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One Family United in Christ

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The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

— Mark 13:31







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Fr. Jason's Wishful Thinking: Ministerial Goals & a New Home for our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry



Dear Friends in Christ:

After several weeks of compilation, I am pleased to offer you a summary of the listening sessions that I hosted in July/August. I am already fulfilling some of the suggestions and requests that were brought up in these seven sessions, but more importantly, they provided a foundation and a game plan that will guide my future years with you. I brought your ideas and suggestions to prayer, and wanted to take some time this weekend to share my pastoral priorities and the main projects that I hope to bring to fruition over the next 10 years or so of my life and ministry with you.

Pastoral Priorities

- (1) To teach effectively, mainly through weekend homilies that will be both educational and memorable. If you leave church and your family spontaneously discusses what they heard at Mass over meals and throughout the week, then I achieved this goal! Please know that all of my homilies are "from scratch" and I do not recycle homilies or subscribe to a syndicated homily service.
- (2) To heal and reconcile parishioners to the Lord and encourage a more worthy reception of the Sacraments. This will include an expansion of the times that we offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prioritizing office appointments for those who are seeking annulments and walking with them fully through the process.
- (3) To have a deliberate presence among the youth, including the St. Alphonsus School community, Parish School of Religion, and Sunday youth ministry events and summer trips.

Building & Infrastructure Priorities (in chronological order)

- (1) Larger & more permanent structure for St. Vincent de Paul Ministry/Wednesday food distribution.
 - (2) Sanctuary furniture modifications in St. Alphonsus Church.
- (3) Develop columbarium space in our cemetery for parishioners and their family members who wish to have their cremains interred on our church property.
- (4) St. Alphonsus School expansion involving six new classrooms, a conference room, handicap accessibility of existing buildings, and improvements to the school administrative offices.
 - (5) Expansion of paved parking areas.
 - (6) New rectory

As we look to Thanksgiving, I want to issue a challenge to our parishioners. In mid-September, a very generous family gave a \$30,000 grant to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, so that we can build a larger building (on a concrete slab) and help solve the problem of local poverty. The grant is designed to be "matching funds," and the donor family would like to see us raise at least \$30,000 towards this new building, which would be a metal building that could be dressed up on the outside with the leftover brick from the Parish Activity Center construction. We would ideally place this new building along the perimeter of the Parish Activity Center parking lot so that clients could park on an existing concrete lot as they wait for food distribution, instead of lining up

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along Frenchtown Road and sometimes creating a traffic jam. Our volunteers help at least 50-60 households with food each week. The goal is to build a 2,400 square foot building. It would have 2,000 square feet for St. Vincent de Paul (more than double their current building space) and 400 square feet of storage space for two or three other ministries here at St. Alphonsus that meet in the PAC. The new building will also have a bathroom—something that the existing St. Vincent de Paul building does not have. Currently, our volunteers must cross the street or walk to the back door of the PAC to use the restroom on Wednesdays. Normally, the Thanksgiving Day and Ash Wednesday collections go to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry. I invite you to be extra generous this year, so that we can give our St. Vincent de Paul ministry a nicer home.

Thank you, Fr. Jason

WORSHIP

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.

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Elizabeth Bichier Feast Day: August 28

Elizabeth was born in France into the upper echelon of society. Her mother taught her to pray, and the tenets of the Catholic faith.



Fast forward to May 1779, marking the outbreak of the French Revolution. Immediately, a law was passed prohibiting Catholics from openly practicing their faith. Elizabeth wanted to dedicate her life to God, but the political climate was not conducive for that to happen. She felt a deep emptiness because she could not receive the Eucharist; instead, she "settled" by gathering other Catholics to participate in prayer groups.

Elizabeth received word of a priest traveling incognito, to preside over a clandestine Mass only ten miles away. In continuing his work, Fr. Andre' Fournet chanced punishment by death, because of his refusal to sign an oath of loyalty to the King, above all others.

Elizabeth attended the Mass, and stayed to go to confession. She explained her desire to dedicate her life to God. Fr. Fournet suggested that until she could proceed safely, to open her home and catechize the local children.

When the French Revolution ended, the Concordat of 1801 was signed by both France and the Holy See. This agreement allowed for a national reconciliation which enabled the Catholic Church to resume all activities, after a lapse of 22 years.

Shortly thereafter with the help of Fr. Fournet, Elizabeth and five other women professed their religious vows, establishing a new congregation known as the Sisters of the Cross. Their work of helping and catechizing the poor continues to this day.

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

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

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Prayer Line

Beverly Heil 225-772-4278 Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

Readings for the Week - Nov. 17-24

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32 **Monday**: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 18:35-43 **Tuesday**: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10 **Wednesday**: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday**: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 19:41-44 **Friday**: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40 **Sunday**: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Mk 11:9, 10;

Jn 18:33b-37

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 16-24, 2024

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Saturday	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	First Reconciliation Retreat-PAC Vigil Mass	
Sunday		day in Ordinary Time & 12 PM Masses Children's Liturgy - S.F. Learning Group & OCIC Adaptive PSR - St. Matthew Confirmation Yr 2 - Church, E.H. Theology on Tap - PAC E.H.	
Monday	9:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Genesis to James Study - S.F.C Festival Committee - Conf. Rm. Scouts Troop - PAC St. Matthew Cub Scouts - PAC E.H.	
Tuesday	8:30 AM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass & Novena SAS Finance Comm S.G. Women of Faith - St. Matthew Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R. School Board - S.G.	
Wednesday	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass ACTS Study - S.F. C Revelation Study - S.G. Bible & Sacraments Study - S.G. HIVE - S.F. Bell Choir - C.R. Family Catechesis 7-11 th - PAC Fulfilled Young Adults - St. Mark Mass Bible Study - S.C. King's Men - K.C. Hall Auction Committee - St. Matthew Chancel Choir - C.R.	
Thursday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass Psalms Bible Study - S.C. Matthew Bible Study - S.G. OCIA - S.F.C, S.C. Scouts Troop - St. Matthew What We Believe Study- S.G.	
Friday	8:30 AM Church Office	•	
Saturday	9:30 AM 4:00 PM	Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. Vigil Mass	
Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses		

Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses - S.F.

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.

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Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

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Families for Advent Tree

St. Alphonsus parishioners are invited to participate in our annual Advent Tree by providing Christmas gifts for those in need. If you know a family or individual who could benefit, please contact Donna at the parish office 225-261-4650 or via email at donna@alphonsus. org. All personal information will remain strictly confidential.

FORMATION

Learning Group

Our next Learning Group date is November 17.

Confirmation Year 2

Confirmation Year 2 Session 2 - November 17 from 12-3:30 PM We will begin with Mass at 12 PM. Sponsors are required to attend the Mass and session. Lunch will be provided.

Reconciliation Retreat Reminder

Parent and child must attend the Reconciliation Retreat. Saturday, November 16, 2024,

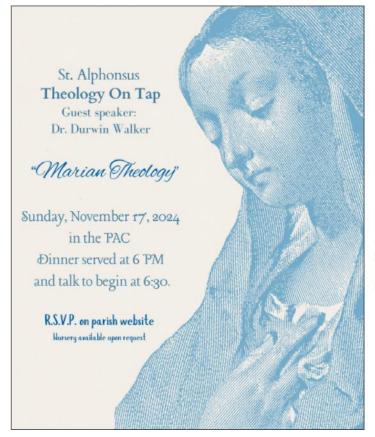
9 AM-12 PM at St. Alphonsus

***We will meet in the Parish Activity Center ***

1st Reconciliation books are due the week of December 20th. Nursery available upon request.

Family Catechesis

The next class for Family Catechesis for 7 - 11th Grades will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the PAC. Please bring your text book and log booklet to this meeting. Books will be checked. It is essential that parent and child attend.

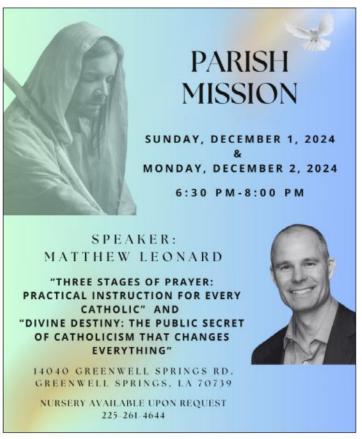


St. Joseph's Altar Donations Needed

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. We are also in need of the following ingredients to make enough cookies for the altar. Please sign up on Flocknote. We need the ingredients here by January 9 at 1 PM.

170 lbs. of flour
50 lbs. of Sugar
352 oz. of Maraschino Cherries
26 dozen Eggs
75 lbs. Powdered Sugar
10 pints of Fig preserves
1 cases of dried Figs
50 lbs. of Pecans
80 oz. of Dates
229 oz. of Raisins
15 lbs. of Fresh Navel Oranges





COMMUNITY LIFE

Ladies Altar Society

Our December luncheon/meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 11 AM in the Emmanuel Hall in our new St. Alphonsus Parish Activity Center. The cost of the meal will be \$10 per person. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cherryl at 225-235-0198.





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Bank Draft	\$	1,605.00
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