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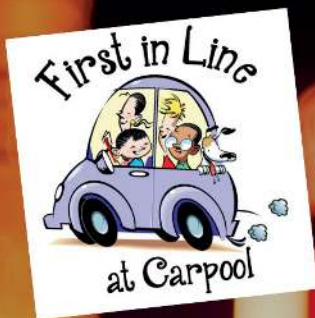
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The Second Sunday of Lent

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." -Matthew 17:5*

**The St. Alphonsus Online Auction
opens on Thursday, February 26
and ends Thursday, March 5 at 9 PM.**



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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 28–MARCH 8, 2026

Saturday	Women of Faith Retreat Weekend - PAC 9:30 AM Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Matt. 4:00 PM Vigil Mass <i>Girl Scout Cookie Sale - G.S.</i>
Sunday	The Second Sunday of Lent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Girl Scout Cookie Sale - G.S.</i> 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy - S.F. 2:00 PM Scouting Patch Event - S.F. 5:00 PM Youth Group - Lighthouse
Monday	9:00 AM Epic B.S. - S.F. C 9:00 AM Timeline B.S. - S.G. 6:00 PM Scout Troop 322 - St. Luke 6:00 PM Scouting America Girls Troop - St. John 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Committee- St. Mark 6:30 PM Catholic Daughters - S.F.
Tuesday	8:30 AM Daily Mass & Novena 9:00 AM Jesus W.T.L. B.S. - S.C. 6:00 PM Liturgy Committee - S.G. 6:00 PM Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:00 PM Women of Faith - St. Matthew 6:30 PM Grief Support - S.C.
Wednesday	8:30 AM Daily Mass 9:00 AM First Corinthians B.S. - S.G. 9:00 AM New Bible Study - S.F. 11:00 AM Genesis to Jesus B.S. - S.G. 12:00 PM Hospitality Committee - S.F. 5:00 PM Divine Mercy - Church 5:30 PM Bell Choir - C.R. 6:00 PM Ephesians B.S. - S.G. 6:00 PM Young Adults B.S. - S.F. A/B 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - C.R.
Thursday	8:30 AM Daily Mass & Rosary 9:30 AM Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Luke 11:00 AM ACTS 2 B.S. - S.G. 6:00 PM OCIA Scrutinies - S.F. 6:30 PM ACTS 1 B.S. - S.G.
Friday	8:30 AM School Mass 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church 4-6 PM Men's Club Fish Fry Sale - Front Parking Lot 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church
Saturday	8:00 AM Mass & Adoration - Church 10:00 AM Prayer Line Luncheon - S.F. 1:00 PM ARISE M.S. Rally - PAC 4:00 PM Vigil Mass <i>Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sales - G.S.</i> 5:30 PM ARISE Mass with Bishop Duca
Sunday	The Third Sunday of Lent (Daylight Savings) 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sales - G.S.</i> 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy - S.F. 10:00 AM Adapted PSR 10:15 AM Learning Group & OCIC 12:00 PM Confirmation- Church, E.H. 6:00 PM Parish Mission - Church, S.F.

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - March 1-8

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Featured Saint of the Week

Blessed Claudio Granzetto

(8/23/1900 – 8/15/1947)

Feast Day: 8/15



Granzetto was the youngest of the nine children born into his family. His parents were very poor, making their living as laborers in the fields. At a young age he too worked in the fields alongside his parents. His work was especially important after his father died in 1909. His parents were devout, passing on to their children a strong knowledge of their faith.

During WWI he was drafted into the Italian armed forces in 1915; he served until 1918, when the war ended.

After the war, he began his studies and developed his artistic talents in the field of sculpture; most often he was focused on religious statues. He soon felt he was being called to religious life. He ultimately decided to become a professional religious. Doing that, he was able to contemplate the Gospel as well as doing service for the poor. He felt his art work might help evangelization.

In 1930, he won a competition to have one of his statues publically displayed. This however, did not come to fruition. He was denied having his work displayed, because he did not support, nor would he support fascism.

He went to live as a professional religious at the Franciscan convent of Santa Maddalena Pieve in Padua. He spent his time there performing his duties as well as continuing his passion for sculpting. It was during this time that he developed a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and spent many nights in adoration.

Granzetto was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1945. He embraced the suffering endured from the illness as an imitation of the Passion of Christ. He died in 1947 on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15. He was 46 years old.

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.

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

Prayer Line

Christine Barbay 225-955-2380

Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

Divine Mercy Novena

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena each Wednesday at 6:00 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." The rosary will be recited before the Novena at 5:20 PM.



Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby



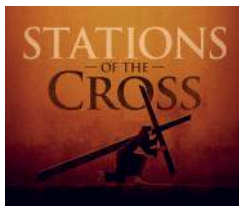
During the Pinewood Derby, Cub Scouts race driverless wooden cars down a sloped track. Each car begins as a block of wood, metal axels and wheels. Scouts, with the help of adults, create one of a king race cars. Once they have finished their car, they are weighted, measured and registered to race on the track. Cars are powered only by gravity.



Parents and leaders set up the six lane track and its electronic components to race the cars in Emmanuel Hall on February 7, 2026. Lots of work goes into this event, but the fun that is had by the scouts, and their families is what memories are made of. *Photo submitted.*

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 6 at 6:30 PM

The theme this week will be "Vocations and those entering the Church." We will be reading from "Close to Jesus to the Last." These Stations will be led by our OCIA and OCIC, married couples, deacons, religion teachers, and the Catholic Daughters of America.



FORMATION

Learning Group Dates

Sunday Learning Group sessions for March are Sunday, March 8 and March 22, 2026.

Wednesday Learning Group sessions for March are Wednesday, March 11 and March 25, 2026.

Prefilled Easter Eggs Needed

Kids in Ministry is collecting prefilled eggs, and bags of individually wrapped candy for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Drop off donations in the container in the Gather Space or the Faith Formation Office by March 25, 2026.

ARISE Middle School Rally

St. Alphonsus will host the Arise Rally, a diocesan-wide event on Saturday, March 7 in the Parish Activity Center. Arise is for Middle School age students. It is a time connect with other young Catholics and grow in their faith. Please keep the youth of our Diocese in your prayers as we seek to inspire and energize the youth through talks, prayer, and music.

Girl Scout Cookies This Weekend!

Girl Scouts will be selling Cookies in the Gather Space after all the Masses this weekend.

Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation Candidates have a meeting on Sunday March 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM. We will attend the Parish Mission together in the Church. Candidates are required to sign in to receive credit for this session. Sponsors are required to attend. This will be your last session before 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.

Pray for our Families

Please keep all of our St. Alphonsus families in your prayers as we continue to grow in our faith and relationship with God.

Widows & Widowers Brunch

On Saturday, February 14, the Catholic Daughters of America Court Mother of Grace hosted the first annual Widows and Widowers Brunch for our parishioners, which included a meal, door prizes, and bingo. Photos by Jolice Provost and Odette Kujawa.




BEING WITH JESUS IN LENT

St. Alphonsus Parish Mission

MARCH 8TH THROUGH MARCH 10TH

CHURCH DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
TALK TO START AT 6:30 PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



GUEST SPEAKER MIKE PATIN

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR



WITH HUMILITY AND COMPASSION, WE INVITE YOU TO BREAK BREAD WITH OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO LOVINGLY PREPARED OUR PARISH'S ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR IN THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER.

THE BLESSING OF THE ALTAR AFTER THE 4 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

FEEDING OF THE HOLY FAMILY WITH MEALS TO BE SERVED TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 AFTER THE 10 AM AND 12 PM MASSES

COME ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

ccos spring Patch Event

The Good Book

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1
2-4 P.M.**

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- We will spend time reading 3 Bible stories
- Activities based on the stories
- Discussion on the stories
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Exploremores

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Lemonades

Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon flavored icing



Trefoils

Iconic shortbread cookies inspired by the original Girl Scout recipe



Thin Mints

Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a mint chocolate coating



Peanut Butter Patties

Crispy cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolate coating



Caramel deLites

Crispy cookies topped with caramel, toasted coconut, and chocolate stripes



Peanut Butter Sandwich

Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling

Buy After Masses Feb 28-March 1



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Tickets for our Auction are now available for purchase in the Church Office. Each ticket costs \$100.

\$10,000 Raffle tickets include one raffle entry and entrance for 2 adults (21+) into our Auction on Saturday, March 21 at the Parish Activity Center.

First Pick Raffle tickets do not include entrance to the event.

Upcoming weekends for ticket sales after Masses will be March 7-8. and March 14-15.

Our Online Auction to support the school kicks off on Thursday, February 26 and ends March 5 at 9 PM.

Men's Club Fish Fry Fridays

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.

2026 Dates: Feb. 27, March 6, March 13, March 20 & March 27



ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For February 14-18, 2026, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	15,407.00
Unidentified	\$	1,740.00
Parish Soft	\$	5,898.00
Bank Draft	\$	3,119.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	1,044.00
Parish Soft	\$	1,160.00

New Parish Activity Center

Envelopes	\$	876.00
Parish Soft	\$	115.00
Children's	\$	90.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$	50.00
Eastern Europe	\$	100.00
Latin America	\$	25.00
Total Received	\$	29,624.00

Children's Pickle Jar	\$	65.00
SVDP Building Project	\$	115.00
SVDP Food Pantry	\$	196.00
SVDP Ash Wednesday	\$	4,368.00



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