



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

The Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2019 - Volume 11, Issue 49

"The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea."

— Isaiah 11:9

Remembering Our Children

*"Sometimes our light goes out, but it is blown again into flame
by an encounter with another human being." - Albert Schweitzer*

Everyone is invited to be that human encounter supporting our families who have lost children. Please join them for our Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 8th, 2019, at 6 PM in the Church. This service will symbolize that the light of these precious children will forever be held in our hearts. The service will be followed by a reception.

Fred "Jody" Acosta, Jr.	Christopher Barbin	Christopher Borek	Constance Renee Casma	Baby Damen
Thomas Adams, Jr.	Stephanie Barlow	Matthew Joseph Bossier	Liana DelCarmen Castells	Talor Joseph D'Amico
Anna Grace Alley	Samuel Michael Barth	Ava Grace Branstetter	Mark Champagne	Raymond Earl Dantin
Melanie Diane Amedee	Christopher Bauer	Cassie Louise Brashier	Jeffrey Charleville	Brennan David
Adelyn Ellis Ammons	Troy Gerard Bell	"Marty" Braud, Jr.	Blake Aron Chelette	Travis Scott David
Elizabeth Amy	Sam Bellina, Jr.	Daniel Kevin Breaux	Ashley Nicole Chenevert	James Dale Davis, Jr.
Emily Amy	Harrison Gerald Benson	Brandon Breen	Chrissy Clement	Warren Joseph Davis, Jr.
Michael Androwski	Curt Randal Bernard	Brad Jacob Broadhurst	Jeffrey Cline	Lyndsey Noel Davis
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Robert Shane Ashley	Jeffrey Charles Bezdek	Christopher Broussard	Taylor Conrad	Matthew William Deen
Braden Michael Babin	Jenny Schutz Bishop	Julie Marie Broussard	Christin Claire Cosby	Warner Delaune, III
Chad Babin	Lebory "Lee" Bivona, II	Robert Mason Bryan	Jessica Rose Courville	Daniel Joseph Dell
Michael Babin	Barrett Duane Black	Matthew Charles Buhler	Daniel Ryan Couvillion	Jonathan Dencausse
Gayle Ann Bailey	Marianne Blackwell	Steven Corey Buhler	Cindy Ann Crochet	Brad Landon Denham
Harry Bailey, Jr.	Robert David Blackwell	Erica Leigh Byrd	Sean Christopher Cruz	Natalie Danese Denicola
Kathleen Ann Bailey	Elizabeth Anne Blake	Tiffany LaShawn Cage	Alexander Culivan	Denver Ross Denison
Thomas Craig Bailey	Larry Anthony Blanchard	Tiffany Marie Calhoun	Ashleigh Culivan	Patrick Dewan Dodson
Nicholas Paul Baker	Marshall Blanchard	Clayton Callender	Atreyu Culpepper	Brian McCrory Doherty
Catherine Sue Ballard	John "Jay" Bond, II	Barry Callihan	Melissa Cunningham	Bryan Drago
Sophie Elizabeth Ballow	Jacquelyn Faye Booth	Bentley Canales	Sue Cutrer	James Patrick Ducote
Joseph Dane Bananno	Jordan Charles Bordelon	John Nathan Carmena	James Todd Daigle	Joseph Michael Ducote
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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 8-15, 2019

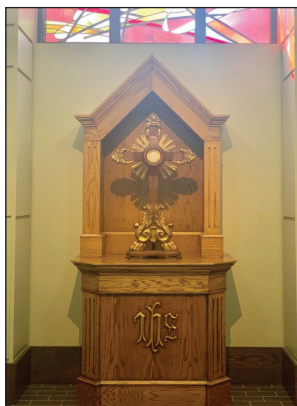
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses 6:00 PM Remembering Our Children Candlelight Service- Church	
Monday	8:30 AM Mass 9:15 AM Corpus Christi Prayer- S.J. 6:30 PM Boy Scouts- S.J., F.C., MPB 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul- S.F.	
Tuesday	8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Timeline Study- S.G. 9:30 AM Parish Cruise Info- S.F. 10:30 AM SAS Finance Committee- S.C. 4:00 PM Mass Study- S.G. 5:30 PM RCIC- Family Center 3 6:00 PM Parish Cruise Info- S.F. 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 Youth- MPB, F.C.	
Wednesday	8:30 AM Communion Service 9:00 AM Epic Study- S.F. (C) 5:30 PM Bell Choir- C.R., Church 6:00 PM Acts Study- S.C. 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus- KC Hall 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.C. 9:15 AM Soul Core- S.F. 4:00 PM Matthew Study- S.C. 6:00 PM Cub Scouts- S.G. 6:00 PM Advent Mission- Church, S.F. 7:00 PM Middle School Impact- MPB	
Friday	8:30 AM School Mass 9:15 AM CoffeeBreak Meeting- S.F. 9:30 AM SAS 4-5 th grade Retreat-Church 5:30 PM Bell Choir- Church 6:00 PM Hospitality Ministry- S.F.	
Saturday	9:30 AM KIM Christmas Party-F.C., MPB 4:00 PM Mass <i>Adoration Chapel Adorers in Gather Space</i>	
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses 10:00 AM JAM- SAS103 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy- S.F. <i>Adoration Chapel Adorers in Gather Space</i> 12:00 PM Giving Tree Gift Sorting- S.F. 5:30 PM Learning Group- Church 5:30 PM Oremus Study- S.G.	

S.C.- St. Clare S.F.- St. Francis C.R.- Choir Room
MPB-Multi-Purpose Building F.C.-Family Center G.S.-Gather Space

WORSHIP

As we approach the 25th anniversary of our Adoration Chapel in December, a few of our adorers would like to share their experiences with you.

I learned about Adoration after returning to the Catholic faith earlier this year. I grew up going to St Alphonsus and received all sacraments except confirmation. I was part of the adult confirmation class that was confirmed by Bishop Duca this past June on Pentecost Sunday. It was my confirmation sponsor who introduced me to Adoration. When I discovered our church offered a place I could go to after work or on weekends to spend quiet time in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I couldn't wait to experience it! Ever since, it has remained a highlight of my spiritual journey. Through my time spent in Adoration, I am able to cultivate a relationship with the Lord which, in turn, has given me confidence to make life changes and work to achieve God's will.



-Ashley Albritton

As a lifelong Protestant, I was very unfamiliar with the Adoration Chapel - or what Adoration actually was for that matter. My wife, Ashley, discovered Adoration and, from the discussions of her experiences and the changes I saw in her, it piqued my curiosity. I decided to find out for myself if I too would experience the peace and joy Ashley spoke of receiving in the Adoration Chapel.

After becoming a committed Adorer, I now look forward to my time being in the presence of our Lord. The Adoration Chapel at St. Alphonsus Liguori has provided me with a renewed prayer life, a deeper connection with Christ, and is one of the reasons I am now going through RCIA to become Catholic. "Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?" - Matthew 26:40

-Joshua Albritton

Join us after all Masses on the weekend of December 15th. We will have parishioners that can answer any questions you might have about Adoration in our Chapel. Hopefully, you will consider joining his ministry. God will not be outdone in His love and mercy.

When he returned to His disciples He found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"

Matthew 26:40

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

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*Names continued from
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Shannon Duggan
Jessica Elizabeth Eckert
Mark Edwards
Gabrielle Esworth
Mandy Lynn Emanuel
Eddie Erwin
Paola Evans
Randall Michael Fabre
Richard Wilson Fabre
Byron Nicholas FaKouri
Tasha Monique Farrar
Luke Jacob Fauver
Jessica Nicole Felder
Joseph Gerard Felps
Felps Babies
Mason Paul Ferguson
Louis Wayne Fletcher
La'Chante Mia Floyd
Kinsey Leigh Folgeman
Thomas Patrick Foley
Amber Pike Forman
Michael Rodney Fornea
Kevin James Frank
Michael Franklin, II
Cristy Michelle Freeman
Ryan Charles Freeman
Jacob Noel Fremin
Anthony Fugarino, III
Leonard Berry Fugler
Robert Berry Fugler, Jr.
Christopher Gaines
Howard "Hokie" Gajan
Bradford Allen Garafola
Mary Garcia
Marvin Ray Garrene, III
Sabrina Gaspard
Sean Michael Gaudin
Dawn Lee Gautier
Matthew Lane Gerald
Allison Arnould Gervais
Frank Gill, Jr.
Lisa Henderson Gill
Jake Alexander Glenn
Jordan Andrew Glenn
Caleb Michael Godso
Chad Thomas Golson
Laura Jeanene Gonzales
Brad Gottschalck
Frank Goudeau
Tara Deanne Goudeau
Brock Matthew Grace
Reese Catherine Graham
Carl W. Gremillion, III

Shemayne Griffin
Christopher Guhn
Jessica Lynn Guidry
Tyler Jade Guidry
Joseph Ray Guitreau, Jr.
Stacy Steele Haddox
Dustin Blake Hamilton
Glyn "Trey" Harding, III
Brice Justin Harris
Steve Harrison
Corey Leigh Hawkins
Drew Dale Hawkins
James Joseph Hawkins
Lauren Ashleigh Hayden
Charles Michael Hebert
Mark Allen Hebert
Whitney Nicole Hebert
Joseph Hemba, Jr.
Ethan Myron Henry
Scott Ryan Himmel
Cody Allen Hodges
Jason Hodges
Heather Holloway
Allison Grace Honeycutt
Brody Vance Hopper
Cory Shane Hurst
Thomas Hutchinson
Kenlie Camille Jackson
Donald Chase Jarreau
Kelly Diane Jarreau
Linda Crotwell Jarreau
Patrick Glenn Jarreau
Loretta Kahl Jeansonne
Jeff Jeffers
Terri Lynn Jeffers
Jason Michael Juneau
Dylan Brett Kabel
Jason Mark Kairdolf
Brandi Lynn Keas
Kerry Patrick Keas
JaLacey Olivia Kemp
Alisha Gayle Kessler
Steven James Kimball
Kevin Anthony Kimble
Brandon Miles Kling
Blitz Roman Kosienski
Tyler Luke Kyzar
Tatelyn Noel LaCombe
Randy LaFleur
Michael Scott Lamana
Nikki Renee Lambert
Nathan Ryan Landry
Laws Infants
Brooklyn Paige LeBlanc
Danny Joseph LeBlanc
Donald Cole LeBlanc
Lacey Lemoine LeBlanc

Lauren Marie LeBlanc
L.P. LeBlanc, IV
Sherri Smiley LeBlanc
Adrienne Ruth LeFeaux
Bradley LeJeune
Michael LeMay
Russell Lemoine, Jr.
Brent Philip Leonard
Jacob Lewis
Kelsey Rae Lieux
Rachel Lucille Lorio
Jonathan Richard Love
Theresa Macaluso
Shelby Nicole Magee
Johnie Joseph Manno
Britt James Mansur
Gabrielle Marie
Marcantel
Allen Keith Marchand
Jason Marler
Ramie Renee Martinez
Jamie Mayeaux
Chris Mayeux
Vivian Ruth McAlister
Freddie "Joey"
McClendon, Jr.
Christopher McCoy
Zachary Lynn McDonald
Baby McGraw
Kevin Lance McIntyre
Baby McLin
Jonathan McManus
Sarah Alyce Melancon
Chad Mendel
Annalise Messenger
Austin Thomas Miguez
Rhonda Ann Miller
Rocky Dwayne Miller
Garret Hunter Minard
Joseph Misuraca
Nathan Mitchell
Randall Mitchell
Mikey D. Morace, Jr.
Jason Beau Morgan
Trent Morgan
Armando C. Morris
Zachary Paul Mounce
Stefan Myrick
Lee Michael Naul
Lilly Nicosia
Shane Nicosia
Jewel Ann Nijoka
Jeffrey David Nola
Darryl Mark Nolan
Timothy John Nolan
Ashley Nicole Novo
Paisley Ann Odom

Christopher B. Olson
Mikki Rene O'Neal
Jacob Kenneth Orr, Jr.
Dane Steven Palmer
Ashley Nicole Parent
Faith Morgan Passman
Eddy Pasternastro
Haven Grace Paxton
Jerick Daniel Peck
Brian Joseph Perry
Laura Ballard Pickett
Denise Gill Pierce
Erica Joanne Pitre
Joseph "Joey" Pizzolato, Jr.
"Mikey" Pizzolato, Jr.
Constance "Connie"
Marie Politz
Noelle Renee Polk
John Andrew Ponthieu
Haley Elise Ponthieux
Dwayne Scott Porche
Josh Porche
Kevin John Porche
Troy Pourciau
Isaac Prestidge
Michael Scott Prince
David Eugene Pullam
Ashley Nicole Purpera
Laura Juneau Quinn
Cecil David Raggio
Richard Lee Redden
Desmond Redfield
Justin Respress
Michelle Lynn Rice
Chaise Richard
Toni Purvis Richard
Marla Ringe
Clydetta Gremillion
Rispon
Michelle Ann Rizzo
Ronald Wesley Rogers
Donna Rome
Lawrence Allen Rowell
Kevin Paul Rozas
Henry Kareem Sabbagh
Ava Dawn Saucier
Jacob Michael Saucier
Sheila Ann Saucier
Evan Glenn Schittone
Schittone Twins
Peter Schlette, Jr.
Daniel Wayne Shaffer
Cassie Laird Sheehan
Ronnie Louis Sicard
Stacey Silvio
Emily Joy Simmers
Amanda Jean Simmons

William Simon, Jr.
Wayde K. Sims
Kenny Smiley
Beth Landry Smith
Marcus Gray Smith
Theresa Bourgeois Soileau
Mark Spedale
Jennifer Deville Speights
Chantel Marie Spiller
Christy Elizabeth Stegall
Leonard Stein
Steve Gerard Stein, Sr.
Max Jacob Stewart
Brooke Ashley Stimac
Brandon Jay Stone
Ethan Anthony Strahan
Gregory Scott Sumrall
Paul Eldridge Sumrall
James Richard Tanory
Alicia Terrebonne
Trey Thompson
Jenna Olivia Thornhill
Debra Carmack Thurston
Jaxx Cooper Tillman
Kayson Blaine Tillman
Rhett Matthew Tortorich
Russ Michael Tortorich
Robert Lee Townley
Joseph Aaron Tramel
Christine Sandlin Tranchina
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Laurie Fontenot
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Gregory Watson
Isla Elizabeth Watson
Michael Lance Watson
Geramy Glen Watts
Joi Ellen Samson Watts
Tommy Watts, III
Spencer Allen Welborn
Darrell Wayne Weimer
Michael Wendland
Jeffrey Wheat
Steven Daniel Whiddon
Richard Kyle White, Jr.
Camry Joyce Whitney
"Chuck" Wilson
Collin Michael Wilson
John Yeager
Donald Young
Robert Young

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 - Dec. 9- 15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Advent Daily Reflections

The following opportunities can enhance your reflections as you wait in joyful hope for the birth of our Savior this Advent Season:

www.formed.org

advent.bustedhalo.com

Visit advent.alphonsus.org for additional resources and events.

Traditional Advent reflection booklets are available for purchase in the Religious Articles Store.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Dennis Phillips - *Husband of Janet Phillips.*

Father of Kristen Phillips Richard, Dustin Phillips, and Nicole Phillips McGraw.

Faye "Mimi" Silvio - *Sister-in-law of Joe (Connie) Silvio.*

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: Capt. Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Specialist Sam Lockwood, Specialist E-4 Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Capt. Joseph Sherwin (Chaplain)

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Living Giving Tree

All gifts for the Living Giving Tree must be returned to the Gather Space by Sunday, December 15th at Noon with the gift tag attached. Thank you all for your generosity.

Pray for the Sick

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

Billy Stears, Luke Allen, Dr. Stephen Speeg, Betty Castor, Blanche Hoover, Hope Broadus, Hewes Family, Robert & Judy Didier, Karen Rabalais, Jackie Pina, Sandra A. Davis, Ryan & Geneva Rabalais, Gwen Moore, Wick Samson, Juanita Starks, Patsy Messina, Paula Sieman, Victor Calvaruso, Glenda Rispone, John L. "Pete" Stiffler, Kenny Peyton, April Matranga, Devin Mounce, Claudia Mouton, Pat Matthews, Joy Lonibos, Sharon Loeb, Laurence LeSage, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Darrell Firmin, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Allan Eddy, Bart Crochet, Monica Kelly, Don Schlatre, Don York, Emil & Carol Johansen, Betty Thibodeaux, Shelia Lacour, Ed Fagot, Curtis Barbay, Charlotte Langlois, Tina Baker, Johnny Mayeux, Donna Hebert, Buddy Doucet, Bruce Mayeaux, Vince Dileo, Jr., Fannie Schittone, Daniel Guerin, Janice & Barton Jeansonne, 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, Jackie Scardina, Mary Beth Browning, Fisk Morris, Jean Firmin, 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, 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, Mark Strickland, Mark Strickland, Melinda McCarty, Sue Averette, Gina Adams, Naomi Messina, Sara Gauteaux, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Liam Thistlewaite, Al Felps, Nicholas LaCroix, Kenny Achord, P.H. Zito, Patsy Sagona, Theresa Whiteside, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, John Nicosia, Sonya Clement, Joseph Cazes, Jr.

FORMATION

Coffee Break

Friday, December 13 at 9:15 AM in the St. Francis Room

Join us as we learn about Hannah, who was a woman of prayer and action.



Learning Group

Learning Group will meet on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 5:30 -7:00 PM. Have a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year. Learning Group classes resume on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation preparation will begin soon. If you or someone you know is interested in Confirming, contact the Faith Formation Office for more information 261-4644.



Parish Advent Mission This Week

International Catholic evangelist and author Andi Oney is coming to St. Alphonsus for a one-night Parish Advent Mission on **Thursday, December 12th, 2019, at 6:30 PM** in the Church. The topic is "The Visitation of New Life." Andi Oney will discuss Mary's visitation to Elizabeth, how that encounter shows forth the charisms of Mary and Elizabeth, and how those charisms are to be lived by us today.

**THEOLOGY
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at
St. Alphonsus Church
PRESENTS STACI GULINO

"LIVIN' ON A PRAYER:
STRIVING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS AND MARY
IN AN ADAM AND EVE WORLD"

Staci Gulino is a board-certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She has been working in Catholic media since 2012. She is the producer of the Faith & Good Counsel Show, and additionally, hosts the Monday Morning edition of the live Wake Up! Morning Show on Catholic Community Radio.

**JANUARY 5, 2020 | DINNER SERVED AT 6PM
ST. FRANCIS ROOM**

Childcare available upon request.
Call 261-4644 to RSVP.
www.alphonsus.org and click on WESHARE to reserve your spot for dinner

COMMUNITY LIFE

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus Council #2807 invites all boys and girls from age 5-14 to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Age groups are 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14. Posters should express the youth's ideas and understanding of the true spiritual meaning of Christmas and how they would like to share their faith with other young people. Entry forms are available in the church and school offices. **Deadline for poster submission is December 15th.** All posters will be displayed in the St. Francis Room following all Masses on December 22nd. Parishioners are invited to vote on their favorite entry in each age group. Winners will advance to district and regional contests. Awards will be presented to winners at each level. For more information, contact Mike Martone at 225-445-7234.

2020 Parish Cruise Meetings

Our next Parish Cruise will take place on October 9-24, 2020. Join Fr. Mike sailing through the Panama Canal. We will have informative meetings with Norwegian Cruise Lines on Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30 AM and 6 PM in the St. Francis Room.

Prime Timers: Upcoming Events

The Prime Timers will be hosting a **presentation about scammers** on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**, at 9:30 AM in the St. Francis Room. Amanda Larkin with the Louisiana Attorney General's Office will do a Power Point Presentation.

The group will be taking a trip to the **Palace Casino in Biloxi, MS**, on **Thursday, February 20th, 2020**. They will leave the church at 7 AM and return at 4 PM. Sign up and pay in the Church Office.

Then the Prime Timers will be welcoming Richard O'Quin of Central Physical Therapy as a guest speaker. O'Quin will speak about **balance and how to avoid falling** on **Tuesday, March 24, 2020**, at 9:30 AM in the St. Francis Room. Both of these informative presentations are free, and all are welcome to attend.

Thank You to our Auction Sponsors

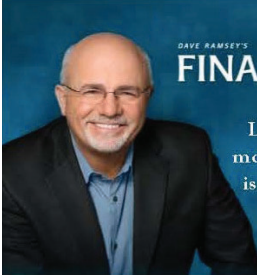
We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for becoming sponsors of our Auction and Taste Fair, coming up on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**:

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If you have Facebook, please search "St. Alphonsus Auction & Taste Fair" and LIKE, FOLLOW, and SHARE our new auction page! You can also find our Facebook event under "Events" on this page. We hope to see you in March!



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Personal finances can be stressful! It's time for a change. Find true financial peace so you can live and give like never before. Learn how to eliminate debt, manage your money, build wealth, and increase your generosity. Do what millions of families have already done. Let Dave Ramsey's FPU change your life today. For class info and sign up, visit <https://www.fpu.com/1099972> Or Contact Jason Kroll 225-892-0382 if you have questions.

Nine weekly classes begin @ 6:30 pm January 14, 2020 at St. Alphonsus School in the Middle School Building

Christmas Sing-Along

Join us in the Family Center on **December 17th from 6:30-8 PM** for a fun night singing along to a variety of Christmas carols! There will also be an ugly Christmas sweater contest, so come ready to dazzle the judges. All are welcome to bring festive cookies to share, while we sip on hot chocolate. Come rock around the tree with us!



ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." See Matthew 3:10

For **November 23-24, 2019**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$ 18,770.05
Unidentified	\$ 4,011.00
WeShare	\$ 4,646.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$ 740.00
WeShare	\$ 50.00

Children's Collection

\$ 87.00

Campaign for Human Development

\$ 258.00

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