



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



December 1, 2024

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The First Sunday of Advent

"I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land." – Jeremiah 33:15

2024 Advent Tree

(formerly called the Living Giving Tree)

**Ornaments will be available for pick-up
on November 30-December 1, 2024.**

People from the following agencies will be sponsored:

- ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH FAMILIES 
- ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL FAMILIES 
- CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS 
- CATHOLIC CHARITIES MATERNITY & ADOPTION 
- CENTRAL GUEST HOUSE 

Please attach ornament securely to the gift and return to the designated boxes outside of the Day Chapel in the back of the church. Please do not leave gifts in the Gather Space. All gifts are needed by Noon on Sunday, December 8, 2024. If you cannot return a gift, please let the Church Office know so other arrangements can be made.



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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 8, 2024

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| Saturday | 4:00 PM | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | The First Sunday of Advent | |
| | 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses | |
| | 10:00 AM | Children's Liturgy |
| | 10:15 AM | RCIC & Learning Group |
| | 10:15 AM | Adaptive PSR - St. Matthew |
| | 6:00 PM | Parish Advent Mission - Church. |
| Monday | 9:00 AM | Mark Bible Study - S.F. |
| | 6:00 PM | Advent Mission - Church |
| | 6:00 PM | Cub Scouts - Sts. Luke, John & Mark (PAC) |
| Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Mass & Novena |
| | 9:00 AM | Church Finance Council - S.G. |
| | 6:00 PM | Women of Faith - St. Matthew |
| | 6:30 PM | Men's Scripture - C.R. |
| | 6:30 PM | Grief Support - S.C. |
| Wednesday | 8:30 AM | Mass |
| | Church Offices Closed 10:15 AM - 12:45 PM | |
| | 12:00 PM | Organ Tuning - Church |
| | 1:00 PM | SAS Principal & Staff - S.F. |
| | 5:00 PM | Divine Mercy - Church |
| | 5:30 PM | Bell & Chancel Choirs - S.F. C |
| | 6:00 PM | Mass Bible Study - S.C. |
| | 6:00 PM | Cub Scouts Comm. - St. Matt. |
| | 6:30 PM | Family Catechesis K-6 - PAC |
| | 6:30 PM | King's Men - K.C. Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir - C.R. |
| Thursday | | SAS Hornet Run Fun Day |
| | 8:30 AM | Mass & Respect Life Rosary |
| | 9:00 AM | Pastoral Advisory Council |
| | | Executive Meeting - Conf. Rm. |
| | 6:00 PM | Men's Club Dinner - PAC E.H. |
| | 6:00 PM | Remembering Our Children |
| | | Rehearsal - Church, S.F.C |
| | 6:30 PM | OCIA - S.C., S.F. A&B |
| Friday | 8:30 AM | School Mass |
| | 6:00 PM | Hospitality Christmas - S.F. |
| Saturday | 8:00 AM | Mass & Adoration - Church |
| | 8:00 AM | Community Voting - F.C. |
| | 9:30 AM | KIM Christmas - PAC |
| | 9:30 AM | St. Joseph's Altar Cookie & Casserole Meeting - Daily Mass Chapel |
| | 4:00 PM | Vigil Mass |
| | Parish Pictorial Photo Sign-up - G.S. | |
| Sunday | The Second Sunday of Advent | |
| | 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses | |
| | Parish Pictorial Photo Sign-up - G.S. | |
| | 10:00 AM | Children's Liturgy |
| | 6:00 PM | Remembering Our Children |
| | | Candlelight Service - Church |

WORDS OF WISDOM

"He who trusts in God can do all things."

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - Dec. 1-8

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Marriage Blessings - November 2024

The following couples had their marriage blessed by the church:
George Brent Orillion & Mary Elizabeth Calamia

Sacrament of Marriage - November 2024

The following couple was married in the church:
Matthew Venable & Kayla Rydosz

Featured Saint of the Week

St. Magdalene of Canossa (1774-1835)

Feast Day: April 10

Magdalene of Canossa was an Italian religious sister, foundress, and a leading advocate for the poor.

Although born into nobility and wealth, seeing the devastation first-hand caused by opposing forces only deepened her desire to serve the poor and unfortunate. She was soon using her wealth for her charitable work. Magdalene worked with the poor and sick; she worked in hospitals and was also rendering assistance to delinquent girls, including their education.

In 1808 Magdalene was able to move her operation to a vacant building and establish the Congregation of Canossian Daughters. She was soon contacted by two priests from Venice wanting to collaborate in an expansion of her operation to include boys. This collaboration lasted until 1816.

In 1815, Magdalene sought papal recognition for the congregation. Although the Pope was interested, a firm response was never received.

Word of their work was spreading; they were asked to start new communities in other parts of the region.

Her second attempt for papal recognition was submitted to the new Pope Leo XII. Once it was granted in 1828, Magdalene wanted to again develop another partnership to expand her work to include boys.

In 1834 Magdalene organized the Spiritual Exercises for the congregation in Verona.

Magdalene realized that all of her busyness and traveling was taking its toll on her physical health. St. Magdalene died at her Verona home on 4/10/1835 at the age of 61. She's been credited with intervention for a number of miraculous healings and her work continues serving on all continents.



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

Baptisms - November 2024

Camille Elise Adkins - Child of Caleb & Renee Adkins.

Harper Elaine Adkins - Child of Caleb & Renee Adkins.

Wade Ellis Adkins - Child of Caleb & Renee Adkins.

Beau Matthew Briggs - Child of Blaine & Ashley Briggs.

Luke Joseph Garretson - Child of Jacob & Colleen Garretson.

Harper Marie Smiley - Child of Dillon & Rachel Smiley.

Morning Mass & Family Adoration

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for Mass at 8 AM in the Church, followed by Family Adoration & Benediction 8:30 AM. Next date: November 2, 2024. We will have coffee and donuts in the St. Francis Room following Adoration.

Christmas Decor Schedule

Friday, November 29 at 9 AM: Advent Tree set-up. Need help getting tree set up and hanging ornaments. Set church up for Advent. Hang purple banners and place wreath on altar.

Friday, December 13 at 9:15 AM: Tree delivery. Need help placing trees in church. All garland and lights will be hung. We will also hang wreaths and decorate the tree in the Gather Space.

Sunday, December 22: Finish decorating the altar after 12 PM Mass. Will need help to move manger figures into place and place poinsettias on the altar.

Sunday, January 12: Deconstruct decor after 12 PM Mass.

OUTREACH

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

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, John Desselle, D.E. Brouillette, Jan Cobb, Mark Hebert, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Brandon Hammons, Mark Mitchell, Vickie Calamia, Tracy Yochim, Freida & Ellis Scallan, Richard White, Chris Weibelt, 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

Men's Club IRIS Donation Drive Thank You

The Men's Club thanks the parish community for their generous contributions to the IRIS donation drive last month. Our efforts to support and assist IRIS were a wonderful success! The delivery was made to IRIS two weeks ago, and they were so grateful. The success of the drive was due to the excellent response with donations and contributions by our church parish.

FORMATION

Learning Group

Learning Group will meet on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

Family Catechesis

Our next Family Catechesis for K-6th will be Wednesday, December 4, 2024. In the P.A.C. at 6:30 parents and students required to attend. Please bring your book and booklet to be checked. Assessments will be given.

Coffee Break Annual Christmas Luncheon

Join us on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13** at South Plains Food Company of Zachary.

INCLUSIVE PRICE OF \$25.00

Optional Christmas Ornament Exchange

Please bring a wrapped ornament/s in the value of \$18.00-\$20.00

To register for luncheon please contact Jackie: text-225-252-8073 or call 225-261-3116. All payments are due by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**. Made payable to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Please drop payment off at the Church Office. If anyone needs a ride to the luncheon, please make this known when signing up to attend.






KIDS IN MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS PARTY



- ★ BREAKFAST W/ SANTA
- ★ GAMES
- ★ CRAFTS
- ★ AND MORE...



SATURDAY
DECEMBER
7TH
9AM - 12PM

IN THE P.A.C.
14158
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Scan here to RSVP or visit alphonsus.org





ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH MISSION



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024
&
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**SPEAKER:
MATTHEW LEONARD**

**"THREE STAGES OF PRAYER:
PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION FOR EVERY
CATHOLIC" AND
"DIVINE DESTINY: THE PUBLIC SECRET
OF CATHOLICISM THAT CHANGES
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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.

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

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation preparation will begin January 7th with candidate interviews. Sessions begin Tuesday, January 14, 2025. If you or someone you know is interested in Confirming contact the Faith Formation Office for more information 261-4644.

First Reconciliation

1st Reconciliation books are due the week of December 20, 2024.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest promotes the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. It prompts participants to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving.

Children ages 5-14 are invited to submit Christmas poster designs to the Knights of Columbus by December 13, 2024. St. Alphonsus Catholic School students can turn in their submissions at school, and children from other schools can drop off their submissions at the Church Office.

All submissions must include form. Forms can be found in the Church Office or at www.alphonsus.org.

The entire parish is invited to view all poster contest submissions and vote for your favorites on the weekend of December 21-22 in the St. Francis Room. The winners will be announced and displayed on December 28-29, 2024.

REGISTER TODAY
www.alphonsus.org





One day
\$50 per person
Limit 650 tickets



Lunch and refreshments will be provided.



Guest speaker
FR. CHAD RIPPERGER



Guest speaker
KYLE CLEMENT

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025
8:30 AM TO 5:45 PM - CHECK-IN AT 7 AM
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This conference will focus on Understanding Diabolical Influence and Spiritual Combat.



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 Cherry at 225-235-0198.



Christmas Dance

Join us at St. Alphonsus for a night of live music & dancing! Adults 21+ are invited to our Christmas Dance featuring the Chris LeBlanc Band on December 14 at 7 PM. Tickets cost \$20 and are available for purchase in the Church Office or online at www.alphonsus.org (plus a \$3 surcharge). BYOB.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For November 16-17, 2024, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

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|--------------|----|-----------|
| Envelopes | \$ | 13,138.00 |
| Unidentified | \$ | 1,759.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ | 6,388.50 |
| Bank Draft | \$ | 2,774.00 |

Building/Maintenance Fund

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| Envelopes | \$ | 591.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ | 311.00 |

New Parish Activity Center

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| Envelopes | \$ | 736.00 |
| Parish Soft | \$ | 282.37 |

Children

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| Children | \$ | 30.00 |
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All Saints

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| All Saints | \$ | 50.00 |
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All Souls

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| All Souls | \$ | 50.00 |
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Campaign for Human Development

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| Campaign for Human Development | \$ | 266.00 |
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Total Received

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| Total Received | \$ | 26,375.87 |
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SYDP Thanksgiving

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| SYDP Thanksgiving | \$ | 1,456.00 |
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SYDP Building Project

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| SYDP Building Project | \$ | 5,275.00 |
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Retirement Fund for Religious

Due December 8, 2024



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