# St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church One Family United in Christ

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The Third Sunday of Advent

"With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation." — Isaiah 12:3

Mass

# Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Schedule

3:00 PM - Chancel Choir Concert
4:00 PM - Vigil Mass in the Church
The 4 PM Vigil Mass will be the only Christmas Mass live-streamed on YouTube & Facebook. Mass will also be live-streamed in the St. Francis Room for any overflow from the church.
5:15 PM - Bell Choir Concert
6:00 PM - Vigil Mass in the Church
8:00 PM - Vigil Mass in the Church

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2024 12:00 AM (Midnight) - Mass in the Church 8:00 AM - Mass in the Church 10:00 AM - Mass in the Church

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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 14-22, 2024

Saturday	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	OCIA Retreat - S.F. Corpus Christi Prayer - PAC Vigil Mass Ushers Christmas - S.F. Christmas Dance - PAC
Sunday	The Third Sunday of Advent	
2	8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy
	10:00 AM	Rite of Welcome
	10:15 AM	RCIC & Learning Group
	10:15 AM	Adaptive PSR - St. Matthew
	1:00 PM	Decor - Church
	6:00 PM	Christmas Sing-along - PAC
Monday	6:30 PM	Scouts Troop - PAC Rooms
-	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts Den - PAC E.H.
	6:30 PM	School Board - S.G.
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Mass & Novena
·	SAS Middle School Exams & Dismissal @ Noon	
	2:00 PM	SAS Finance Comm 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
·	SAS Middle School Exams & Dismissal @ Noon	
	12:00 PM	HIVE Committee - S.F.
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.
	6:00 PM	King's Men - K.C. Hall
	6:30 PM	Auction Committee- St. Matthew
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir - C.R.
Thursday	8:30 AM	Mass & Respect Life Rosary
	SAS Middle School Exams & Dismissal @ Noon	
	6:30 PM	OCIA - S.C., S.F. C
Friday	8:30 AM	Mass
	SAS Dismissal	
	Keep Christ in	Christmas Poster Contest - S.F.
Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
·	Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - S.F. Parish Pictorial Photo Appt. Sign-up - G.S.	
Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	
J	8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
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# WORSHIP

## **Christmas Decor Schedule**

**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.

#### Readings for the Week - Dec. 15-22

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday**: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33-2-3, 11-12, 20-21;

Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

> Flowers in the church on Dec. 7-8 were in memory of Rosemary Silvio by Karen Silvio Pecoraro & Angela Silvio

Flowers in the church on Dec. 14-15 are in memory of Frances Messina by Connie & Wayne Messina

#### Featured Saint of the Week St. Lidwine of Schiedam (1380-1433) Feast Day: April 14

Lidwine was the first and only girl born into a poor family that had previously bore 8 boys. However they were all faith-filled and she grew up with a special affinity for the Blessed Virgin Mary. She even thought that her calling



in life was to become a religious; God had other plans for her.

At the age of 15, Lidwine fell while ice skating and broke a rib. She never recovered, becoming increasingly disabled and was bedridden from a progressive paralysis for the rest of her life. Although there were several, one of the maladies that plagued her was a disease known as St. Anthony's Fire.

She acquired a reputation as a holy woman and a healer. While incapacitated, she received mystical gifts that included supernatural visions of heaven, hell, and purgatory. Additionally she had apparitions of Christ, as well as having been marked with the stigmata.

She has been credited with many acts of curing, charity, and providing food/nourishment to the needy which miraculously multiplied. Lidwine was not necessarily what is considered a conventional tool from God's toolbox, but he clearly utilized her and her talents to the fullest.

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that no matter the extent of a person's disability he/she remains completely human and possesses inalienable rights endowed by the Creator.

"You are afraid to suffer, but it would be better to thank God for it, since the more you undergo down here, the less you will endure above. Grief is a portion of one's heritage taken in advance from Purgatory." -St. Lidwine

People have been making pilgrimages to her burial site since 1433, when she died at the age of 52.

# MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend Masses** Saturday Viail 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 Beverly Heil**

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

# **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.

**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

**LA NATIONAL GUARD**: Captain Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil

**<u>AIR FORCE</u>**: Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, SSgt. Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea, SSG Daniel Carter, TSgt. Danny Hausse

**NAVY:** Com. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux, MMA3 Daniel Wesley, GM3 (SW/AW) Seth Minard, Seaman E4 3rd Class PE Evan Hayes, HM3 Bret Burns, HN2 Jacques Bourgeois

**U.S. MARINE CORPS:** Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos, Lance Corp. Mahala Hausse, Lance Corporal Kristian Morris

U.S. COAST GUARD: EM2 Dylan Lirette, EM4 Kobe Naquin

#### **Pray for the Sick**

#### Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

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, Krysta Brown, 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, Karen Rabalais, Sonya Guedry, Marie Chamberlin, Carl Guidry, Ramona Hartman

#### **Rest in Peace**

Stanley Davis, Jr. - Brother of Carmen (Randy) Damen and Mark (Donna) Davis.

#### 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.

# FORMATION

#### **First Reconciliation**

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation books are due the week of December 20, 2024.
The date for the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation is:
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
St. Alphonsus Church at 7:00 PM

#### Learning Group

Learning Group will meet on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

#### **Adult Confirmation**

Adult Confirmation preparation will begin January 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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	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	

#### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We pray our parish family has a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

**DIGHT Interview of Cartholic Knowledge & Win a Prize** 

# Sunday, January 12

in the Parish Activity Center. Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner included. Nursery provided with RSVP.

ST. ALPHONSUS T.O.T

TRIVIA

For registration & further Information, go to www.alphonsus.org

# **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.

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.

#### **New Members**

Alvin, Meredith, Ava, Logan, Locke & Robert Burton Keith, Addie, Easton, and Hazel DeLoach Jillian and son Seth Hatfield Earl, Alexis, Kington, Everett & Irie Henderson Ronald, Lori & Georgia Mannino Anita Reeves John Sanchez Brian, Heather & Lane Waggenspack

Registration closes 1/8/25



This conference will focus on Understanding Diabolical Influence and Spiritual Combat.

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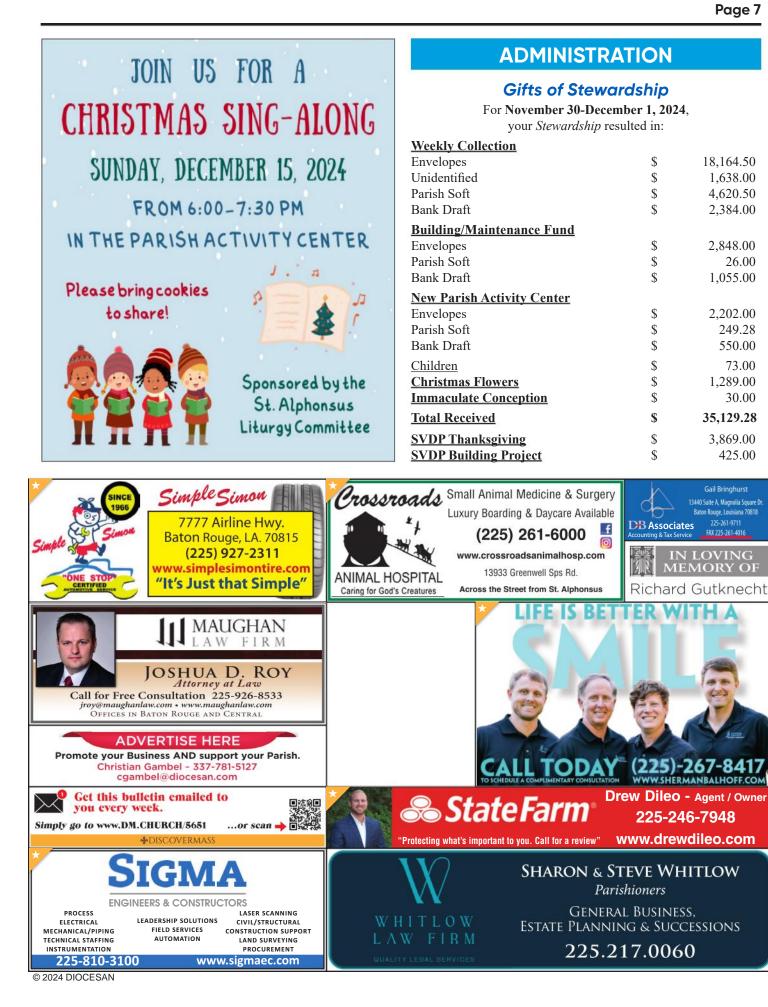
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