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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God." — Hebrews 12:2



ST. ALPHONSUS T.O.T. PRESENTS

A Second CHANCE



Deacon Don Allison and Marcus Cheffen

St. Alphonsus PAC Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025
Dinner at 6:00 PM. Talk to begin at 6:30 PM.
Nursery available. RSVP for dinner and nursery on parish website through FlockNote
www.alphonsus.org

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: AUGUST 16-24, 2025

Saturday	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Vigil Mass Clergy Dinner-PAC		
Sunday	The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses 2:00 PM Prime Timers Bingo-S.F.			
Monday	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Cub Pack (Roundup)-PAC E.H. A & B Troop 322 Scouts - PAC St. Luke		
Tuesday	8:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Daily Mass & Novena Church Finance Counil-S.G. SAS Finance MtgS.G. Men's Scripture - C.R. Women of Faith - St. Matthew, St. Mark Grief Support - S.C.		
Wednesday	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM	SVDP Recertification - S.F. Daily Mass HIVE Mtg-S.C. Feast for Priests-PAC (EHA&B) Auction/Taste Fair Mtg- St. Matthew King's Men Retreat Prep-PAC St. Mark		
Thursday	8:30 AM 9:15 AM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Rosary Parish Council Mtg- S.G. OCIA-Inquiry-S.C.		
Friday	8:30 AM 7:00 PM	School Mass Middle School Dance-Gym		
Saturday	King's Men I 9:30 AM 4:00 PM	Retreat Weekend Corpus Christi-St. Matthew Vigil Mass		
Sunday	The 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses			

OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

10:15 AM

Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10AM Masses

OCIC-S.G.

Classrooms

Adapted PSR-S.C.

PSR Learning Grp-Elem/MS

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:30 AM TO 1:30 PM EVERY FRIDAY GOING FORWARD.

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - August 17-24

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53 **Monday**: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30 **Wednesday**: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16 **Thursday**: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14 **Friday**: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12 **Sunday**: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Featured Saint of the Week St. Catherine Laboure' 5/2/1806-12/31/1876 Feast: 11/28



Catherine Laboure' was born the 9th of 11 children whose parents farmed for a living. Her mother died when Catherine was 9, and she turned to the Virgin Mary to be her spiritual mother. She and her sister were sent to live with an aunt for a time, and Catherine was soon blessed with visions. One of the first was seeing a young priest, later recognized as Fr. Vincent de Paul. He told her it was good to care for the sick. He went on to say that God had a plan for her.

Catherine began her novitiate in 1830; soon after she was awakened, hearing the voice of a child calling her to the chapel. At the chapel, the Virgin Mary said to her: "God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world." Mary returned to her later during evening meditations. She displayed herself inside an oval frame, standing on a globe; rays of light came out of her hands in the direction of the globe. Around the margin of the frame appeared the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have the recourse to thee." The frame also showed a circle of 12 stars surmounted on a cross by the stylized Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary underneath.

Mary then told Catherine to bring the images to her father confessor, telling him that they should be put on a medallion. "All who wear them will receive great graces." It was 2 years before the priest presented the idea to the archbishop without revealing Catherine's identity. The request was approved and went into production. The Miraculous Medal was exceedingly popular and quickly adopted by millions of faith-filled Catholics.

Immediately after taking her vows, she was sent to the Hospice d'Enghien. She spent the next 40 years caring for the elderly and infirm. She was called the patroness of seniors and was known for her devotion to the poor and elderly, her humility, and profound silence. She died in the Hospice in 1876 at the age of 70. It was only on her deathbed that Catherine revealed her involvement with the Miraculous Medal. When she was first being considered for beatification, her body was found to be incorrupt.

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

Beverly Heil 225-772-4278 Gloria Jones 225-337-8929 Flowers in the church on August 15-17 are in memory of Melanie Alario by Joy Lonibos.

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.

OUTREACH

Serving Our Country

If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650, 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 Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux, Nick Hood, Camelia Hood, Austin Thomas

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

U.S. COAST GUARD: EM4 Kobe Naquin

Rest in Peace

Bobby Gauthier, Sr. Buck Frederick - *Husband of Mary Frederick*.

FORMATION

Sunday Learning Group

Learning Group begins next Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 10:15 AM until 11:45 AM. Parents drop off children at the bus port of S.A.S. Students and parents will attend 12:00 PM Mass together.

Wednesday Learning Group

Begins Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. Parents drop off children at the bus port of S.A.S.

Wisdom Wednesday

Become wise in your faith. Sessions begin Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall of the PAC. Fr. Tat Hoang will begin a series of talks "Becoming More Hopeful." All are welcome.



Confirmation

Don't forget our Confirmation Candidates help the homeless by collecting the items below. As you travel this summer please begin to collect these items. Items may be dropped off in the Faith Formation Office. Thanks for your generosity.

Combs, Band aids, Shampoo Trial Size, Soap, Chap Stick, Lotion Trial Size, Wipes Trial Size, Rain ponchos, T-Shirts, Socks, Used Duffle Bags, Used back packs and Bug Spray

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks. Please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650 to add a name to this list.

Velba Kidder	Mollea Hood	Patsy Sagona	Angelo Silvio	John Nicosia
Caleb Eisworth	Michael Morales	Dammers Family	Christopher Silvio	Homer Brown
Pat Matthews	Theresa Ognibene	Debbie Mouton	Mona Miller	Vance & Olivia Thomas
Sharon Leod	John Larkin	Marion Robillard	Mildred Stroderd	Matthew Chambers
Jaycee Richard	Briggs Elliser	Ron Dodson	Kevin McCarroll	Gertrude Buhler
Gary Saucier	Anita Bueche	Stevie Calverley	Janet Messina	Harry Bourgeois
Alexander Landry	Jamie Samson	Luke Allen	Everett A Aymond	Jennifer McMillan
Sally Stears	Kathy Madere	Blanche Hoover	Lyndsey Quirk Neyland	Jason Lasseigue
Monica Kelly	Krystal Feltman	Marlene Ortego	Diane Ross	Feltus & Linda Templet
Devin Mounce	Melanie Way	Claudia Mouton	Vickie Calamia	Brenda Vavasseur
Daniel Guerin	Sandy Dares	Jackie Pina	Chelsea Laurent Gleason	Bobby DeAngelo
Datz Family	Ashlynn Ferguson	Ashley Nix	Jeanette Felps	Berkley Dearman
Schittone Family	Carolyn Rogillio	Bill Witt	Al Felps	Pierce Olsen
Catherine Willis	Patsy York	Priscilla Perez	Kevin Nicosia	A.J. Thibodeaux
Lynette Shaffett	Angie Welsh	Charlotte St. Romain	David Lonibos	Ryan Babin
Larry Bueche	Lynette Lemoine	Brenda Lovett	Joy Lonibos	Clifton Hall
Ashley Smith	Chris Hobkirk	Angela Gautreau	Glenda Bringol	Chris Gustin
Chris Dickerson	Patrick Bourgeois	Buck Frederick	Jan Bankston	Cheryl Denison Ainsworth
Jackie Scardina	Holly Hart	Lucky Ross	Harrison Simpson	Connie & Laney Varden
Fisk Morris	Jeff Ferguson	Melise Efferson	Cathey Chustz	

Inquiry - What Do Catholics Believe?

Interested or know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in hopes of becoming Catholic?

Inquiry will begin August 7th. Meetings are held Thursday evenings in the St. Clare Room at 6:00 pm. The classes will transition to OCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

OCIC is for children age 8 and older. This program helps children to learn more about our faith and become Catholic. Meetings begin on August 24 and are held on Sunday mornings at 10:15 to 11:45 AM. in the St. Gerard room. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Benefits of Bible Study Groups

If starting or joining a small group Bible study sounds like an unnecessary commitment to you, here's six benefits you may wish to consider:

- It follows Jesus' example. ...
- It directs us in wisdom. ...
- It creates meaningful connections. ...
- It provides necessary encouragement. ...
- It keeps us accountable.

Bible Studies begin in September. Consider signing up for one. Studies, times and locations listed on the cover.

Bible Studies

Sessions begin in September. Registration is required for each. Forms can be found in the Gather Space and on the church website. The following Bible Studies will be available for 2025-2026:

- Acts (1) begins Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 6:30 -8:30 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Genet Scarbrough.
- Acts (2) begins Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Olga Johnson.
- Adventure Timeline begins Monday, September 8, 2025 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM in the St. Gerard Room with Deanna Burns.
- **Epic** begins Monday, September 8, 2025 in the St. Francis C Room from 9:00-11:00 AM with John Fabre.
- Exodus/Galatians begins Thursday, September 11, 2025 in the St. Clare Room from 10:00AM 12:00 PM with Loretta Martone.
- Foundations of Faith begins Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in the St. Francis Room from 9:00 11:00 AM with Deanna Burns.
- Fulfilled 1 & 2 begins Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in the St. Clare Room from 6:00 8:00 PM with Connie Lemoine.
- **John/Ephesians** begins on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 6:00 8:00 PM in the St. Gerard Room with Lindsey Campbell.
- **Psalms/1**st **Corinthians** begins Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 9:00 11:00 AM in the St. Gerard Room with Joette Taylor.
- Revelations/James begins on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the St. Francis A/B Room with Olga Johnson
- Romans/Jesus Way, Truth, Life begins Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 9:00 11:00 AM in the St. Gerard Room with Marcella Sherwin.
- Wisdom/Genesis to Jesus begins on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in the St. Gerard Room from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM with Joslyn Yeager.

Volunteers Needed

When was the last time you were personally asked to help? Christ asks us to share our faith and build His kingdom. Faith Formation spreads the Gospel message to the families, children, teens and adults of our parish. Come share your time, talents and faith with the people of



our parish and grow your spirituality. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 225-261-4644.

King's Men's Welcome Retreat

The King's Men is a scripture study group. They will continue to meet through the summer. If you would like to join us, please call the Faith Formation Office. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Oak Cluster Dr.



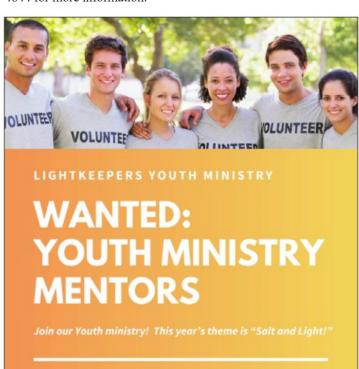
The King's Men will host "Welcome," an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and

what to do about it. "Welcome" is by Dynamic Catholic.

When: August 23-24, 2025

Where: St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish Activity Center Register at www.alphonsus.org.

Contact the St. Alphonsus Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.



Do you have a natural talent to guide? Do you have boundless energy? Do you want to help lead our youth to Christ? Are you between 18 - 25 y/o? Join now!

ARE YOU INTERESTED?
CALL AMY VARNADO 261-4644 TO SIGN UP!

COMMUNITY LIFE

Pray for Expectant Parents

The following parents have been blessed with new life: Caleb & Sara Puissegur, Matthew & Ashton Canella, Alaina & Graham Fruge. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to be added to this prayer list, please call the office at 225-261-4650 and let them know the parents' names and when their baby is due.

17th Annual 80th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, August 30, 2025 at the 4:00 PM Mass

J<mark>óin us in ho</mark>noring all St. Alphonsus parishioners born in or before 1945.

Light refreshments will follow in the St. Francis Room.

Please RSVP to the parish office at 261-4<mark>6</mark>50_. by Friday, August 22.

Eric Frank Photography
will take photos before Mass beginning at 3PM.
Reserved seating is available for you and a guest.







ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For August 2-3, 2025 your Stewardship resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 20,226.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,950.00
Parish Soft	\$ 7,495.50
Bank Draft	\$ 2,159.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 4,220.00
Parish Soft	\$ 2,255.00
Bank Draft	\$ 1,055.00
New Parish Activity Center	
Envelopes	\$ 3,272.00
Parish Soft	\$ 414.28
Children	\$ 68.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 71.00
Total Received	\$ 43,733.78

Special Collections - Parish Soft Giving

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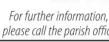


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