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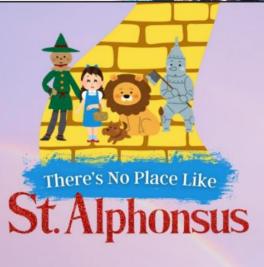
"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." — Romans 10:8

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Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 5 PMI in the Parish Activity Center

- Silent & Live Auctions
- \$10,000 Raffle, First Pick Raffle, and St. Alphonsus Catholic School Tuition Raffle
- Food Catered by Kristenwood
- Prize for Best Wizard of Ozthemed Costume/Outfit



Raffle Tickets

Go to alphonsus.org or scan this QR code with your phone to purchase tickets online.



Tickets are available for purchase in the Church and School Offices and will also be sold after Masses on March 8-9 & March 15-16.

St. Alphonsus Festival of Two Rivers May 2-4, 2025 in the Back Parking Lot/Field Rides, Games, Live Music, Food, and More!

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: MARCH 8-16, 2025

Saturday	9:00 AM	OCIA Retreat - S.F. C	
·	9:30 AM	Corpus Christi Prayer - St. Luke	
	12:00 PM	Prayer Line Luncheon - E.H.	
	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass	
	Auctio	on \$10K Raffle Ticket Sale - G.S.	
Sunday The First Sunday of Lent 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses			
			Auction \$10K Raffle Tickets & Girl Scout Cookie Sale - G.S.
	10:00 AM	OCIA Rite of Sending	
	10:15 AM	OCIC, Learning Group,	
		Adaptive PSR	
	12:00 PM	Confirmation - E.H.	
Monday	9:00 AM	No Greater Love Study - S.F. C	
·	6:30 PM	Scouts Troop - St. Matthew	
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts Den - St. Luke,	
		St. John & St. Mark	
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena	
·	9:00 AM	Epic Study - S.C.	
	12:00 PM	SAS Athletics - S.G.	
	6:00 PM	SAS Boys Bball Banquet - E.H.	
	6:00 PM	Adult Confirmation - S.G.	
	6:00 PM	Women of Faith - St. Matthew	
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.	
	6:30 PM	Men's Scripture - C.R.	
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass	
	9:00 AM	ACTS Study - S.F. C	
	9:00 AM	James Study - S.G.	
	11:00 AM	Hebrews Study - S.C.	
	11:00 AM	Mark Study - S.G.	
	11:00 AM	SVDP Meeting - S.F.	
	5:20 PM	Divine Mercy Novena - Church	
	5:30 PM	Bell Choir - C.R.	
	6:00 PM	Jesus WTL Study - S.G.	
	6:00 PM	Prophets Study - S.C.	
	6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus - KC Hall	
	6:30 PM	Auction Committee - St. Matt.	
	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Family Catechesis K-6- S.F. Chancel Choir - C.R.	
Thursday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary	
	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	First Corinthians Study - S.C. OCIA Scrutinies - S.F. C	
	6:30 PM	Bible & Church Fathers - S.G.	
Fuiday	8:30 AM	School Mass	
Friday	9:15 AM	Coffee Break - PAC	
	12:00 PM	Traditional Stations - Church	
	4:00 PM	Men's Club Fried Fish Dinner	
	4.001101	Pick-up - Front Parking Lot	
	6:30 PM	Themed Stations - Church	
Saturday	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass	
Satul day		8	
	Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sale - G.S.5:00 PMBlessing of St. Joseph's Altar - PA		
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Auction \$10K Raffle Ticket Sale - G.S.			
10:00 AM Children's Liturgy - S.F.			
After 10 AM & 12 PM Masses- St. Joseph's Altar Meal- PAC			
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WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - March 9-16

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 Sunday: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Mass Intentions for July-December 2025

Our Mass Intentions book for July through December 2025 will open on April 1. You may purchase up to three weekend and three weekday Mass Intentions at a time for a \$5 donation each in the Church Office.

Featured Saint of the Week St. Rose Venerini (1656-1728) Feast: May 7

Rose Venerini was one of 5 children born into a family deeply rooted in Viterbo, Italy. At the age of 7, she made a vow, consecrating her life to God. When she reached 20, her



father suggested that she enter the Dominican Monastery of St. Catherine.

She did enter but had to leave several months later when her father died; she had to return home to take care of her mother. After her mother died, she started inviting young women and girls into her home to pray the rosary. She soon learned that these females were victims of cultural, moral, and spiritual poverty. Because of her disappointment with women's education, she then realized that her vocation was to be in the field of teaching.

Rose soon became a pioneer in women's education. She founded the first public schools for young women and girls in Italy. She had some difficulties getting a school started in Rome but eventually succeeded, eliciting praise from Pope Clement XI, who said, "Signora Rosa you are doing that which we cannot do. We thank you very much because these schools will sanctify Rome." Schools sprang up across Italy.

Rose died in Rome on May 7, 1728.

After her death, her confraternity of teachers was raised to a religious congregation status, called the Religious Teachers of Venerini. The work of the Venerini sisters extends throughout the world with both schools and daycares.

She was beatified in 1952 by Pope Pius XII. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI canonized St. Rose. He praised her work, and at one point said: "Wherever a new school sprang up, in a short time a moral improvement could be noted in the youth."

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM 卖

Live Stream Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

<u>Daily Masses</u> 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

<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> For children in kindergarten through second grade.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

<u>Baptism</u>

Contact Margaret Garza at the Parish Office in the early months of pregnancy for dates and preparation requirements.

<u>Reconciliation</u> 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.

<u>Marriage</u>

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

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 14 at 6:30 PM

Please join us in the Lenten Stations of the Cross Service in Honor of Mary.

This Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be led by women in the following ministries: Ladies Altar Society, Coffee Break, Corpus Christi, Lay Ministers, Balanced Women, and Altar Servers. Please come and take part in this special journey with Jesus and His mother.

Divine Mercy Novena

Join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena each Wednesday at 6 PM in the church during the Lenten season. Our Lord said, "Through the chaplet, you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible



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with my will." The Rosary will be recited before the Novena at 5:20 PM.

OUTREACH

Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

Retrouvaille Weekend Retreats help get marriages back on track. Couples learn to communicate better. Baton Rouge Upcoming Weekend: March 21-23. For information, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to helpourmarriage.org.

Serving Our Country

If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 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 Kory A. Nijoka, SPC Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Captain Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil

<u>AIR FORCE</u>: Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, SSgt. Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea, SSG Daniel Carter, TSgt. Danny Hausse

NAVY: Com. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux, MMA3 Daniel Wesley, GM3 (SW/AW) Seth Minard, Seaman E4 3rd Class PE Evan Hayes, HM3 Bret Burns, HN2 Jacques Bourgeois

U.S. MARINE CORPS: Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos, Lance Corp. Mahala Hausse, Lance Corporal Kristian Morris **U.S. COAST GUARD**: EM4 Kobe Naquin

Rest in Peace

Mario Marretta- Father of George (Belinda) Marretta, Faye (Mike) Millet, Debra (Barry) Nelson, and Mary Marretta.

Adorers Needed for Adoration Chapel

"Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me."

This is in line with the statement in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "We pray the way we live, and we live the way we pray" CCC 2725.

Attention St. Alphonsus Parishioners:

Consider expanding your prayer life through Adoration. Check the schedule in the Adoration Chapel at the chapel sign-in counter for openings. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Contact Joyce Payer with questions at 261-0045.

Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

Rita Neck, Lex Verbois, Jackson Holley, Vickie Calamia, Ashton Griggs, Bradley Brouillette, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Charles Holland, Janis Donellan, Scott Corrick, Christie Seabolt, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Michael Morales, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, Stevie Calverley, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Krysta Brown, Lucille Dickerson, Janet Messina, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus Templet, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mark Scardina, Calvin Lea Newsom, Mike Graves, Pat Skelton, Stanley Browning

Men's Club Fried Fish Dinners - Fridays 4-6 i

Cost \$10 each. Includes fried fish, fries, coleslaw and a roll. Pickup in the front parking lot off Greenwell Springs Rd. <u>2025 Dates</u>: March 7, 14, 21 and 28, April 4 and 11.



FORMATION

KIM Collecting Prefilled Eggs

Kids in Ministry is collecting prefilled eggs for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Drop off donations in the container in the Gather Space or the Faith Formation Office by April 4.

Confirmation Year 1

Year 1 Candidates have a meeting on Sunday, March 9. We will begin our session with Mass and move to the Parish Activity Center. The time for this session will be extended because we will be doing Confirmation Interviews.

If you have missed a Confirmation session, please contact the Faith Formation Office to schedule a time to do a make-up session. If you need to complete Confirmation forms, most forms are located on the parish website www.alphonsus.org.

St. Joseph's Altar

St. Alphonsus Parish will hold our next St. Joseph's Altar on March 15-16, 2025. We will have the Blessing of the Altar on Saturday after the 4 PM Mass in the Parish Activity Center. Meals will be served on Sunday after the 10 AM & 12 PM Masses.

Pray for our Families

Please keep all of our St. Alphonsus families in your prayers as we continue to grow in our faith and relationship with God.

Learning Group

Learning Group session will be on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Complete any make-up work and return to your child's catechist to receive credit for the missed class.

Family Catechesis K-6th Grades

The next Family Catechesis K-6th Grades will be held on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Please bring your completed book and log booklet to this meeting. Books will be graded. Parents and child are required to attend.

Family Catechesis 7-11th Grades

The next class for Family Catechesis 7-11th Grades will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Activity Center. Please bring your completed book and log booklet to this meeting. Books will be graded. Parents and child are required to attend.

Coffee Break

Friday, March 14 AT 9 AM - ANNUAL IN SERVICE PROJECT AT THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER (PAC).



All are invited to join us for some sisterly fellowship as we help pack all the goodie take home bags for the upcoming St. Alphonsus St. Joseph's Altar. Once finished we will share in a catered lunch. Hope to see you there!

Women's Welcome Retreat

On the last weekend of February, St. Alphonsus hosted their annual Women's Welcome Retreat. This was an opportunity for ladies in our parish to learn, pray, and grow in their faith together. Following the retreat, participants are able to join the Women of Faith ministry to continue their spiritual journey and to help plan next year's retreat. *Photos submitted by Karen Russell*.







COMMUNITY LIFE

Knights of Columbus #2807 Golf Tournament

The St. Alphonsus Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025, at Coppermill Golf Course in Zachary.



ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For **February 22-23 2025**, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 11,723.00
Unidentified	\$ 1,550.00
Parish Soft	\$ 9,063.50
Building/Maintenance Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 270.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,568.00
New Parish Activity Center	
Envelopes	\$ 80.00
Parish Soft	\$ 648.36
Children	\$ 34.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 25.00
Total Received	\$ 24,961.86
SVDP Building Project	\$ 2,500.00
SVDP Ash Wed. Envelopes	\$ 31.00
Uganda Missions	\$ 10,732.00





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