



St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

One Family United in Christ



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The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord,
my God, forever will I give you thanks." – Psalm 30:13*

Memories of Fr. Mike over the years

Fr. Mike, Thank you for being in our lives for the last 16 years. You made a difference in both my life and Gene's. We enjoyed so much traveling with you on the cruise to Ireland, Europe. Please keep Gene and I in your prayers. Since Gene died in March 2022, my faith and trust has increased in strength. Please remember you promised to do my funeral. Thankful for my life, looking forward to the next. –Donna Hebert

Fr. Mike, You have been a loving servant of God for the people of St. Alphonsus, and I am sure that the whole congregation hates to see you go. But we hope you go and pray you enjoy the rest of your life in peace and happiness with the grace of God. May He bless and keep you in his world forever. Amen. –Charles C. Thibodeaux

My memory that will always stick with me is the time my mother, Susie Calvaruso, was confined to a hospital bed on hospice. Fr. Mike came to visit and give her Last Rites. She was not talking much, but when he blessed her, she opened her eyes and smiled. I asked her if she knew who that was, and she whispered, "Father Mike." A moment I will not forget. Thank you, Fr. Mike, for giving her peace to transition to a better place and enjoy the presence of God. –Christine Barbay

Thankful for all that Fr. Mike has done for us and our family throughout the years. Enjoy your retirement! –Tommy & Kim Vince

Dear Fr. Mike, In honor of your retirement, I will do the following things for your 16 years of unselfish service to me personally and to the parish: 16 Our Fathers, 16 Hail Marys, 16 Glory Bes, 16 Memoraries, 16 Acts of Charity, and 16 Penance of some sort.

You deserve special recognition for your tireless service to our parish. You not only have gone the extra mile, but 1,000 miles. You have been such a loyal pastor in times of difficulty, like the 2016 flood, during COVID, hurricanes, and for me personally as I shared my life's ups and downs. You love your priesthood and that is beautiful! Day after day, year after year, you never gave up on us. Your kindness, gentleness and compassion, your willingness to do the hard things were all noticed. Thank you for being such a holy priest, uncompromising in your faith.

I know I will miss your smile, your Irish lilt, and your sense of humor. I will also miss you at morning Mass, coming in in spite of how you felt.

The most inspiring thing that I will always remember is the times when I come to Noon Mass. Instead of wanting to rush through, you appeared to be fresh, as if it was your first Mass of the day. I really appreciate your perseverance through the good and bad. Very inspiring!

God bless you in your much deserved retirement!! –Theresa Henderson

Thank you for everything you have done for us and our parish. –Gene & Melanie Broussard

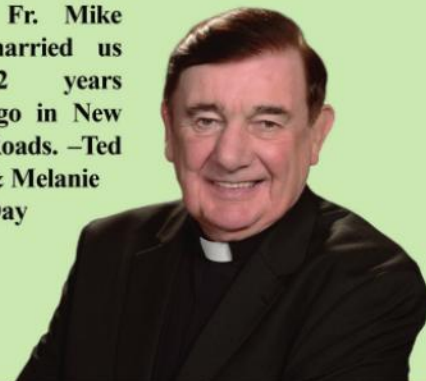
"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." –John 15:13

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 10 AM Mass, your homily touched the hearts of two weary grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Thank you for reminding us that "laying down our lives" is God's calling, and although honoring that call is very difficult at times, God's grace and mercy will see us through. We needed to be reminded of the blessings that are found in sacrifice. –Jeffrey & Julie Guillot

Dear Fr. Mike, We want to thank you for always being a special someone in our lives, especially when we lost our granddaughter Ashlea four years ago. We will always miss your special homilies. Good luck to you in your life and retirement. Well deserved. We love you. –Love, Ann & Jack Hood and family

Fr. Mike is always in my daily prayers, morning and evening, has been for the past five years and will be as long as I can pray. –VJ & Sarah Paola

Fr. Mike married us 52 years ago in New Roads. –Ted & Melanie Day



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Reflections of 53 Years By Fr. Michael Moroney

Reflecting on the memories, the challenges, and the blessings of 53 years, it's hard to believe they have come and gone. I am first grateful to God and my parents, my family, and the many who have been there for me along the way, especially Mike and JoAnn Stein and family. They have been my family away from home for most of my priesthood. I have had the pleasure of being pastor to four parishes: St. Isidore the Farmer, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Thomas More, and St. Alphonsus Liguori. I have had many blessings, challenges, and much to be grateful for, especially the wonderful people I have met in these four assignments.

I have been blessed to have held many Diocesan assignments: Director of the Office of Religious Education, Ecumenical Office, Judge in the Tribunal, Director of Pastoral Services, member of the Building and Review Committee, member of the Diocese Finance Council, Dean for both the North and the South Deanery, member of the Bishop's Cabinet, Chair of the Personal Board and many others assignments. However, the blessing to me has always been the unbending generosity of the people with whom I have served in all of the parishes where I have been assigned. Since my ordination, many things have changed over the years. I, like many, have lost both of my parents and many great friends. Reality kicks in very fast when the funeral you are celebrating is your own parents and very close friends. When I celebrated the funerals for my parents, I gained a deep appreciation of what that moment is like for the many funerals I have been celebrant for.

I have been asked many times, and often recently, have you ever regretted leaving Ireland and coming to Louisiana? Regretted no; missed home, yes. Like others I know from other countries, from the day I came to Louisiana I have missed most family birthdays, weddings, Christmas, Easter, etc. My close friends have always been there for me at those times.

Having been ordained right after Vatican 11, it was, for me and for most Catholics, a wonderful time for the church. It was the first time that lay people could become involved in the life of the church, and it has always been a delight for me to see so many people involved at St. Alphonsus Liguori. It is with humble and sincere appreciation that I say thanks to the many parishioners that have blessed me and the parishes I served with so many gifts and talents over the years and to the staffs who make so many great things happen behind the scenes. There have been so many great staffs I have had the opportunity to work with, and I say thanks for all that you have done for me and so many.

Special thanks to JoAnn Stein, who for over 46 years has been a true blessing for me with her great administrative gifts. Because of such, I have been able to do what I was ordained to do as a priest. Such a job is not easy, as tough decisions have to be made, and I will be forever thankful for what she has done extremely well.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks for all who have been part of this journey with me. I will be always grateful for you, and you will be in my prayers. Many thanks to the family who have made it possible for me to live here in Central; may God bless them. I am very happy that I can continue to be a parishioner here as I say goodbye to being your pastor. I welcome Fr. Jason Palermo, and I wish many blessings and my support.

May God bless each of you,

Fr. Mike

St. Alphonsus Financial Statement of the Parish and School as of June 20, 2024

When I move from a parish, I have always given a financial report on the parish and the school since I have always been pastor of both. I am very happy to say that both the parish and school are in a very good financial position. Many thanks to all the wonderful parishioners who have so generously supported so many good things for the parish and school. I especially thank all who supported the new Parish Activity Center. You will see that the debt on this building is very reasonable for an almost six-million-dollar structure. It is a tremendous asset to the parish and school and is used almost every day. The numbers I am giving were prepared for me by Melissa LeSage and Karen Keller, the financial managers for the church and school. These numbers have been reviewed on a monthly basis by the finance councils.

St. Alphonsus Church Parish Activity Center

5,739,817	Total cost of Parish Activity Center
(482,117)	Paid from operating account
<u>(3,091,900)</u>	<u>Paid from 10/20 savings account</u>
2,165,800	Loan from Diocese of Baton Rouge (Approved amount was \$2,900,000)
54,320	Principal payments since 1/1/24
100,000	Extra payment from 10/20 Savings Account (June 2024)
<u>287,000</u>	<u>Extra payment from Fair/Auction Proceeds (June 2024)</u>
1,724,480	Loan balance

St. Alphonsus Church

192,660	Operating Account
1,003,965	General Savings Account at Diocese of Baton Rouge
<u>2,098</u>	<u>10/20 Savings Account at Diocese of Baton Rouge</u>
1,198,723	Total Checking and Savings Account Balance

St. Alphonsus School

260,216	Operating Account
1,543,210	General Savings Account at Diocese of Baton Rouge
<u>668,627</u>	<u>Fair Savings Account</u>
2,472,053	Total Checking and Savings Account Balance



MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM
Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM
Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children 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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: JUNE 29 - JULY 7, 2024

Saturday	4:00 PM	Fr. Mike's last Mass as Pastor of St. Alphonsus
	5:00 PM	Fr. Mike Retirement Reception - PAC
Sunday	The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses	
Monday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass
	6:30 PM	Scouts & Parents - PAC
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Novena
	6:30 PM	Grief Support - S.C.
	6:30 PM	Men's Scripture - C.R.
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	12:00 PM	Hospitality - S.F.
	6:00 PM	Divine Mercy - Church
	6:30 PM	King's Men - S.F.
Thursday	Independence Day Church Office Closed	
	8:30 AM	Daily Mass & Rosary
Friday	8:30 AM	Daily Mass
	Church Offices Closes at 1 PM	
Saturday	8:30 AM	Family Adoration - Church
	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sunday	The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses Youth Night - Lighthouse	

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - June 30 - July 7

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13;
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23;
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

*Flowers in the church on June 29-30 are in memory
of Dan & Mairead Moroney by Fr. Michael Moroney*

OUTREACH

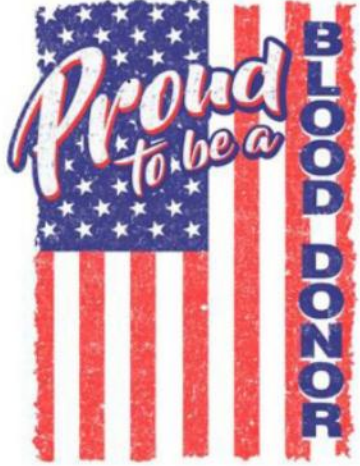
Rest in Peace

Judy Hicks

Blood Drive


Save the date for our next Blood Drive on Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 8 AM until 2 PM. Knights of Columbus Council #2807 will be grilling their signature sausage poboyos. Free to all donors. Extra poboyos will be available for purchase.

KC 2807
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church



July 14, 2024
8:00am to 2:00pm

*Be A Hero Save a Life
Donate Blood*



FORMATION

PSR Early Bird Registration Open

Public and private school students in K-11th grade are required to register for PSR each year. If your child is in public, private or a Catholic high school in 10th or 11th grade, they will need to register for Confirmation classes. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will begin June 1, 2024. Online registration will be available on our website, and printed forms are available in the Gather Space and in the Faith Formation Office.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are 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 children and teens of our parish. Come share your time, talents and faith with the young people of our parish and grow your spirituality. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information at 261-4644.

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

Inquiry begins in August. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings August through November in the St. Clare Room at 6:30 PM. The classes will transition to RCIA sessions in December. Candidates will be received into the Church at Easter. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office 261-4644.

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Scouts Troop & Parents - PAC St. Matthew and PAC Office	2 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R.	3 8:30 am - C.S. 12 pm - Hospitality - S.F. 6 pm - Divine Mercy - Church 6:30 pm - King's Men - S.F.	4 Independence Day Church Offices Closed 8:30 am - Mass	5 8:30 am - Mass Office Closes at 1 PM	6 8:30 am- Family Adoration - Church 4 pm - Mass
7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 am - Mass <i>Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses</i> 10 am - Mass 12 pm - Mass Youth Night-Lighthouse	8 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Scouts Troop & Parents - PAC St. Matthew and PAC Office	9 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - Women of Faith - St. Matt.	10 8:30 am - C.S. 6:30 pm-King's Men-S.J.	11 8:30 am - Mass <i>Respect Life Rosary</i>	12 8:30 am - Mass Office Closes at 1 PM Youth Lock-in-PAC	13 9:30 am - Corpus Christi Prayer Group - S.J. 4 pm- Mass <i>K.C. Quarterly Communion</i>
14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 am - Mass 8 am - 2 pm - Blood Drive - S.F. 10 am - Mass 12 pm - Mass <i>Baptisms</i> Youth Night-Lighthouse	15 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Scouts Troop & Parents - PAC St. Matthew and PAC Office	16 8:30 am - C.S. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Women of Faith - St. Matt.	17 8:30 am - C.S. 6 pm - K.C. Monthly Meeting - K.C. Hall 6:30 pm - King's Men - S.F. 6:30 pm - Cub Leaders - St. Mark	18 8:30 am - Mass <i>Respect Life Rosary</i>	19 8:30 am - Mass Office Closes at 1 PM	20 4 pm- Mass
21 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 am - Mass 10 am - Mass 12 pm - Mass <i>Baptisms</i> Youth Night-Lighthouse	22 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Scouts Troop & Parents - PAC St. Matthew and PAC Office	23 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - Women of Faith - St. Matt.	24 8:30 am - C.S. 6:30 pm - King's Men - S.F. 6:30 pm - Cub Leaders - St. Mark	25 8:30 am - Mass <i>Respect Life Rosary</i> 6 pm - Men's Club - Emmanuel Hall 6:30 pm - Scouts Troop Committee - St. Matthew	26 8:30 am - Mass Office Closes at 1 PM	27 8 am - Cub Scouts - F.C. 9:30 am - Corpus Christi Prayer Group - S.J. <i>Baptisms</i> 4 pm- Mass
28 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 am - Mass 10 am - Mass <i>Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 10 AM Masses</i> 12 pm - Mass Youth Night-Lighthouse	29 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Scouts Troop & Parents - PAC St. Matthew and PAC Office	30 8:30 am - Mass 6:30 pm - Grief Support - S.C. 6:30 pm - Men's Scripture - C.R. 6:30 pm - Women of Faith - St. Matt.	31 8:30 am - C.S. 6:30 pm - King's Men - S.F.	Key: C.S. - Communion Service F.C. - Family Center S.F. - St. Francis Room G.S. - Gather Space S.J. - St. Joseph Room SAS - School Classroom S.C. - St. Clare Room PAC - Parish Activity Center S.G. - St. Gerard Room Center C.R. - Choir Room E.H. - Emmanuel Hall		

The King's Men

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 in the St. Joseph Room of the Lighthouse.

The King's Men also host "Welcome," an incredible retreat experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it on August 24-25, 2024. "Welcome" is by Dynamic Catholic. How to register: www.alphonus.org. Call the St. Alphonsus Faith Formation Office at 225-261-4644 for more information.

Confirmation

Don't forget our Year 2 Confirmation Candidates help the homeless by collecting the items from the list below as well as gently used backpacks. As you travel this summer please begin to collect these items:

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. Items may be brought to the Faith Formation Office.

Thanks for your generosity.

ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For June 15-16, 2024,
your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection

Envelopes	\$	12,553.00
Unidentified	\$	1,770.00
Parish Soft	\$	4,754.50
Bank Draft	\$	3,099.00

Building/Maintenance Fund

Envelopes	\$	316.00
Parish Soft	\$	751.00

New Parish Activity Center Fund

Envelopes	\$	796.00
Parish Soft	\$	307.38

Children

	\$	17.00
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Catholic Communications

	\$	20.00
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Total Received

	\$	24,383.88
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Mass Intentions July 2024

July 1	8:30 AM	Mary Carter	July 17	8:30 AM	Enos & Elaine Fife
July 2	8:30 AM	LeSage & Guidry Family, Leona Heimendinger, Gwen & Harold Porche, Weber Mansur, Kathryn Cambre, Theresa Bourgeois, Bruce Gauthier, Victor Vidaurre, Luke Payer, Beau Passman	July 18	8:30 AM	C.S.
July 3	8:30 AM	C.S.	July 19	8:30 AM	Roger Landache
July 4	8:30 AM	Franks Family, Johnny Long	July 20	8:30 AM	Stacey Silvio
July 5	8:30 AM	Laura & Greg Rabalais	July 21	4:00 PM	Ryan & Geneva Rabalais, Bert & Lottie Engels
July 6	4:00 PM	Gloria LeSage, Parishioners of St. Alphonsus	July 21	8:00 AM	Barbara & Scott Porche
July 7	8:00 AM	Cleve Womack, Sr., Cleve Womack, Jr., Bryan Keith Drago, Thomas Johnson, J.L. Johnson, Buddy Doming, Chris Bonfanti, Vn Guarino, Mary Ann Lato, Sallie & Leo Nijoka		10:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased
	10:00 AM	Vivian T. Orlandi		12:00 PM	Michael Pecoraro, Rosemary Silvio, Peggy Day, Frank Carmena, Jr., Billy Bezdek, Babette Vlahos, Theresa Bourgeois, Bart Crochet, Vince Dileo, Jr., Johnny Graves, Karen Summers & Donnie Summers, Jeremy Polozola
	12:00 PM	Theresa Bourgeois	July 22	8:30 AM	Jim Sartwell
July 8	8:30 AM	Victor Vidaurre	July 23	8:30 AM	Clay Gilliam, John Scarbrough, Bruce Gauthier, Leo & Sallie Nijoka, Andy & Jewel Buhler, Paul & Sadie Fife, Rogelia Callego, Cecile Melendez, Meta Hernandez, Arlene Pontanosas
July 9	8:30 AM	Todd Daigle, Theresa Bourgeois, Stephen Kenaley, Jerry Duncan, Charles & Rita Serio, Louise Serio, Cassie Sheehan, Bruce Gauthier, Linda Jarreau, Victor Vidaurre	July 24	8:30 AM	C.S.
July 10	8:30 AM	C.S.	July 25	8:30 AM	Andrew & Edria Gipson
July 11	8:30 AM	Marcella Ruter	July 26	8:30 AM	Robert Didier
July 12	8:30 AM	Anna & Joseph Misuraca	July 27	4:00 PM	Louis Lamar Bordelon, Camille & Belle Bordelon, Elmer & Irma Laird, Fr. Kenny Laird, Elvin McGee, Howard & Wilda Chiasson, Mozelle & Eldred Caillouet, Joseph Bergeron, Krista Rabalais, Cecil Buhler
July 13	4:00 PM	Kenlie Jackson, Dana Rodgers, Ellen Babin	July 28	8:00 AM	Ryan & Geneva Rabalais
July 14	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased		10:00 AM	Weber Mansur
	10:00 AM	Ada Kenaley, Patricia Evans, Bruce Rivers, Sr., Darrell Rivers, Sr., Elmer & Irma Laird, Fr. Kenneth Laird, Chris Bonfanti, Arnaud & Grace Aymond, Lynn & Mary Ross, Jerry Bennett		12:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Alphonsus, living & deceased
	12:00 PM	Jody Lavergne	July 29	8:30 AM	Mona Barber
July 15	8:30 AM	Billie Civello	July 30	8:30 AM	John Braud Family, Vincent & Glays Pizzalato, Marcella Ruter, Effie Fife, Steve Speeg, C.J. & Alma Speaks, Earl Speaks, Tommy Campanile, Jill Torrance, Joe & Billie Civello
July 16	8:30 AM	Chuck Entremont, Frances & Lloyd Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Nat Canella, Sr., Van Guarino, Carey Lowe, E.J. Graffeo, Bruce Gauthier, Victor Vidaurre, Karen Summers & Donnie Summers,	July 31	8:30 AM	C.S.

* Mass Intentions as of June 19, 2024



Memories of Fr. Mike (continued from cover)

Because of his Czechoslovakian heritage and love of dancing, before my husband passed away, he always told me, "When I die please play 'Beer Barrel Polka,' and if my big toe doesn't twitch, you can go ahead and bury me." When making his funeral arrangements at St. Alphonsus, I was told this couldn't be done. Of course, I was very disappointed; however, later that afternoon, Fr. Mike called me and said he had heard about my request. He told me when his father died, he had requested that "Danny Boy," an old Irish song, be played at his funeral. Fr. Mike then said if you can find the music to "Beer Barrel Polka," you can play it. I was able to locate a recording and as my husband's casket was carried down the church aisle, "Beer Barrel Polka" was played loud and clear. I will never forget Fr. Mike's understanding and kindness. He has truly been a blessing to St. Alphonsus Church. –Corrine Bezdek

Ron and I will be forever grateful for Father Mike's spiritual guidance and example while at St. Alphonsus. May God grant you, Fr. Mike, many special blessings during retirement for your selfless years of dedication and commitment to all you have served. –Lenel & Ron McQuinston

Father Mike, You are so appreciated in this parish. You will be greatly missed. –Bruce & Kitty Holden

Fr. Mike went the extra mile for my family and fulfilled my Dad's final wish for his funeral to be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Fr. Mike delivered a beautiful and inspirational homily and showed compassion and support for our family. His kindness will always be remembered. Fr. Mike is truly devoted to God and his parishioners. His faith-filled influence over the years has made a difference in the lives of so many parishioners. Fr. Mike's ministering and prayers brought healing and hope to my Mom and comfort to her family. Fr. Mike's devotion of being the light for Jesus and answering God's call to know, love, and serve Him and God's people reflects brightly in his 53 years of priesthood! –Vickie Dautaz

Thank you for helping me! I will pray seven rosaries for completeness, health, putting together a home, friends, health, good wine, and your health! –Celeste Thibodeaux

Thank you so much for being the Priest at St. Alphonsus Liguori Church in the City of Central. You are a great blessing to members and the citizens of Central. –Leslie Fay Smith

Thank you, Fr. Mike, for being a great pastor. You will always be in our prayers. –Anonymous



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