



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



January 19, 2025

Volume 17, Issue 3

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory."

– Isaiah 62:2

Join us for a WICKED GOOD evening at our St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church & School Auction, Taste Fair & \$10,000 Raffle

Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 5 PM
in the Parish Activity Center

Event Highlights:

- Silent & Live Auctions
- Chance to win \$10,000
- Chance at First Pick of our Incredible Live Auction Items
- Chance to Win Free Tuition (*fees not included*) for one student at SACS for the 2025-2026 school year
- Great Food & Drinks
- Prize for Best Outfit/Costume
- Wine & Dine, Door Prizes & More!

Must be
21+ to
attend



There's No Place Like

St. Alphonsus

Raffle Tickets

Go to alphonsus.org or scan this QR code with your phone to purchase tickets online.



Tickets are available for purchase in the Church and School Offices and will also be sold after Masses on Jan. 18-19, Feb. 15-16, March 8-9 & March 15-16.

Online Auction Feb. 20-28

The online portion of our auction will include popular school items such as:

First in Carpool, Pick Your Teacher, Colorful Shoes, breakfast with teachers, passes to all 2025-2026 SAS home athletic events, & more!

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Fr. Jason's Wishful Thinking: Our New Sanctuary Furnishings

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Friday, January 24th, Bishop Duca will join us for school Mass at 8:30 AM to bless our new altar, tabernacle, ambo, cantor's stand, and credence table. This is a beautiful ritual that most Catholics rarely get to see in their lives, so I wanted to invite you to it. We will also record it and have it available for viewing as we have the Sunday Masses each week. We would normally have such a liturgy on a Sunday, but Bishop Duca's schedule is quite full in January and February due to confirmations, Catholic Schools Week festivities, and Masses and events at St. Joseph Cathedral.

In preparation for the installation of the new furnishings, Firmin Construction will be moving equipment into the church on Sunday, January 19th after all of the Masses are completed. We will be moving the current altar--and one of the concrete podiums--to the far end of the pavilion at the Parish Activity Center. We will also move the baptismal font to a different location inside of the church. Minor repairs to the floor will be needed.

Daily Masses will take place in the St. Francis Room on January 21-23 as we work in the main church. The new altar and the four additional pieces are made from 200-year-old carved wood altarpieces from a closed church in Belgium. These two altarpieces had to be carefully taken apart, sanded down, and re-fashioned into what we needed for St. Alphonsus Church. Ronnie Deaton, Glen Jarreau, and Larry Buhler did this work as volunteers, and I commissioned Mrs. Tina Guillory of Denham Springs to do all of the painting and gold accents that you will see on them soon.

The main altar has paintings of the twelve apostles, minus St. Matthew, St. John, and Judas. St. Paul (the apostle to the Gentiles) is in place of Judas Iscariot. St. Matthias and St. Barnabas are in place of St. Matthew and St. John since they were gospel writers and are featured on the ambo (reader's stand). The ambo has paintings of the four gospel writers (along with their symbols from the Book of Revelation), and other evangelists from the first century including Mary Magdalene, Aquila & Priscilla, Timothy and Titus. The cantor's stand features male and female saints who composed sacred music or played instruments during their lifetimes. The altar of the Blessed Sacrament has four angels on the front, holding the instruments of Jesus' crucifixion. Along the two sides, there are twelve female saints who had great devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. I hope that you will enjoy learning about these particular saints, as you see these paintings, to be reminded that the saints and angels are present with us during the celebration of Mass.

Fr. Jason

MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish celebrates
the living waters of Christ by nourishing our
Catholic community spiritually and academically
so that Christ may be known in our world.*

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JANUARY 19-26, 2025

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| Saturday | 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 4:00 PM | Defenders of the Faith - PAC SJA Cookie Baking - SAS Caf. Vigil Mass <i>Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sales - G.S.</i> |
| Sunday | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sales - G.S.</i> 8:00 AM Blood Drive - S.F. | |
| Monday | Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Church Offices Closed</i> 9:00 AM SJA Cookie Baking - SAS Caf. 9:00 AM Wisdom Bible Study - S.F. C 6:30 PM Festival Committee - Conf. Rm. | |
| Tuesday | 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 2-8 PM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM | Daily Mass & Novena Epic Bible Study - S.C. Pictorial Photography - PAC SAS Finance Comm. - S.G. Adult Confirmation - S.G. Women of Faith - St. Matthew Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R. |
| Wednesday | 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 2-8 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Mass ACTS Bible Study - S.F. C James Bible Study - S.G. Hebrews Bible Study - S.C. Mark Bible Study - S.G. Pictorial Photography - PAC Bell Choir - C.R. Jesus the Way, the Truth & the Life Bible Study - S.G. Prophets Bible Study - S.C. King's Men - K.C. Hall Chancel Choir - C.R. |
| Thursday | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2-8 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM | Mass & Respect Life Rosary First Corinthians Study - S.C. Matthew Bible Study - S.G. Pictorial Photography - PAC OCIA - S.F. C Bible & Church Fathers - S.G. |
| Friday | 8:30 AM 2-8 PM | School Mass Pictorial Photography - PAC |
| Saturday | <i>Confirmation Retreat - Off-site</i> 9:00 AM SJA Cookie Baking - SAS Caf. 9:30 AM Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. 10 AM-4 PM Pictorial Photography - PAC 4:00 PM Vigil Mass | |
| Sunday | The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses</i> 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy - S.F. 10:15 AM Learning Groups 10:15 AM OCIC 10:15 AM Adaptive PSR | |

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM
Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM
Respect Life Rosary on Thursday after Daily Mass

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in 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](https://www.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

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - January 19-26

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-4; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Hermann Joseph (1150-1241) Feast Day: April 7



Born in Cologne, Germany, his given name was Hermann von Sternfeld. By the young age of seven, Hermann was known for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin. He spent as much time as possible in church, where he knelt in rapt prayer to Mary.

By the time he was 12, he entered the abbey of Premonstratensian Canons Regular (more commonly known as the Norbertines). He was still a bit too young to be accepted into the Order, so he was sent away for more studies. Upon his return he made his vows and was given the habit and the additional name of Joseph. Being a novice, he was initially assigned for service of the refectory (dining room); later he was assigned to the sacristy.

Fr. Hermann was known as a monk and mystic. It was remarkable with what reverence and devotion he offered the Holy Sacrifice. Sometimes he was sent out to perform pastoral duties, but he was also called upon for his skill in making and repairing clocks. Much of his outside pastoral care was as chaplain for several women's monasteries in the region.

His last assignment was as a chaplain, supporting the spiritual welfare of the Cistercian nuns. He died in 1241, at the age of 91.

Throughout his life he was characterized by his child-like devotion to Mary. He was known for his gentle demeanor, affability, and his humility. But above all he was known for his affection for the Mother of God, before whose altar he remained for hours in prayer and experiencing ecstatic visions. After his death a number of miraculous events were reported; healings of people suffering blindness, paralysis, possession, as well as many daily complaints such as headaches, toothaches, etc. were credited his intervention.

In 1626, Archbishop Ferdinand of Cologne and Emperor Ferdinand II requested that the canonization process for Fr. Hermann Joseph begin. For some reason however, the process was interrupted. He was still a "recognized saint" in his local area, but in 1958 Pope Pius XII confirmed his status within the worldwide church as a saint.

OUTREACH

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.

ARMY: Major Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Sergeant Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Brian D. Duvic, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Martin, PFC Jacob Fontenot, SPC Kory A. Nijoka, SPC Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux

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U.S. COAST GUARD: EM2 Dylan Lirette, EM4 Kobe Naquin

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus Templet, Mike Wilson, Lucille Dickerson, Belinda Marretta, Angela Geautreau, Karen Rabalais, Krysta Brown, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, 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, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, Stevie Calverley, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Karen Rabalais, Sonya Guedry, Marie Chamberlin, Ramona Hartman, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mark Mitchell, Lori LeSage Gautreaux, Ruth Riddle, Fr. Tom Duhe, Cindy Vavasseur, Rita Neck, Lex Verbois, Jackson Holley, Vickie Calamia, Ashton Griggs, Bradley Brouillette

Rest in Peace

Robert E. Reines- *Father of Sarah (DuBose) Vann.
Grandfather of Caleb and Robert Vann.*

Catholic Schools Week Collection

In conjunction with St. Alphonsus students and Catholic Schools Week, we will begin collecting items for Immigration & Refugee families on Monday, January 20.

St. Alphonsus will be collecting the following items.

Kitchen Supplies: Coffee cups, glasses, mixing bowls and Tupperware.

Kitchen and Bathroom Essentials: trash bags, toilet paper, toilet brush and toilet plunger.

Cleaning Supplies: Broom/dustpan, mop and bucket.

Personal Hygiene: Full Size shampoo and conditioner.

Small Appliances: Laundry baskets, laundry detergent and individual kitchen knives (no block sets).

Other Essentials: baby wipes and all size batteries.

Parishioners can drop items off in the containers outside of the St. Clare & St. Gerard Room. Contact Donna at 225-261-4650 or donna@alphonsus.org for any questions.

Habitat for Humanity Needs Volunteers

The 2025 Catholic Sponsored Habitat Build begins in January. St. Alphonsus and St. George will be teaming up to build on Saturday, Feb. 1 and Wednesday, Feb. 5. Please contact Glenn Jarreau at (225) 287-1295 if you would like to participate.

THE SMALLEST ACT OF
Kindness
IS WORTH MORE THAN THE
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INTENTION

Donate Blood

Knights of Columbus 2807

**St. Alphonsus
Catholic Church**

January 19, 2025

8:00am to 2:00pm

For additional information about donating please call 225-765-8843
OR TEXT OLOL BLOOD DONOR CENTER AT 999-777

Eat before donating, Bring Picture ID

Our Lady of the Lake Health
Blood Donor Center

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.

Homebound? Need Holy Communion?

Do you know someone who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, frailty or other problems and wants to receive Holy Communion at home? St. Alphonsus has Eucharistic ministers who bring the comfort of Christ in the form of the Eucharist to those who cannot physically come to Mass. In this way, the sick and homebound are united to the Body of Christ present in our community. We continue the healing and compassionate ministry of Jesus, as members of His Body. It is always in Jesus' Name that we visit. Our call as Ministers to the Sick is to be present to those attempting to find God in their life situation by praying with and listening to them. Contact Donna Lambert at the Church Office at 225-261-4650 to arrange these visits.

FORMATION

Learning Group

Learning Group classes meet on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

Confirmation Year 2

The Confirmation Retreat for Year 2 will be the weekend of: Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26, 2025.

This is a Mandatory retreat for all Year 2 Candidates.

You should receive a packet in the mail with details about this retreat. Contact the Faith Formation office if you did not receive this information. Permission slips are due in the Faith Formation Office by January 17, 2025.

St. Joseph's Altar Cookie Baking

If you would like to help bake cookies our dates are: 1/18, 1/20, 1/25, and 2/1 (contingency date) in the school cafeteria at 9 AM.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation sessions begin Tuesday, January 14, 2025. If you or someone you know is interested in Confirming, contact the Faith Formation Office for more information at 261-4644.

1st Eucharist Parent Meeting

Parents of children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time must attend one meeting and retreat. Parent Meetings are for parents only.

Thursday, February 6, 2025 at St. Alphonsus 6:30 PM in the P.A.C Emmanuel Room

WELCOME

There IS more to life!

We invite you to join us for our

WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

beginning

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 AT 7:30 AM

ending

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 AT 3:30 PM

in the St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center



*To register, go to
www.alphonsus.org or
use the QR code*

St. Alphonsus 2025

WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT WEEKEND

There IS more to life!

WHO: You and other women from your parish

WHAT: An amazing experience that will change your life forever

WHEN: Arrival time is 7:00 am on Saturday, February 22, 2025
Retreat ends at 3:30 pm on Sunday, February 23, 2025

WHERE: St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center, 14158 Frenchtown Rd.
Greenwell Springs, La 70739

WHY: To develop a deeper relationship with God, a stronger connection to your Catholic community, and a more meaningful experience living in the Catholic faith.

A few things to know

MEALS: All meals will be provided from breakfast Saturday morning to lunch on Sunday. We will also have snacks and drinks readily available the entire weekend. Come hungry and enjoy!

LODGING: We sleep in the Parish Activity Center. This means you will need an air mattress or cot with a pillow and a blanket/sleeping bag

PARKING: Is available at the Parish Activity Center

MASS: We will attend Mass during the retreat, so you do not have to worry about missing out

Sign up on the Church website www.alphonsus.org

If you have any questions, please call Lacey' at (225) 328-8147 or call the Church office at (225) 261-4644

COMMUNITY LIFE

Ladies Altar Society

Our February luncheon/meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 4, 2025**, 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 Cheryl at 225-235-0198.



Donation from Kroll Vegetable Gardens

On January 5, 2025, the Kroll family presented a check for \$248 to Fr. Jason for the St. Alphonsus St. Vincent de Paul new building project. They donated 50% of all sales made on Dec. 18-22, 2024. *Photo submitted by Daina Kroll.*



Pictorial Photography Begins This Week!

On January 21-25 and January 28-February 1, Universal Church Directories will be at the Parish Activity Center taking family photos for our new church directory. Appointments are required. If you still need to sign up, please go to the church website or call the office at 225-261-4650 as spots are limited. We also have a master list of appointments if you have forgotten what day and time you scheduled. We look forward to seeing your beautiful faces in our new directory!

Knights Award Winning Poster Artists

On January 10, 2025, after the School Mass, the St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus gave out the awards for their 2024 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you to the 178 children who submitted posters for the contest. *Photo by Sara Puissegur.*



ADMINISTRATION

For December 30, 2024,
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Gifts of Stewardship

For January 4-5, 2025, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

| | | |
|--------------|----|-----------|
| Envelopes | \$ | 16,026.00 |
| Unidentified | \$ | 1,913.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ | 18,186.50 |
| Bank Draft | \$ | 2,384.00 |

Building/Maintenance Fund

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| Envelopes | \$ | 4,178.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ | 1,330.00 |
| Bank Draft | \$ | 1,055.00 |

New Parish Activity Center

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| Envelopes | \$ | 2,572.50 |
| Parish Soft | \$ | 1,573.54 |
| Bank Draft | \$ | 550.00 |

Children \$ 383.00

Christmas Flowers \$ 10.00

Christmas Offering \$ 80.00

Solemnity of Mary \$ 2,515.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 310.00

Total Received \$ **53,066.54**

SVDP Building Project \$ 175.00

Weekly Collection

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|--------------|----|----------|
| Envelopes | \$ | 1,960.00 |
| Unidentified | \$ | 5.00 |

Building/Maintenance Fund

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| Envelopes | \$ | 70.00 |
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New Parish Activity Center

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| Envelopes | \$ | 1,035.00 |
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Christmas Flowers \$ 110.00

Christmas Offering \$ 215.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 230.00

Total Received \$ **3,625.00**

Special Collections - Parish Soft Giving

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| Latin America | <i>Due January 26</i> |
| Eastern Europe | <i>Due March 2</i> |
| Ash Wednesday | <i>Due March 5</i> |

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