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## The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed." — Hebrews 12:12-13

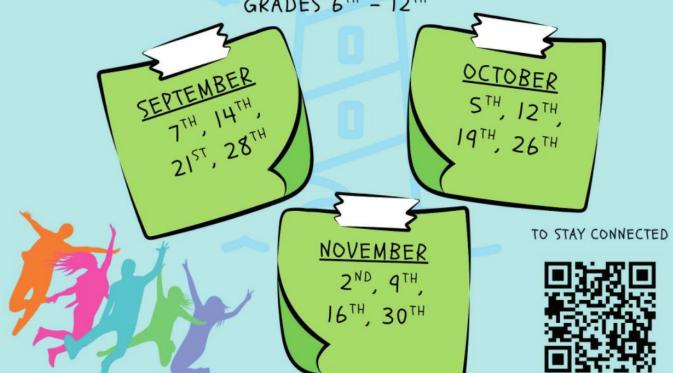


# LIGHT KEEPERS

Youth Ministry

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, GAMES & WORSHIP

SUNDAYS 5:00 - 8:00 PM AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRADES 6TH - 12TH



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## **PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR:** AUGUST 23-31, 2025

Sunday  The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10AM Masses 10:00 AM Adapted PSR-S.C. 10:15 AM OCIC-S.G. 10:15 AM PSR Learning Grp-Elem/MS Classrooms  Monday  5:00 PM Cub Pack 125 Den Mtgs-PAC E.H. A, St. Mark 6:00 PM Troop 322 Scouts - PAC St. Luke, PAC office  Tuesday  8:30 AM Daily Mass & Novena 5:00 PM Scouting Recruitment-PAC E.H. A 6:00 PM Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:00 PM Women of Faith - St. Matthey St. Mark 6:30 PM Grief Support - S.C.  Wednesday  8:00 AM SVDP Recertification - S.F. 8:30 AM Daily Mass	Saturday	_	King's Men Retreat Weekend			
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#### MISSION STATEMENT

8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses

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.

## **WORSHIP**

## Readings for the Week - August 24-31

**Sunday**: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30 **Monday**: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt

23:13-22

**Tuesday**: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday**: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32 **Thursday**: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt

24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday**: 1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday**: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-

19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

## **Featured Saint of the Week**

Blessed Franz Jagerstatter (Martyr) 5/20/1907-8/9/1943 Feast: 5/21



As a young boy, Franz was known as an avid reader, and a very good student, leaving school after his 14th birthday, as allowed by law.

When the German troops moved into Austria in 1938, Jagerstatter declined an offer to become mayor. Although he was the only villager to vote against the Nazi takeover, his vote of dissention was suppressed. He voiced his anti-Nazi opinion, saying "I believe there could scarcely be a sadder hour for the true Christian faith in our country. He had no political affiliations, but was openly anti-Nazi.

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, he joined Third Order of St. Francis. The parish priest offered him work as a sacristan, therefore being deferred from military service, for a while.

When he was drafted in June 1940, he completed his training at the garrison. He refused to take the Hitler oath; however, he was able to return home in 1941 under an exemption as a farmer.

Because of his conscientious objection, he sought counsel from the local Bishop FlieBer, who told him "... he could only walk that path if he was sure that he was being called to do so by an extraordinary summons from above, not just from within himself..." The Bishop also reminded him of his degree of responsibility to his family.

Jagerstatter was next called to duty in February 1943; when he reported for duty, he declared his conscientious objection to the war. He offered to carry out non-violent services, but was ignored. He was immediately arrested, questioned, then imprisoned.

He was sentenced to death "and loss of military dignity and civil rights". Jagerstatter was executed by guillotine on 8/9/1943. His remains were cremated; the cremains salvaged.

Jagerstatter's family was denied any military benefits; they were finally approved in 1950. The death sentence was nullified by the Landgericht Berlin on 5/7/1997. Originally denied military burial, his remains were finally marked with a plaque at the burial at Sankt Radegund Cemetery in 2006.

## **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**

Christine Barbay 225-955-2380 Gloria Jones 225-337-8929

#### 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**

#### **Rest in Peace**

**Norman Schlatre III-** Brother of Mike (Cindi) Schlatre. **Ellen Gauthier-** Daughter of Carolyn Gauthier.

## **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

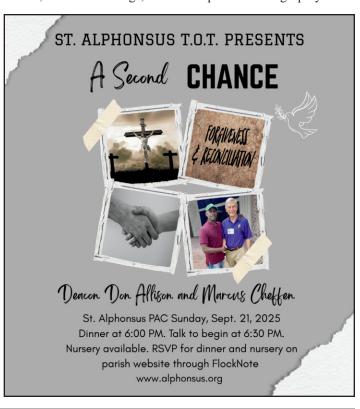
Become wise in your faith. Sessions begin Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM in Emmanuel Hall of the PAC. Fr. Tat Hoang will begin a series of talks "Becoming More Hopeful." All are welcome.



#### **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.

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	A J. Aymond
Mollea Hood	Patsy Sagona	Angelo Silvio	John Nicosia	Jay & Debbie Grymes
Michael Morales	Dammers Family	Christopher Silvio	Homer Brown	

### 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**<sup>st</sup> **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.

#### **CoffeeBreak**

CoffeeBreak invites all women of the parish to join us on Friday, September 12 in the St. Francis Room.

Our study this season is from LUKE: The Good News of God's Mercy. Our study is paramount to each meeting and we have no homework.

CoffeeBreak is more than just a bible study. It is an opportunity to meet and re-connect with women of our parish. We are all on a journey in deepening our faith and what a better

way to foster this than with our sisters in Christ.

Our meeting begins at 9:15 am with coffee and light refreshments. We enjoy some social gathering (lack of conversation is not an issue with our easy going group).

We begin with prayers and a mediation and sometimes a reflection with music and/or rosary. Prior to the start of our bible study we are given a presentation giving us some insight of the scripture which is followed by a video

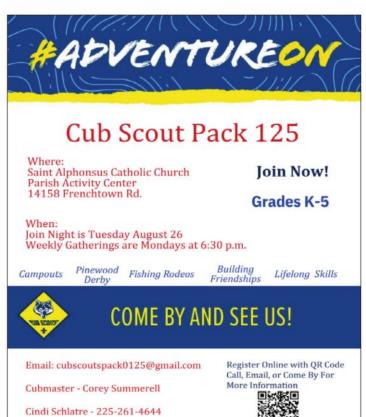
presentation to help us dive deeper. We will break off into small groups with each having a reflection leader to guide us through our study. We conclude at 11:30.

Throughout the year we also enjoy a Christmas luncheon, Spiritual Sisters, Ash Wednesday Retreat, and a in-house service project with a catered lunch.

We love our sisterhood that we share and we invite you to join us. Please feel free to bring a friend, sister, cousin, neighbor, aunt, mother, daughter or grandmother to accompany you.

You will be received with a warm welcome.

Please pick up a CoffeeBreak pink invitation with schedule and info located on tables outside of church.



#### **SAGA**

#### St. Alphonsus Grandparents Association

It is often said that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. Our youth here at St. Alphonsus need yesterday's leaders to quide them into the future.



These young people are vibrant, energetic, and vital to the growth of St. Alphonsus. You can be an integral part in fostering a positive and productive journey for our middle and high school students.

Come share in their laughter, spiritual formation, growth, and fellowship. Being amongst and mentoring these middle and high school boys and girls is the perfect opportunity for you to share your faith and help guide them on the right path. You can interact with them as we share meals, play games, and share your knowledge. This will give you a chance to impress upon the youth good Christian morals, values, and encouragement when they need it. These young people, known as the Light Keepers, will brighten your life as much as you brighten theirs. They are funny, curious, impressionable, lovable, and welcoming. They are "today's version of what we were once like in our youth. They are the future lifeblood of our parish, and they are eager to meet you! These young people will keep you young at heart and constantly lift your spirits. Consider joining our **SAGA**, **St. Alphonsus Grandparents Association**, or becoming a mentor and being part of this exciting group of wonderful young people. I am certain you will reap far more joy and rewards than you can imagine.

For specific information on joining us, please call Amy Varnado in our Faith Formation office at 261-4644 or email youth@alphonsus.org. Faithfully,

Vicki Whittington

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

### **Ladies Altar Society**

Our September luncheon/meeting for 2025-2026 year will be held on **Tuesday, September 9**th, in the St. Francis Room at 11 AM. The cost of the meal will be \$10. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cherryl at 225-235-0198.







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