



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." - Matthew 1:23

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4 PM, 6 PM & 8 PM

Christmas Day

8 AM & 10 AM

Midnight Mass



Featured Saint of the Week

St. Nicholas (3/15/270-12/6/343)

Feast Day: 12/6

The *original* St. Nicholas was born just 270 years after Jesus. Unfortunately, although St. Nicholas died at the age of 73, there is not much documented information about his life.

We do know that he was of Greek origin, born in Asia Minor which was part of the Roman Empire at the time. He was an only child, whose parents were considered wealthy. His parents did not live to see him grow-up, as they died during an epidemic when he was relatively young.

Nicholas grew up in the Eastern Orthodox tradition, first becoming a priest and then appointed a Bishop. Nicholas was very caring and kind noticing the highs and lows in peoples' lives. He wanted to help wherever and however he could. He ultimately used everything he had, including his inheritance to make lives easier.

Others took notice, and began doing the same thing; miraculously, his generosity spread throughout the world!

St. Nicholas' kindness did travel throughout the world, but due to various languages and traditions St. Nicholas is known by several different names. We call him Santa Claus, in the Netherlands he's known as Sinterklaas, Papa Noel is what he's called in Spain and Latin America, in France, he's known as Pe're Noel. Here in America we also call him Kris Kringle, Jolly Old Saint Nick, and Father Christmas.

Whatever name he is called, we all know that his name is connected to good things! One of his greatest wishes is that each of us, follow his example to be nice and look for ways that we too can pass on the special gift of giving to others.

Neither niceness nor gifts have to involve money. But can you think of any better way to spend the rest of Advent by being nice and doing things for others? I'll bet Santa has more than enough room for all of our names on his nice list!



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, 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

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Forrest Estes - Husband of Savannah Bankston Estes.

Father of Avery & Norah Estes.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish celebrates the living waters of Christ by nourishing our Catholic community spiritually and academically so that Christ may be known in our world.

Christmas Flowers Offering In Memory Of



Thank you to all who have contributed to the cost of Christmas flowers this year.

If your envelope was received by December 8, your "In Memory Of" is listed below.

If received after December 12, the names on your envelope will appear in a later bulletin.

Harry Accardo	Matt Buhler	Steve Gautreau	Lambert & Vicknair Families
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Phillip & Mary Accardo	Tim Buhler	Gerald Family	Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Lambert
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Elizabeth Blake	Robert Corbin	Curtis Hutchinson Family	Magee Family Deceased
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Raymond & Barbara Bourgeois	Ben Daigle Family Deceased	B.B. Jones Families	Mayeaux Family
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Ken Buhler	Hazel & Clement Freeman	Lucille & Martin Laird	Vince & Frances Paola
Mark Buhler	Bill & Clelia Gautreau	Joe LaFrance Families	Phil & Stella Peck

Christmas Market & Kids in Ministry

Thanks to our community for making the Christmas Craft Show & Market on December 5-6 a success. Our Parish Activity Center was packed with craft vendors, food, and more! Everyone enjoyed taking a tour of Fr. Jason's Christmas Village at the rectory. Kids in Ministry also had Santa and children's activities on Saturday. Photos by *Sara Puissegur and Colby Novo*.



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Paula & Flow Pitre
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Mike J. Vince
Pete Vince
Delphia Vincent
Joseph P. Vincent, Sr.
Charles & Mildred Viccinelli
Varisto & Camille Viccinelli
Babette Vlahos
Maurice & Barbara Whitcomb
Lloyd & Frances Williams
Mary Williams

FORMATION

St. Joseph's Altar

If you would like to help bake cookies our dates are: 1/17, 1/19, 1/24 and 1/31. We are also in need of the following ingredients to make enough cookies for the altar:

44 oz. Baking Powder	75 lbs. Powdered Sugar
24 oz. Almond extract	1 cases of dried Figs
40 oz. Vanilla extract	50 lbs. of Pecans
90 lbs. Butter	384 oz. of Raisins
352 oz. of Maraschino Cherries	15 lbs. of Fresh Navel Oranges
26 dozen Eggs	

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation preparation will begin January 6th with candidate interviews. Sessions begin Tuesday, January 13, 2026. If you or someone you know is interested in Confirming contact the Faith Formation Office for more information 261-4644.

Bible Study

If you are looking to begin the New Year with something new... look at joining a Bible Study. Jesus the Way, Truth and Life will begin on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the St. Clare Room. Registration is required to join. For more information please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Thank You

FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH BY
PURCHASING RAFFLE TICKETS

Congratulations to:

1st Place - Steve Whitlow

2nd Place - Johnathan Bryant

3rd Place - Hunter Callihan



"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



St. Alphonsus Catholic School The G.R.A.C.E. Program

Giving Religious Access for Children with Exceptionalities

Now Enrolling Students for the 2026-2027 School Year

The G.R.A.C.E. Program is a faith-centered, inclusive special education program designed to meet the needs of exceptional learners in a nurturing, Catholic environment. Our goal is to help every child grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

Exceptionalities Served:

- Autism
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- Down Syndrome
- Other Health Impairments
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injury (ambulatory students)

Program Benefits:

- Individualized placement and small-group instruction
- Opportunities for mainstreaming when appropriate
- Access to related services as available
- Engage with age-level peers and Big Buddies to assist in social skills development
- Supportive, Christ-centered learning environment

Interested in Learning More?

We would love to meet with you to discuss admissions and determine whether the GRACE Program is the right fit for your child.

Contact:
Kristy Monsour, Principal
kmon sour@stalphonsusbr.org

COMMUNITY LIFE

Ladies Altar Society Luncheon

The quarterly Altar Society Luncheon was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. All attendees enjoyed a pleasant gathering, followed by the distribution of door prizes.

The Altar Society remains dedicated to supporting the preparation and maintenance of the Church's Altar and Sanctuary, ensuring that these sacred spaces are preserved with the utmost dignity and reverence. Those interested in joining this ministry are invited to contact the Church Office at 225-261-4650 for further information.



ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For December 6-8, 2025,
your Stewardship resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	22,522.00
Unidentified	\$	2,051.00
Parish Soft	\$	13,147.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	5,062.00
Parish Soft	\$	1,225.00

New Parish Activity Center

Parish Soft	\$	1,472.00
Bank Draft	\$	680.00
Campaign - Human Development	\$	10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	1,774.00
My Christmas Offering	\$	281.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	2,271.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	655.00

Total Received

Total Received	\$	51,150.00
SVDP Building Project	\$	10,025.00
SVDP Thanksgiving	\$	928.00
Children's Pickle Jar	\$	177.00



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