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# **Pentecost Sunday**

"In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." — 1 Corinthians 12:13a



# with Deacon Jimmy Little Saturday, June 28 at 5:30 PM in the PAC

Deacon Jimmy is a native of Baton Rouge and long-time resident of French Settlement. He is an LSU graduate in civil engineering. He was ordained a permanent deacon in 1988 and has been assigned to St. Joseph in French Settlement since then. He was the 2005 International Cajun Joke-Telling Champion. Deacon Jimmy is still an active catechist and homilist, and he operates a successful flood elevation business.

NO tickets - Open to ALL ages! Light refreshments will be provided.



Please RSVP through Flocknote or call 225-261-4650.

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# Answering the Bishop's Call to Change our Children's Formation

For years the Diocese required that we confirm young adults during their junior year of high school. In our parish, Confirmation preparation was a two-year process, which spanned the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Bishop Duca recently formed a team that reexamined the Confirmation process across our Diocese. From this study, Bishop Duca directed that the age for Confirmation should be lowered to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The Bishop wants to challenge students at a younger age to take control of their own faith and to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is hoped that earlier Confirmation will empower our kids to become more active participants in their own faith life.

The catechetical team is excited about the opportunities that this change with bring to our religious education programs. We have been working hard to convert this mandated change into an opportunity to re-imagine our teaching and formation programs throughout the parish. We sincerely believe that our humble embrace of this assignment will allow us to develop more effective and Spirit-filled formation for our youth. Our new programs will focus on the development of relationship between our children and our Lord. We will certainly not abandon the Truth of the Church, and the programs will provide the information needed for a child to form her mind and conscious. However, we also want to impart a desire for the kids to remain in Christ and his Church after the classes end. We will do this through small group learning, increased service opportunities and additional family formation.

To answer the Bishop's call, we will need to transition our Confirmation formation from the 11<sup>th</sup> grade to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. In fact, we are already starting this process. This year's sophomores have expedited their classes and will confirm this month. Next school year, formation and confirmation will occur for the next two classes below them. Each year thereafter, we will prepare and confirm two classes until we reach the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

As you might expect, these changes will impact our PSR and other formation programs. We will describe these changes in future articles.

But for now, WE NEED YOUR HELP! In order to comply with the changes from the Bishop, but more importantly, to inspire a lasting faith in our children, we need dedicated adults to assist. Our faith formation programs are only as good as the volunteers who participate. Children will rightfully infer that formation is not important to them *unless it is important to all of us*. Please prayerfully consider lending back your God given talents to serve as teachers, mentors, administrators, or the various other roles required to impact our students. Pray that the use of our talents allows us to hear, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." (Matthew 25:21)

Written by Steve Whitlow, Faith Formation Volunteer, on behalf of the Faith Formation Office Staff and PSR Team

# PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JUNE 7-15, 2025

Saturday	8:00 AM 4:00 PM <i>King's Men R</i>	Mass & Family Adoration Vigil Mass Setreat sign-up after all Masses - G.S.	
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts after 8 &amp; 10 AM Masses - S.F.</i> <i>Youth Night</i>		
Monday	6:00 PM	le School Week Scouts Parents - PAC Office	
Tuesday	6:00 PM <b>8:30 AM</b> 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts - PAC St. Matthew <b>Daily Mass &amp; Novena</b> Women of Faith - St. Matthew Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R. Liturgy Committee - S.G.	
Wednesday	8:00 AM <b>8:30 AM</b> 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	SVDP Recertification - S.F. <b>Daily Mass</b> Knights - K.C. Hall King's Men - St. Matthew	
Thursday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary	
Friday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass Church Offices Close at 1 PM	
Saturday	9:30 AM <b>4:00 PM</b>	Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Matt. Vigil Mass Blessing of Fathers Youth Group Bake Sale - G.S. SVDP Fill a Prescription - G.S.	
Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity Father's Day 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Blessing of Fathers Youth Group Bake Sale - G.S. SVDP Fill a Prescription - G.S.		

# WORSHIP

## Readings for the Week - June 8-June 15

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 Monday: Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday**: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Prov 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

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

Holy Day Masses As Announced

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

#### <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

## First Saturday Mass & Adoration

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for Mass at 8 AM in the Church, followed by Family Adoration & Benediction at 8:30 AM. Next date: **June 7**.

We will have coffee and donuts in the St. Francis Room following Adoration.



# Sacrament of Marriage - May 2025

The following couples were recently married at St. Alphonsus:

Tanner Church & Jade Dolan Darren Wyatt & Angie Giovingo

Flowers in the church on June 7-8 are in memory of Johnny Graves by Karen Graves.

# Featured Saint of the Week St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922–1962) Feast: April 28

Gianna was born the tenth of thirteen children; only eight survived to adulthood. Her family was devoutly Catholic and included several priests and religious.



Gianna began studying medicine with the goal of joining her brother, a missionary priest serving in Brazil. But because of health issues could not join him, so she began her pediatric practice in her home town.

In 1955 Gianna married engineer Pietro Molla. The couple welcomed each of their first three children without complication.

The fourth child was different. During the second month of this pregnancy, she developed a tumor in her uterus in addition to the baby. She was given three options: 1) abort, 2) have a complete hysterectomy, or 3) just have the tumor removed. Two of the situations would end her pregnancy and the third so-called choice was just as dangerous with the added possibility of fatal complications for her. Gianna was clear on what needed to be done; there was no option.

Ultimately the baby was delivered, and the tumor removed. About one week after giving birth to a healthy baby girl, Gianna died from septic peritonitis.

The child, named Gianna Emanuela, grew up to become a geriatric practitioner that was still practicing as of 2017. Gianna said her father always told her that her mother's choice was one of conscience as both a loving mother and doctor.

She is the patron saint of doctors, mothers, wives, families and unborn children.

Gianna Beretta Molla was canonized in 2004; it was the first time a husband was able to witness his wife's canonization.

# WORDS OF WISDOM

"He who trusts in God can do all things." —St. Alphonsus Liguori

# OUTREACH

#### **Rest in Peace**

Barbara Matherne - Wife of Delery Matherne, Sr. James Woods - Husband of Shelley Woods. Dominick Dinecola - Husband of Barbara Dinecola. Father of Tina Wills.

# 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.

# 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: EM4 Kobe Naquin

# Are You Prepared for Hurricane Season?

Hurricane season begins on Sunday, June 1, and now is the time to prepare your family for what may come.

FEMA has a plan on their website: **FEMA P-1094.** Just enter the above form number in your search engine. This form is available for print and will guide you through the process to create and practice your *Family Emergency Communications Plan*. Having your personal plan in place will make your family secure and make you better available to serve others in time of need.

If you have special needs, please contact Donna at 225-261-4650. There is great merit in praying for the best, but there is no harm in preparing for the worst!

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY FUNDRAISER

The St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy is a beacon of hope that our Church provides to those in need of life-sustaining prescriptions.

We will have a bin in the Gather Space on <u>June 14-15</u> for donations. We ask individuals to consider supporting the pharmacy through prayer, volunteering, and financial support, if possible.

We thank you in advance for helping our Church make such a remarkable impact in the lives of the poorest of our Diocese. Together we are truly filling this critical community gap in our local healthcare delivery system.



# **Pray for the Sick**

#### <u>Please note</u>: 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, Joey & Erin DeFreitas, Jessalyn Olsen, Ty Guilbeau, Lari Seguin, Janet Tate, Joseph Reed, Christie Seabolt, 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, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Rachel Capone, Carrie and Chris Hebert, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mildred Stroderd, Kevin McCarroll, Janet Messina, Krysta Brown, Catherine Tulli, Tina Badeaux, Heidi Anderson, Joseph Bossier, Ashley Coker, Harrison Simpson, David Kees, Gertrude Buhler, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus & Linda Templet, Brenda & Cindy Vavasseur, Charles & Dayna Ellis, Janice Calhoun, Ann LeSage, Vickie Calamia, Lex Verbois, Dianne Ross, Bob James

# FORMATION

#### Confirmation

The date for Confirmation Rehearsal is Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7 PM in the Church. Sponsors are required to attend.

The date for Confirmation is Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM Mass in the Church. All candidates are to be in the St. Francis Room no later than 6:15 to meet with the Bishop before the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sponsors are asked to go to the Church and be seated in their assigned seat by 6:30 PM.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed... When was the last time you were personally asked to help? Christ asks us to share our faith and build His kingdom. Faith Formation spreads the Gospel message to the families, children, teens and adults of our parish. Come share your time, talents and faith with the people of our parish and grow your spirituality. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 225-261-4644.

#### **PSR Registration**

Public and private school student's K - 11 are required to register for PSR each year. If your child is in public, private or a Catholic high school in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade, they will need to register for Confirmation classes. Registration for the 2025-2026 year will begin June 1, 2025 look for registration forms on our website, in the back of the church and in the Faith Formation Office.

## Vacation Bible School

It's here! It's finally here.... Vacation Bible School Week. Children must have pre-registered through the parish website: www.alphonsus.org.

## **Coffee Break**

Coffee Break will not meet over the summer. We hope to see everyone at our next meeting in September. Have a great summer!

# **Men's Welcome Retreat**

# There is More to Life.

Ever feel like something is missing? Welcome is an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it.

# Sign up today

When: August 23-24, 2025 Where: St. Alphonsus Catholic Church



# Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith??

Inquiry begins in August. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings August thru November in the St. Clare Room at 6:30 pm. The classes will transition to OCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

# Corpus Christi Prayer Group

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in the St. Matthew Room of the PAC. We praise and worship God for an hour, then have talks, teachings or testimonies for twenty minutes. Prayers are offered for anyone who wants or needs them. This is an open invitation for anyone. Are you looking to strengthen or grow in an intimate relationship with the Lord? You can do that here. This will teach you how to walk in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## Women of Faith

Women of Faith meet Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the St. Matthew Room in the Parish Activity Center. All women are welcome to join us and reflect on the Sunday readings and learn more about our Catholic life.

## **Men's Scripture Study**

Men's Scripture study will continue to meet through the summer. If you would like to reflect on the Sunday readings with other men from the parish come join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room.

#### **VBS Needs Your Help**

VBS is in need of your help. We are planning a wonderful week of fun and excitement. If you would like to help, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for details.



# **COMMUNITY LIFE**

# **Pray for Expectant Parents**

The following parents have been blessed with new life:

#### Caleb & Sara Puissegur

#### Matthew & Ashton Canella

Please keep them in your prayers.

If you would like to be added to this prayer list, please call the office at 225-261-4650 and let them know the parents' names and when their baby is due.

# St. Matthew's Guild Schedule

Any money counters who need a printed copy of the July 2025-February 2026 St. Matthew's Guild schedule can pick up a copy in the Church Office. Please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650 if you need a copy mailed to your home.

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<u>Weekly Collection</u> Envelopes Unidentified Parish Soft	\$ \$ \$	15,058.00 1,791.00 5,894.50
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<u>New Parish Activity Center</u> Envelopes Parish Soft	\$ \$	275.00 561.28
Children	\$	26.00
<b>Catholic Communications</b>	\$	6.00
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Special Events	\$	5.00
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