



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22, 2019 - Volume 11, Issue 38

"God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."

— 1 Timothy 2:4

Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service



Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM



Anna Grace Alley

My pregnancy started like most pregnancies do: with a positive home pregnancy test. As we stared at the little plus sign on the stick in my hand, my husband and I were overjoyed with the idea of adding to our brood. What name will we give this new little one? Do you remember where we stored the bouncy seat? How should we tell everyone?

We decided to wait until the proverbial 12 weeks had passed before telling our four children the good news. After all, we had already seen our little bean's heartbeat on ultrasound and knew the odds of a miscarriage were greatly reduced by that time. So, the day we completed Week 12, we announced our pregnancy to our other children. A thunderous cheer resounded! My children rushed to smother me in hugs and kisses as they gave witness to the joy they felt. A new baby! It was going to be so hard to wait until May!

The holidays passed, and the date circled on the calendar finally arrived - January 10, 2013, the 20-week ultrasound day! I dropped off my other children at school with promises to have lots of pictures of the baby when they returned home that afternoon. With great anticipation, my husband and I made our way into the darkened ultrasound room happily chatting with the technician. I felt almost giddy as she applied the ultrasound wand to my beautiful belly. Here it comes! The moment we've been waiting for! I can't wait to show the kids the pictures! The big ultrasound screen lit up the room, and we grinned as we saw the precious little profile of our baby, but then... "I'm so sorry. There's no heartbeat."

The silence that followed was deafening. The silence of the ultrasound machine that should have been pulsing with the sound of our daughter's heartbeat. The silence of the room as the tech quietly left to share the news with my doctor. The silence as my husband and I sat staring at the screen which showed the perfect outline of our baby's beautiful features. We sat there silently pleading, "Please move. Please be ok. Please don't leave us." Silence as we nodded our understanding that we would have to go through labor and delivery the next morning. Silence as we drove home to break the devastating news to our other children. The silence of the delivery room as I gave birth to a perfectly formed, tiny little baby - 10 perfect fingers, 10 perfect toes, that sweet little mouth, and the perfect little nose. The silence of family and friends who struggled to find the right words to comfort us.

Following Anna's delivery and burial, my husband and I searched for a way to give Anna a lasting legacy, a way to give meaning to what we had experienced. The result was the formation of Anna's Grace Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to supporting local families who experience the loss of a precious baby. Through our work with the foundation, we have discovered just how important events like "Remembering Our Children" truly are. Being able to acknowledge our children's lives and to speak their names out loud brings so much comfort and peace to our hearts. It reminds us to let their lights shine through us as we patiently wait to see them again.

-Monica Alley

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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 22 - 29, 2019

Sunday	The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses (<i>Baptisms</i>) <i>Coffee & Donuts after 8 AM & 10 AM Masses</i> 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy - S.F. 10:00 AM Jesus and Me - SAS 103 1:00 PM Oremus Prayer - S.G. 5:30 PM Learning Group - Church 5:30 PM Oremus Prayer #2 - S.G.
Monday	8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Exodus Study - S.F. (C) 9:15 AM Corpus Christi Prayer - S.J. 11:00 AM Organ Tuning - Church 1:00 PM Piano Tuning - C.R. 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - MPB
Tuesday	8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Timeline Study - S.G. 4:00 PM Mary Study - S.G. 5:30 PM RCIC - F.C.3 6:00 PM Financial Peace - SAS 114 6:30 PM Wisdom Study - S.G. 6:30 PM Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 PM Balanced Women - S.F. (A) 6:30 PM Grief Support - S.C. 7:00 PM High School Impact - MPB
Wednesday	8:30 AM Communion Service 9:00 AM Epic Study - S.F. (C) 11:00 AM Revelations Study- S.F. 11:00 AM Mark Study - S.C. 5:30 PM Bell Choir - C.R. 6:00 PM Acts Study - Library 6:00 PM John Study - S.G. 6:00 PM ROC Committee - S.C. 6:30 PM King's Men - S.J. 7:00 PM Young Adults - Lighthouse 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - C.R.
Thursday	8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Timeline Study - S.G. 9:15 AM Soul Core - S.F. 4:00 PM Matthew Study - S.C. 6:00 PM Men's Club - S.F. (C) 6:30 PM Boy Scouts PLC-Blessed Seelos 6:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - S.C. 7:00 PM Middle School Impact - MPB
Friday	8:30 AM School Mass
Saturday	1:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop Potluck- F.C. 4:00 PM Mass
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S.C.- St. Clare

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C.R.- Choir Room

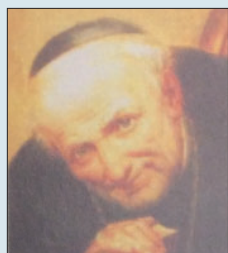
MPB- Multi-Purpose Building

G.S.- Gather Space

WORSHIP

St. Alphonsus Church Acquires Relic of St. Alphonsus

Thank you to Fr. Tat, Pastor at St. Gerard Majella Parish, for helping Fr. Mike acquire a relic of St. Alphonsus for our parish. We will proudly display this relic in our church.



Dear St. Alphonsus,

Friend of the poor, and arthritis sufferer, you are the special patron of all who suffer from arthritis and the pains of many years.

When our joints, hips, arms, legs, and knuckles hurt so much that tears well up in our eyes, help us to recall the tears, the sweat and the blood that flowed from our crucified Jesus who bore so much suffering out of love for each of us.

St. Alphonsus, afflicted with curvature of the spine and nailed to a wheelchair cross in your final years, teach us to unite all our pains with those of Jesus, so our patience and love inspires others to accept the difficulties in their lives.

We ask you to intercede for us so that our pains will be eased but more so that we are enabled to be one with Jesus in his great act of dying and rising.

Amen.

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a faith-filled community who,
through prayerful discernment,
call forth the gifts of the Spirit given to each individual,
that Christ may be known in our community
and in our world.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM

Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM

Communion Services

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

During the school year for preschool ages 3-5 at 10:00 AM Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the school year at the 10:00 AM Mass.

For children kindergarten through 2nd grade.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

Baptism

Contact Robin Debetaz 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 Robin Debetaz at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

Formed

Go to formed.org and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway with our parish access code- 9R9K3M.

Prayer Lines

Mary Frederick 225-261-5145

Adam Landry 225-261-8854

Welcome! Is this your first visit here?

We are delighted to have you join us for worship at St. Alphonsus, and we hope you will return often. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a parishioner by going to alphonsus.org, selecting WeShare, and filling out our online registration form.

Readings for the Week - Sept. 23 - 29

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Rosary Coast to Coast

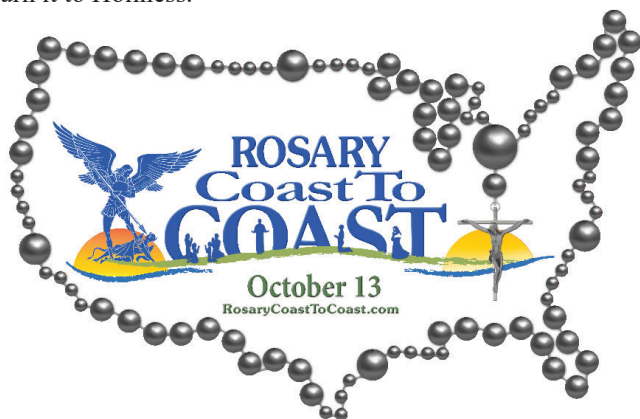
The Knights and Ladies of KC Council #2807 invite you to join in praying the Rosary Coast to Coast:

Sunday, October 13th at 3 PM

St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church, Greenwell Springs, La

Today our battle is spiritual! We continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws; especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, elderly and weak in our society and the attacks on marriage and family values. Society and many levels of government continue to demonstrate intolerance towards biblically based religious belief and practice. In conflict with First Amendment constitutional rights, persecution of traditional religious expression has reached historically high levels.

Please join with hundreds of Catholics across the country to pray together on this 102nd anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness.



Corpus Christi Prayer Group

The Corpus Christi Prayer Group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 7-9 PM and on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9:15-10:15 AM in the St. Joseph Room of the Multi-Purpose Building. This is an open invitation for anyone. Are you looking to strengthen or grow in an intimate relationship with the Lord? You can do that here. This will teach you how to walk in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you are interested, please contact Renee' Elliott at 773-8936.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Emily R. "Doll" Deaton - Mother of Ronnie Deaton.

Margaret Ann Smith - Mother of Stacy Luckett.

Don Pennison - Brother of Ruby Gabriel.

Michael Becnel - Husband of Mellie Becnel.

Ethel Ruh - Mother of Russell Ruh.

Blood Assurance Program

Because of the generosity of the people of St. Alphonsus during our Blood Drives each year, any parishioner needing blood can have their blood needs covered by the church. If you or someone in your family needs blood, call the Church Office at 261-4650 and let Susan know the person's name, date of birth, hospital, and the amount of blood or blood products received. If you are interested in donating blood, the church's next blood drive will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20th.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after eight weeks. List also on our website. Call the office to put name back on the list.

Brenda Guerin, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Ronnie Collette, Jane Mizell, Marlene LeBlanc, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Tiffany Penton, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, John Martone, Roy Ortego, Deacon Garafola, Betty Thibodeaux, Earline Kidder, Sandra A. Davis, Jackie Pina, AJ LaBello, Mary Beth Browning, Fisk Morris, Jean Firmin, Lisa Graffeo, Mollea Hood, Ashlea Hood, Michael Morales, Dana Rogers, Gloria "Jinkie" Phillips, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Savannah McNair, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Anna Kirby, Jamie Samson, Louis Lamar Bordelon, Thomas Stewart, John LeGrange, Mildred Faul, Charlie Firmin, Kathy Madere, Paden Mouton, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Barbara Simoneaux, Millie Strickland, Wayne & Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Kenny Miller, Karen Rabalais, Glenda Rispone, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nicholas LaCroix, Kenny Achord, P.H. Zito, Patsy Sagona, Theresa Whiteside, Dammers Family, April Matranga, Betty BeJeaux, Gay Brown, Charles & Jennifer Landry, Mildred Smith, David Berthelot, Cheryl Watson, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Billy Stears, Luke Allen, GiGi Chenevert, Dr. Stephen Speeg, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Hope Broadus, Hewes Family, Gwen Moore, Stacey Luckett, Julio Eides, Leroy David, Janet Messina, Jerry Branch, Monica Kelly, Wick Samson, Melinda McCarty, Reda Cockerham, Christine Datz, Grayson Free, Suzanne Dupuy, A.W. Fuller, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Loeb, Margaret Smith, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Allan Eddy, Bart Crochet, Baylor Guedry, Robert "Robbie" Wesley, Courtney Brock, Chris Olson, Sharon Spillers, John Roberts, Carolyn Watts, Hank Ognibene, Naomi Messina, Sonya Clement, Mary Kendrick, Bruce Mayeaux, Vince Dileo, Jr., Fannie Schittone, Daniel Guerin, Maria Cayer, Charles Curry, Ray Amond, Larry Mitchell, Janice Jeansonne, Tommy Quinealty

Living Giving Tree

Can You Say Christmastime?

It may seem early, but our Living-Giving Tree Committee is ready to start preparations for 2019. If you know of a needy family in the parish or in the Central area, there are cards in a basket in the back of the church. Take as many as you need, fill it out and return it to the parish office either by mail, email, or in the collection basket by Monday, September 30th.

A committee member will contact you for further details.

Our goal is to reach out to those in need in our immediate surroundings, and bring the love of Christ to our parish families. We ask that you prayerfully and thoughtfully consider individuals and families who might need an uplifting this Christmas. These names will only come from you! We do not have special insight into every family's circumstances so we ask you to be the eyes of the parish and submit anyone you think may benefit from our Living-Giving Tree this year.



Serving Our Country

If you have a family member serving in the military, please call 261-4650, and let us know the name, rank and branch of military.

ARMY: Captain Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Captain Brian C. Greco, Specialist Sam Lockwood, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Spec4 Terrell Vidrine, Scott Armand

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NAVY: Com. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux, S.N. Tyler Fontenot

U.S. MARINE CORPS: Captain Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos

FORMATION

Theology on Tap

Join us for the next Theology on Tap "The Many Levels of Prayer – Where am I?" with Fr. Gerald Burns on Sunday, September 29, 2019 in the St. Francis Room. Dinner served at 6:00 PM. Talk begins at 6:30 PM. Please R.S.V.P. to the Faith Formation Office 261-4644. Nursery provided upon request.

RCIA Inquiry

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Inquiry sessions are held every Thursday of the month in St. Clare Room at 6:30 PM. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644 for more details.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10 AM Mass. This ministry is for Children K – 2nd Grade. Children's Liturgy helps children understand the Sunday Gospel reading. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Our first session will be Sunday, September 15th.

Jesus and Me (Preschool J.A.M.)

JAM is back! All preschool parishioners, ages 3-5, are invited to attend our wonderful J.A.M. program. The children meet in the St. Gerard Room during 10 AM Mass. The children will enjoy Bible stories, craft activities, and songs. Volunteers are still needed to help with this ministry! Parents are encouraged to lend a hand with classes and special events. Registration forms may be found in the back of church, in the Faith Formation Office, or on the Church website www.alphonsus.org. For more information, contact Elizabeth at the Faith Formation Office by calling 261-4644 or emailing elizabeth@alphonsus.org.

Kids In Ministry

Kids in Ministry offers a great experience for families with young children from toddler to 5th grade.

Mark your calendars to attend:

Halloween Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019

Christmas Craft Day: Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019

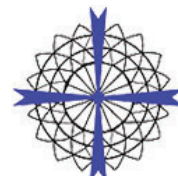
Spring Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 5, 2020

If you would like to help plan these events contact the Faith Formation Office at 261-4644.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Alphonsus School Hornet Fun Run "Memory Lane" Fundraiser

It's time for the St. Alphonsus School annual fall fundraiser, the Hornet Fun Run! Money collected benefits every student and teacher at St. Alphonsus Catholic School. Since we do not use an outside company for product sales, 100% of the money raised goes directly back to the school. "Memory Lane" has become a wonderful tradition of our Hornet Run. It is such a touching and moving experience for everyone. The "Memory Lane" lap is the time at the end of the Hornet Fun Run designated to honor our loved ones who are no longer with us. Signs may be purchased for \$30.00. An "In Memory of" sign will be placed around the track the day of the Hornet Run, and our students will walk the final lap of the Hornet Fun Run in memory of your loved one. After the Hornet Run, the sign will be given to you as a keepsake. We invite everyone to participate by making a family donation and/or collecting donations from relatives, friends, or businesses to sponsor your child.



St. Joseph's Academy Open House

St. Joseph's Academy cordially invites all 6th-8th grade girls and their parents to join us for Open House 2019. Join us on Thursday, October 17, for tours of campus and visiting with students, administrators, faculty, staff and counselors. Tours begin at 4 p.m. and continue until 6:30 p.m. Visit our website (www.sjabr.org) for more information, or contact the Admissions Team of Meredith Smith (smithm@sjabr.org) and Leighann King (kingl@sjabr.org). Come experience St. Joseph's Academy for yourself.



COMMUNITY LIFE

2019 St. Alphonsus Hall of Fame

Congratulations to **Tom Arceneaux, Sharon Atkinson, John Fabre, and Kathy Giovingo**, who will be inducted into the St. Alphonsus Liguori Hall of Fame on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at the 10:00 AM Mass. A reception will follow in the St. Francis Room.

Respect Life Ministry

We are called to be a part of October's Respect Life Month. Churches throughout the region are uniting together for a fall campaign of "40 Days for Life," a 40-day focused effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion starting on September 25th and ending on November 3rd.

In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting, churches will participate in peaceful prayer from 7 AM to 7 PM outside of the Delta abortion facility, located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church will sponsor **Tuesday, October 15th** as our day to pray across the street from the abortion facility. Please consider joining us for one or more hours of peaceful prayer, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. We will have a sign-up table in the Gathering Space on the weekend of October 5th-6th. You will be able to sign-up any time before or after every Mass.



Expectant Families

Pray for expectant families who have been entrusted with a new life to nurture and love: **John & Laura Calhoun, Kyle & Andrea Tonguis, Clark & Ashley Hubbard, and Ismael & Susanna Martinez.** If you or someone you know is expecting a child, please call the Church Office at 261-4650 and let us know the names of the couple and when they are due.

Receive Bulletins By Email

Keep up with all things happening at St. Alphonsus by receiving our weekly church bulletin! Sign up to receive your bulletin by email at our new website: www.alphonsus.org. The sign-up form is at the bottom of the home page.

If you are already currently receiving the bulletin by mail and would like to switch to email only, please call the Church Office at 225-261-4650.

Financial Peace University

Jason and Daina Kroll began teaching their 6th Financial Peace University course at St. Alphonsus Church on August 20, 2019. So far, this program has changed 75 lives by helping people cut up credit cards, pay off debt, and save money! The next course will begin in January 2020, so watch the bulletin for registration information in the coming months. *Photo submitted by the Krolls.*



ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

For **September 7-8, 2019**,
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	23,880.00
Unidentified	\$	1,213.00
WeShare	\$	3,220.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	2,013.00
WeShare	\$	590.00

Children's Collection

Catholic University	\$	166.00
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