the Claiborne at Shoe Creek and Central Guest House to monthly Mass and weekly Communion Services at their facilities, as well as prepare birthday bags for the residents.

Contact & Staff Liaison: Donna Lambert, 261-4650