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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."
— Psalm 51:12



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> SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 OCTOBER 12, 2025 JANUARY 11, 2026 JUNE 14, 2026

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY AUGUST 30, 2025 AFTER 4PM MABS

VETERAN'S DAY MASS & RECEPTION NOVEMBER 9, 2025 AFTER 12PM MASS

REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN SERVICE &
RECEPTION
(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)
DECEMBER 14, 2025

(SIT DOWN MEAL)
FEBRUARY 7, 2026 AFTER 4PM MASS

FESTIVAL OF TWO RIVERS SWEET BOOTH APRIL 24, 25 & 26, 2026



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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: SEPT 13-SEPT 21, 2025

Saturday	9:30 AM	Corpus Christi-St. Matthew (PAC)			
	4:00 PM Vigil Mass				
Sunday	The Exaltation	on of the Holy Cross			
·		& 12 PM Masses			
	Coffee & Donuts w/Hospitatlity Stewardship				
	10:00 AM	Childrens Liturgy - S.F.			
	12:00 PM	Confirmation class -EHA&B (PAC)			
	5:00 PM	Light Keepers Youth-L.H.			
Monday	No Mass	Light Reopels Touti E.H.			
Wionday	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Epic)			
	5:00 PM	Cub Pack MtgsEHA/B (PAC)			
	6:00 PM	Troop 322 Scouts -St.Luke (PAC)			
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena			
Tuesday		School Dismissal			
	1:00 PM				
	5:00 PM	MBS ACTS Mtg-EHB (PAC)			
	6:00 PM	Men's Scripture Study-C.R.			
	6:00 PM	Women of Faith - St. Matt,St.Mk			
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.			
Wednesday	8:00 AM	SVDP Recertification - S.F.			
	8:30 AM	Daily Mass			
	9:00 AM	B.S. (Foundations)-S.F.			
	9:00 AM	B.S. (Psalms)-S.G.			
	11:00 AM	B.S. (Wisdom)-S.G.			
	12:00 PM	HIVE Mtg-S.C.			
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.			
	6:00 PM	Auction MtgSt. Matt (PAC)			
	6:00 PM	B.S. (Fulfilled 1)-S.C.			
	6:00 PM	B.S. (John)-S.G.			
	6:00 PM	Young Adults B.SS.F. A/B			
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.			
Thursday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary			
Thursday	10:00 AM	B.S. (Exodus)-S.C.			
	11:00 AM	B.S. (ACTS 2)-S.G.			
	3:30 PM	Cheer Practice-EH A / B(PAC)			
		OCIA-Inquiry-S.F. (A/B)			
	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	B.S. (ACTS 1)-S.G.			
Ewidov	8:30 AM	School Mass			
Friday		H&S Bingo-EHA/B (PAC)			
Catuuday	6:00 PM	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass			
Sunday		day in Ordinary Time			
	,	& 12 PM Masses			
	7:30 AM	Flu Shots-Church Back Pk Lot			
	10:00 AM	Adapted PSR-S.C.			
	10:00 AM	Childrens Liturgy - S.F.			
	10:15 AM	OCIC-S.G.			
	10:15 AM	PSR Learning Grp-Elem/MS			
		Classrooms			
	1:00 PM	Troop 322 COH-S.F.All			
	5:00 PM	Lightkeepers Youth-LH			
	6.00 DM	TOT EHA/D (DAC)			

TOT-EHA/B (PAC)

6:00 PM

WORSHIP

Flowers in the church on September 19-21 are in memory of Buster & Sadie Giambrone by T.W. & Mamie Gerald

Flowers for the Church

Want to place flowers in the church in memory/honor of a loved one? Contact Margaret at 225-261-4650 to schedule a weekend.

Readings for the Week - Sept 14th-21st

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 **Tuesday**: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Carlo Acutis: The Milennial Saint Canonized 9/7/2025

Feast Day 10/12

Carlo Acutis was an extraordinary young

man. He seemingly entered into this world on a pre-determined mission from God. He was certainly a typical teenager, was interested in sports, music, and computer games. He loved the computer so much, he figured out how to develop web pages to transport information around the world. Carlo's deepest interest though, was his faith and the sharing of it, which helped him to stand out from his peers. But this was not always a good thing.

His pastor asked him to teach Catechism class. At the end of the first class, he realized that his peers had no understanding as to the importance of the Mass, but what really surprised him is that they had no clue that each Mass has a miracle happen. He felt his peers were missing out on getting to know Jesus.

Carlo decided to start a project to make sure that Eucharistic Miracles could be seen by anyone interested, throughout the world. This project actually took over 2 years to complete. He compiled and succinctly presents the scientifically verified information on 187 Eucharistic Miracles. (www.miracolieucaristici.org).

However, Carlo was not one dimensional. He also felt the need to help the poor, homeless, and any animals in need. Wherever his family traveled, he would visit every church possible to sit for Eucharistic Adoration.

Carlo was born on May 3, 1991; diagnosed with acute leukemia on October 8, 2006. He went unconscious on October 11, 2006, and succumbed to the disease on October 12, 2006. Carlo Acutis fit so much life in his 15 years, but knowing his life was so special, he wanted everyone to experience his same level of joy.

The Vatican has not yet given specific times for the ceremony, but many if not all of the Catholic media outlets will do their part to get it broadcasted.

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, 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

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

Altar Server Training

If you have never been an Altar Server, and you are interested in this ministry, and you are 3rd grade and up, please join us in serving Him. If you are a current Altar Server there will be a training session for altar servers that will be held in the Church. At that time you will have the opportunity to sign up for your Mass time preference. The training session should last no more than one hour.

September 27th 5:30pm in the Church after 4pm Mass. OR

September 29th from 6-7 pm in the Church I look forward to working with you in this ministry.

Your friend in Jesus, Deacon Robert J. Kusch

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Cathey Chustz - Wife of Steve Chustz, mother of Stefanie and Taylor Chustz



Walgreens pharmacy staff will administer the following vaccines:

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Sunday 9/21 7:30am-1:30pm

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WORDS OF WISDOM

"The sovereigns of the earth do not always grant audience readily; on the contrary, the King of Heaven, hidden under the eucharistic veils, is ready to receive anyone...." —St. Alphonsus Liguori



FORMATION

Kids in Ministry

Offers a great experience for families with young children from toddler to 5th grade.

Mark your calendars to attend:

Fall Fest

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025

Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025

Spring Eggstravaganza

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Help is needed to make these events a success. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 for more information.

Corpus Christi Prayer Group

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Saturday of each month from 9:30-11:30 AM in the St. Matthew room in 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. If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office 225-261-4644.

Sunday Learning Group

The 1st Confirmation session is Sunday, September 14th, 2025. The next Sunday Learning Group is September 21st.

Wednesday Learning Group

The next Wednesday Learning Group is Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Parents drop off children at the bus port of S.A.S.





COMMUNITY LIFE

80th Birthday

On August 30, 2025, we celebrated all of our parishioners who are turning 80 and older this year. Special thanks to Eric Frank Photography for taking photos of our celebrants and the celebration.





Stations of the Cross

We are excited to say our Stations of the Cross are now done and up on display in the Parish Activity Center. Thank you to Mrs. Tina Guillory for a beautiful job refurbishing them, our donors who made this possible, and our maintenace guys, Chip and Dale, for getting them on display.







Cub Scout Pack 125

Row 1: Jonathan Sicard, Jonathan Blanton, Bishop Duca, Rachael Hunsucker, Daryl Beard and Fr. Matthew Graham. Row 2, Gabriel Blanton, Helena Hunsucker, Heidi Hunsucker, Thomas Clarke, Quentin Newsom, Jaxon Varner, Landon Sicard, and Harrison Newsom. Missing scouts: Grace Cox, Lawson Ramirez, Graham Cox, Logan Cummings, Louis Dolan, T.J. Scofield, Joshua Compton, Hadlie Beard, John Lato, Dane Fisher, Jackson Summerell, Alexander Compton, Rowna Parker and Elliott Beard

Cub Scout Pack 125 has been awarded the Pope Saint Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award for the year 2024. The award is given to Scouts who have good participation in the Church parish and diocese, perform at least one service project, attend Catholic Committee on Scouting training, and have Scouts who complete religious emblems. They must also have a healthy plan for membership growth. Darryl Beard researched the award, and Cindi Schlatre, submitted the paperwork on behalf of Pack 125. This is a wonderful award that would not have been possible without everyone's hard work and participation, including our non-catholic members. Every member will receive a patch and recognition. The patches were blessed by Bishop Duca at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, August 24, 2025, after the 10:30 Mass. The ceremony also included scouts in the community who have earned Religious Emblem Awards. Cubs Scouts from St. Alphonsus who participated in religious emblems were Heidi Hunsucker, who received the "Light of Christ", and Helena Hunsucker, who received "Parvuli Dei". There were 25 scouts from other Packs and Troops throughout the parish that received their religious emblems. Congratulations Pack 125!



Fruits of the Spirit

This school year our school has adopted the theme: Fruits of the Spirit. Students say the prayer every morning before we begin our day. As part of our commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also strong character, our school celebrates students who consistently demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit qualities described in Galatians 5:22-23.

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

Each month we recognize students who exemplify these virtues in their words, actions, and attitudes. These students are role models within our school community, quietly but powerfully influencing those around them by the way they treat others and carry themselves. To honor these students, we host a special Fruit of the Spirit Breakfast!





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The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The Catholic Daughters Mother of Grace Court #2823 invites

you to view the beautiful panels created by Saint Carlo Acutis These panels from "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" exhibition are outstanding. The panels are beautiful illustrations that contain historical descriptions representing many Eucharistic miracles and we are blessed to be able to

present them to our Parish. They will be on display in the St Francis room before and after all Masses on September 27 & 28, 2025. You can learn more about the exhibit by going to:

miracolieucaristici.org. and more about St Carlo Acutis who was canonized this month at Carloacutis.com. There are many wonderful articles you can read on this site. This a great time to become more aware of the tremendous gift of our faith in the



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Envelopes	\$	258.00
Parish Soft	\$	725.00
EFT	\$	1,575.00

New Parish Activity Center

Total Received	\$ 23,822.78
Religious Education	\$ 350.00
Catholic University	\$ 10.00
Children	\$ 61.00
Parish Soft	\$ 414.28
Envelopes	\$ 50.00
New Parish Activity Center	

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